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Message from the President

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Hello everybody. Welcome to the New Year, same as the Old Year unfortunately. We had our Spring AGM, unfortunately because of the Zoom problems on the 10th, it had to be moved to the following Saturday, which resulted in a low turnout. Fortunately, our Speaker, Stuart Manson was able to rebook and did a fine presentation. Stuart is a very thorough researcher and gave a great talk about Loyalist cemeteries, their histories, the effect of the Saint Lawrence Seaway, and much more. Here is the link to the (almost 2 hour meeting):

https://zoom.us/rec/share/9jVjttWVPbCePHvNvNM8wFKUAuzzA2nTCB9mke8anxOE_58oXyqZBIGHTCOCab.FoBfKEG-j6VF3orY

Passcode: u5Jf\$ xZL

The next meeting is set for Saturday, November 20, 2021. It will probably be on Zoom again and will be scheduled with the Sir Guy Carleton sub-license to avoid conflicts with other meetings.

Congratulations to branch secretary Penny Minter on receipt of her latest certificate for her Loyalist ancestor Peter Rupert.

Report on presentation by Stuart Manson – Loyalist Cemeteries in Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Holly Haimerl introduced the speaker. Stuart is a prolific research and author. He is working a multi-volume series about Loyalist cemeteries in eastern Ontario. His first volume is on six cemeteries in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County.

The slide-show presentation includes historical portraits, pictures of tombstones, and many anecdotes about the Loyalists and their early settlements. Many of the early burials were on family property, with

simple ceremonies and were never officially recorded or reported. That changed as churches began appearing in 1784. The mortality rates were high (40% infant mortality).

The Loyalists settlers were from the King's Royal Regiment of New York, the Royal Highland Emigrants (84th Regiment), as well as smaller groups. The settlers were the first non-indigenous people.

The creation of the Saint Lawrence Seaway devastated/destroyed many Loyalist communities. Loyalist cemeteries were the closest to the river. Many headstones were saved, but not the interred. Time, neglect and weather are taking their toll. Many early cemeteries were lost, with little except old maps to record their existence.

A book by John Smart about the displaced cemeteries is available from the Saint Lawrence Branch:

<http://uelac.org/st-lawrence/marketplace/>

It was corrected and revised by Stuart's parents, Lyall and Margaret Manson in 2007.

Stuart's book is available in different formats. It also includes information about non-Loyalists and stories of interest to historians.

Sacred ground : Loyalist cemeteries in of eastern Ontario. Volume 1. Here is the web page:

<http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/loyalist/resources/101275.htm>

The cemeteries are an important part of our cultural heritage. With the pandemic, more people are becoming interested in genealogy. This may also spark interest in preserving the older burial grounds.

Report on the AGM

By Dorothy Meyerhof

The meeting was called to order by Rosemarie at 2:07 pm. There were 9 attendees: Rosemarie Pleasant, Holly Haimerl, Dorothy Meyerhof, Marg Hall, Beth Sweetnam, Bill Russell, Anne Redish, Eric Meek, Michelle Walczak

Rosemarie led the welcome and introductions. Liz Adair apologized for the mix up that lead to the change of date. Marg Hall opened the meeting with a prayer, mentioning the recent deaths of former member Ed Kipp and Prince Philip, followed by a minute of silence.



Minutes of last AGM, 14 November 2020, were accepted as written, moved by Marg, seconded by Beth.

Holly introduced the speaker, Stuart Manson, who gave an excellent presentation on “Loyalist Cemeteries in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry”. Stuart has one book on Loyalist cemeteries available through Global Genealogy and is working on a 2nd, and possibly a 3rd volume.

Reports

1. Treasurer – a financial statement prepared by Beth was put up on the screen by Rosemarie. Beth noted that due to the cost of insurance, the Branch spends more than it receives from membership dues. However, the current balance is \$14,768 plus a GIC valued at \$2,086.02 when it comes due in December 2021. All current, planned expenditures were considered useful as the current financial situation is quite solid. Beth asked that consideration be given to what to do with the funds. Anne recommended using some money to ensure content on the website be backed-up or stored and to update the site. Marg recommended this discussion be deferred to the Executive Meeting scheduled for 24 April 2021. The report is attached.
2. Genealogist – in the absence of Gary Bagley, Holly, the interim Genealogist gave the report. Nine Branch members have contacted Holly regarding certificate applications; 3 applications are in process. Holly reported that she had submitted a PowerPoint presentation on the Branch to Ottawa Branch, Ontario Ancestors for Gene-O-Rama at the end of March 2021. Holly is also looking for opportunities to advertise the Branch through other conferences, even if just adding the branch logo and a link to the website. The report is attached
3. Membership – in the absence of Gary, Rosemarie reported that current membership stands at 62 with 33 individual and family memberships and 29 life members. The Membership Report has been sent to Dominion and dues sent in. The Dominion Membership Committee is recommending that 1/2 year membership be phased out and that renewal of membership take place on the anniversary of joining rather than in December of each year.
4. Newsletter – One newsletter has been sent out since the last AGM. The next newsletter will be published at the end of May. Members should consider receiving the newsletter electronically rather than a paper copy. Eric Meek noted that he would like to receive the newsletter electronically only. Submissions for the newsletter are gratefully accepted.
5. Library & Archives – The number of books in the collection is unchanged at 1097. The Archives are still closed. Eight books were ordered and received in 2020. Five books have been ordered and four received in 2021. The new books will be added to the collection once the Archives reopen. A free book, John Graves Simcoe: A Biography, was received from the Dominion Office thanks to a suggestion by Bill at the November 2020 AGM . The report is attached.
6. Website –In 2020 the site was visited 1500 times. To date the site has recorded 624 visits. A “Join Now” link has been added to the website. Anne agreed to look at the Branch website and provide suggestions on how to improve it. The report is attached. Beth noted the usefulness of the website for the organizers of UELAC Conference, The Capital Calls, 2019 in Gatineau.

Election of Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. As a quorum of members was not present, elections were not held. The issue will be raised again at the next Branch meeting.

State of the Branch –Rose requested help, particularly with applying for the HODG grant, which now goes by a new name. Holly volunteered to look into the issue. Gary is still in lock down and continues to have computer problems. He wishes to continue his involvement with the Branch. Holly suggested

having Twitter, Instagram, possibly Facebook accounts for the Branch to attract younger members. This will be on the agenda of the next Executive Meeting. Bill Russell noted that Brian McConnell is willing to be a speaker at Zoom meetings.

Announcements –

- UELAC Conference hosted on Zoom by the Bridge Annex Branch is coming up May 27-31, 2021.
- Rose contacted Carleton University regarding the 2020 recipient of the John Ruch Memorial Bursary and has had no reply.
- Anne is stepping down as Regional Vice-President. Bill Russell plans to run for this position. Bill is stepping down as Regional Director and is now President of the Kawartha Branch.
- Bill noted that Little Forks Branch in Quebec is disbanding.

Next Branch meeting – The next Branch meeting will take place in November 2021 at 2:00 pm, date to be determined.

Adjournment – The motion to adjourn was moved by Marg and seconded by Holly. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Treasurer - Keep track of income and expenses.

Standard Bearer - Parades in one of the flags at events.

Social Convenor - Assist with event planning and organizing.

Name Tags - Arrive a few minutes early at meetings, greet arrivals and give guests their name tags. They will be pre-sorted. Welcome to attend Executive meetings if you wish.

Refreshments - Arrive a few minutes early at meetings to start the coffee and hot water, lay out plates, napkins, cups and catered food. All food and other items are provided by others. Welcome to attend Executive meetings if you wish.

Please indicate your interest in any of these activities by contacting the Branch e-mail:

carletonuel@hotmail.com

Please ensure the branch has your current email address to receive notices of meetings, presentations, etc.

Last Post

We mourn the passing of Dr. Edward Kipp UE on Saturday 10 April 2021, six days short of his 78th birthday after a life of service.

Ed was widely known as a mainstay of many genealogical and other activities in Ottawa and area summarized in this citation for the award of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

His years of volunteerism included his work with the Ontario Genealogical Society Ottawa Branch (treasurer, editor, Gene-O-Rama, conference, etc.), his personal genealogical work on the Kip/Kipp family which is used by researchers around the world, various activities both nationally and internationally with the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada (bus trips to the USA, King's Name Project, newsletter St. Lawrence Branch, webpage Sir Guy Carleton Branch), his activities

with the Alumni Association Ottawa Branch of the University of Western Ontario for over a decade, editor of the Directory of Amateur Radio Operators in the Ottawa Area for a number of years, his lectures on genealogy/local history both in Canada and in the United States of America, various roles at Orleans United Church (treasurer, camp coordinator, etc.) and a number of other volunteer activities throughout his life.

Condolences to his wife Elizabeth and family.

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Edward Burnice Kipp, BSc, PhD, MLS, UEL

“Edward Kipp was born 16 April 1943 In Burford Township, Brant County, Ontario. He was one of the two sons of his parents Lorne Kipp and Phyllis Link. His brother Allan and sister-in-law June predeceased him. He attended public school in Princeton, Ontario and high school in Paris, Ontario. He then attended the University of Western Ontario where he studied Chemistry and received his HSc and PhD in Inorganic Chemistry. He worked as a Research Scientist for two years in Environmental Chemical Engineering. He returned to the University of Western Ontario to do his MLS. He then worked at the National Research Council of Canada for nearly thirty years as a Research Information Specialist. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, daughters Margaret and Kathryn, son in law Rick, grandsons Felix and Thomas and his many nieces and nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.” (Beechwood Obituary) For many years Ed. was very much involved with the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and was a long-time member of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch of the United Empire Loyalist's Association of Canada. He served on the executive of the S.G.C. Branch for an extended period. Ed. functioned as our web master for many years and donated many books to our library. In 2012 he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his lifelong volunteerism.

Ed was a principal director of the project which produced the Carleton Index otherwise known as the King's Names which also included the Book of Negroes.

Ed Kipp and George Anderson assisted by their wives, led several Loyalist oriented genealogical excursions to important Revolutionary War sites in the United States, and Ed also led a Research trip to Boston

Ed was our friend, a mentor to many and an exceptionally valuable contributor to our Branch. He will be much missed.

Contributed by Marg Hall, UE



Nicholas Lake Loyalist by Marg Hall, UE

Nicholas Lake was the son of Margaret Schneider Lake and John Lake, who was also a Loyalist. The Lake family had lived in the colonies for 6 generations from the time a young Oxford student Jan or John Lake landed in New Amsterdam and settled there to marry and raise a family.

John Lake Senior, his brother Nicholas, and a close friend, Arent Van Corlaer had, in the mid 1700's many years prior to the Revolution, obtained a large tract of land around the New York Vermont border close to a place known variously as Cambridge, and White River.

By the time the Revolution began, our Nicholas was married to Rhoda Broadwell and they had two girls Margaret and Phoebe. They went on to have a family of seven girls and three boys. Most of these children were christened in the Dutch Reform church at Schaghticoke.

The Lake family and Arent Van Corlaer had a successful fur trading business prior to the war and with the large land grant which they had been successful in obtaining, they were beginning to bring in colonists to develop the land. However, the Green Mountain boys, so called, under the leadership of Ethan Allen were making life miserable for the colonists of the Lake and Van Corlaer grant (which was considered part of the New Hampshire Grants). The Green Mountain Boys harried the settlers, destroying crops, stealing livestock, and generally making life miserable. Although the Lakes were of English stock they had been in the colonies since the early 1600's, but with the constant irritant of attacks by Allen and his crew, they threw in their lot with the Loyalists. Nicholas, his brothers James, John, Thomas and Christopher, their brother-in-law James Parrott and their cousin Nicholas all joined the Loyalist forces. Our Nicholas became a private in the Queen's Loyal Rangers under Col Peters. He saw action at the battle of Bennington and was part of the disastrous defeat at Saratoga of Burgoyne's force. At that time, our Nicholas, and his cousin Nicholas, were both captured and imprisoned. Our Nicholas survived, but his cousin, son of Nicholas senior, did not. This fact has caused considerable confusion, with 3 Nicholas Lakes being alive at the same time and all taking part in one way or another in the hostilities.

After the battle of Saratoga, any Loyalist participants had to give their bond not to take up arms again against the Patriots. Nicholas gave his bond but was asked by a man called Elijah Bottomley to do what we would call secret service or Intelligence work and remain in the colony. Captain Justus Sherwood swore to that situation as well when Nicholas made his claim for compensation. Likely due to his remaining in the colony and being no longer part of an active military group, his application for compensation for his losses was denied. However, as a Loyalist, he was granted land in Upper Canada.

He did not long survive the war and died about 1802. It is thought that his last resting place was in a graveyard north of Belleville Ontario in the same general area where his daughter Margaret Longwell and her husband had land and a farm. In fact, the Longwell family farmed on Lot 35 Concession 5 the piece of land which had been granted to Nicholas.

Nicholas Lake's son Richard served during the War of 1812, and a grandson of his, also named Richard was reeve, or mayor of Stirling for a time. The name Lake is widespread throughout both United States and Canada, and it is likely that all those who carry the name are somehow related to that family which began with an Oxford student making passage in the exceedingly early 1600's, to the new world, where Jan, or John, Lake settled and founded a dynasty.

A few references:

A History of My People and Yours by *Claud Nelson McMillan*, 1956, Priv..print. edition, in English

Petition: Lake Nicholas Townsend 1797 284 L3 3 RG 1 L3 C-2124

1776-1835, AO 12 American Loyalist Claims

Longwell Cemetery Lot 35 Concession 5 Sydney, Hastings County: gravesite of John and Margaret Longwill

Membership benefits

Membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is managed by its branches and is open to descendants of Loyalists or just those who are interested in the history of Canada. By joining the Sir Guy Carleton Branch you would receive the Loyalist Gazette, the official publication of the UELAC (published twice per year) as well as the Ottawa Loyalist, the Branch newsletter which is published 3 times per year. Both publications are available either electronically or paper copy.

Branch members receive the latest news on Branch activities (including the spring and fall socials), special events, meetings and projects. Those whose primary branch is Sir Guy Carleton can also be associate members of other branches for a fee.

Certificate application

Descendants of United Empire Loyalists can apply for a certificate after proving their lineage back to the original Loyalist. Applicants are encouraged to work with their branch genealogist who will provide guidance in collecting the proofs required and will provide the certificate application form. On completion of the application and with satisfactory proofs and the fee, the application will be submitted to the Dominion office by the branch genealogist. If accepted, the applicant will receive a certificate which can be presented to them at a branch meeting, or if they prefer, they can receive it by mail. For further information on the application process, see uelac.org.

Family Name Ribbons

Description: Family Name Ribbons - recognize your **Loyalist** ancestor, or a different ribbon for your ancestor who was a Loyalist or descendant of a Loyalist who participated in the **War of 1812** with his or her name on the bar.

Multiple ancestors? Each ribbon will hold up to five bars; some people wear multiple ribbons. Wear different ribbons for Loyalists and War of 1812 participants (see different medals below).

As this is not an earned medal or medal of recognition, this ribbon should be worn on the right chest.

The ribbon and bar come separately so the bar can be placed as desired.

Have your engraving done by your local jeweller, or order the bar with engraving at \$.60 each letter.

Cost: \$20.00 each, includes one blank bar,
additional blank bars \$2.00 each,
specify loyalist or 1812 medal,
tax included (S&H in Canada for 1 ribbon and bar \$5.00, for 2 ribbons and 2 bars \$8.00; otherwise ask.)
Contact: Patricia Groom patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Conference 2021 : May 27-31, 2021, "Join the Revolution : Building on our Past, Safeguarding our Future", Cornwall, Ontario <https://uelbridgeannex.com/>

The Fort Plain Museum's American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference – June 9-13, 2021
<https://fortplainmuseum.org/conference>

Focus on Education

**Sir Guy Carleton Branch
John Ruch Memorial Bursary
Carleton University, Ottawa, ON**

(<http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/education.php>)

UELAC Scholarship

The UELAC Loyalist Scholarship is available to Masters and PhD students who are undertaking a program in relevant research. This topic should further Canada's understanding of the Loyalists and our appreciation of their, or their immediate descendants, influence on Canada.

Two scholarships of \$2500.00 are available each year.

**Learn how to donate to the UELAC Scholarship
(www.UELAC.org)**

UELAC Membership System

Your new UELAC Membership System: First Time for Member Login to Set Up Account (from Doug Grant UE)

#1) Go to uelac.ca note the different web address!

#2) "Click here to set up your account."

#3) Enter your email address (must be same one as is stored in your membership record)

#4) Click on "Get new password"

#5) If an error message appears just below the green box "Error: The email address isn't correct...", make sure you entered your email address correctly. If you did it correctly, send me an email as most

likely your email is not correct in the member system, or is missing. Sent me a note with your branch and your correct email address to loyalist.trails@uelac.org I will check it and get back to you.)

#6) You will receive an email message from Word press, with a link in it

#7) Click on the link

#8) A page will show in your browser. In the "New password" box a password will show.

#9) Delete that password (unless you like it) and enter the one you wish to use. Record the password somewhere.

#10) Click on "Reset Password" (in blue box)

#11) A smaller box will appear; in the green box, click on "log in"

#12) On this screen, enter your email address and the new password, and "click log-in"

#13) This should then show "My Account" page (in future it will probably show a different first page with a link to "My Account")

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 branch email at carletonuel@hotmail.com.

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.ca



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