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Sir Guy Carleton Spring Presentation and Annual General Meeting

Saturday 10 April 2021, 1:00pm – 4:00 pm - Zoom

This meeting will be conducted using Zoom.us. Current members will receive the meeting link automatically. Non-members are welcome. Please register at carletonuel@hotmail.com by April 3 to receive the link.

Guest speaker: Stuart Manson “Loyalist Cemeteries in Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry”

Stuart Lyall Manson lives in Cornwall but he has commuted to work in Ottawa for the past 23 years. He is part-owner of an historical research company called Public History, which specializes in Indigenous historical projects (such as land claims and litigation), contracted by governments and First Nations.

Stuart is descended from approximately a dozen members of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. He is keenly interested in the history of the American Revolutionary War, early Upper Canada, and the loyalists in general. For several years he was an executive member of the UELAC St. Lawrence Branch, serving as its newsletter editor and webmaster, and leading its "Loyalist Burial Site" plaquing project. He is now a member of the UELAC Bridge Annex Branch, and other historical organizations.

Stuart is the author of the forthcoming book "Sacred Ground: Loyalist Cemeteries of Eastern Ontario," which this spring will be published by Global Heritage Press (the publishing arm of Global Genealogy). It is the first volume of a series - perhaps even a trilogy!

Stuart's presentation to the Guy Carleton Branch will be on "Loyalist Cemeteries of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry." The talk will cover the importance of historical cemeteries, some unique aspects of loyalist cemeteries in that region, and biographical information on particularly-interesting loyalists buried at those sites. It will feature a PowerPoint presentation chock-full of illustrations, maps, and photos.



Genealogy Workshop - The Loyalist Certificate Application Process

Saturday, 30 January 2021

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Given by Angela and Peter Johnson, UELAC Dominion Genealogists

The presentation will be by Zoom.

The link will automatically be sent to current members of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, UELAC.

Visitors are welcome. Please register before Friday, 22 January at the Branch e-mail

[<carletonuel@hotmail.com>](mailto:carletonuel@hotmail.com).

Message from the President

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Hello, and Happy New Year!

We have so much to look forward to after a year that seemed like it would never end. One of the good things that happened was discovering that Zoom meetings were not as difficult as we thought. We will be using the platform to host the spring meeting, and some workshops. Please check our web page for details. The first Workshop is set for Saturday, January 30 and will be on the certification process and hosted by Angela Johnson.

We would like to welcome our new member Elizabeth Holly Haimerl to the executive. She is helping us with genealogy and certificate questions while Gary Bagley is unavailable. See her bio later in this newsletter. Welcome also to Kelly Haggart and Janet Anne Kennedy.

Please renew your membership for 2021 if you have not already done so. (\$55 individual, \$70 family). This is the last print or e-newsletter you will receive if you don't renew. Please renew online if you can, or send the cheque to the Branch's PO box. If you haven't received the e-newsletter for a while, please let us know so we can update our records. Some e-mails are bouncing back.

We look forward to seeing you, in person or on Zoom.

Congratulations to Harry and Michael MacKay on receiving their certificates for Loyalist ancestors, William Addington and John Spencer

BUCKMAN, Samuel,	Digby NS	MACKAY, Harry
HITCHCOCK, Samuel,	Digby NS	MACKAY, Harry
SAUNDERS, William,	Digby NS	MACKAY, Harry
WARWICK, John,	Digby NS	MACKAY, Harry
ADDINGTON, William,	Digby NS	MACKAY, Harry
SPENCER, John,	Cape Breton	MACKAY, Michael

Congratulations also to branch secretary Penny Minter on receiving her certificate for her Loyalist ancestor Michael Pillar.

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.

***Sir Guy Carleton Annual General Meeting
Saturday 14 November 2020, 1:00 – 2:00 pm – Zoom
Reported by Marg Hall, UE***

An Unusual Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada was held on Saturday November 14th, 2020. Normally, our AGMs are held in the spring with a luncheon at a restaurant, but this year has been anything but normal. Because of restrictions imposed by the ravages of COVID-19, we were unable to meet in person. This necessitated determining how we would accomplish a meeting. It was decided that we would have a somewhat belated meeting by Zoom in the fall and we proceeded to learn with help, how to use Zoom for a meeting.



The meeting began with prayer, and a welcome from President Rosemarie and continued with a presentation of the usual reports. The first was a report on the fiscal affairs of the Branch, although since we still at that stage had no Treasurer it was not presented with the efficiency and clarity Bob Adair brought to the task. It is obvious however that the Branch is in good shape financially.

This report was followed by that of Genealogist and Membership. Gary Bagley our incumbent genealogist and membership chair has had several personal and technical issues, but we are pleased to report that at least 8 certificates have been issued and the Branch membership is holding steadily with 86 members including 27 family memberships.

Penny produced 3 fine newsletters this year.

Dorothy reported that there were 1097 books in our collection and that 9 new books had been ordered with 7 having been received. Due to COVID-19, the Archives has been closed and will open only by appointment at some time in the New Year.

The website has been quite popular and in 2019, our Conference year, had 5000 visits. It has had 1460 visits this year despite having no meetings, workshops, or other events prior to the AGM due to restrictions.

There was a discussion regarding the state of our Branch, and it was acknowledged that without help we are in dire straits. Thankfully, we have acquired a member Holly Haimerl, who is willing and most capable of doing genealogical work for the Branch and if necessary, will take on the full responsibilities of the position. We *may* still require the services of a Treasurer depending on a few issues which must be resolved, and it would be most helpful to have a Vice President, a Social Convenor, and a Flag Bearer. Too few people are being asked to carry too many responsibilities. Such a situation is not sustainable.

Our President, Rosemarie Pleasant, our Archivist and Librarian Dorothy Meyerhof and Penny Minter our Secretary and Newsletter Editor have been responsible for enabling the business of the Branch to go forward. (Dorothy has also monitored our website and kept in touch with the individual who does the technical work) Had it not been for their efforts, it is unlikely the Sir Guy Carleton Branch would have survived. Now, with the addition of Holly Haimerl with her genealogical expertise and with a Treasurer whom I will not name just yet potentially coming on board, our Branch is looking at a more secure future. So, neither Covid-19, nor executive shortages have vanquished the Sir Guy Carleton Branch and our 2020 AGM has passed into history.

Holly Haimerl – Interim Genealogist

I am honored to be invited to fulfill the duties of Interim Genealogist with the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, UELAC.

I was born in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario and moved to Montreal with my parents and younger sister when I was 10 years old. I have a B.A. Double major in Journalism/Political Science from Concordia University and retired at the end of 2018 after a 37+ career in TV/Radio News and Public Affairs.

In 2013, I completed a Graduate Diploma in Public Relations Management at McGill University. I started volunteering for the PR department at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal after my graduation and I now volunteer for their Business Development Office.

How did my previous experience and skills lead to my new career in Genealogy? I started working on our family tree in 2012 after my parents and my beloved maternal uncle passed away.

My early retirement at the end of 2018 was not by choice but due to cutbacks in the broadcast industry as a whole. I started researching Digital PR and Genealogy blogs, webinars and courses.

I enrolled in a Professional Development Certificate in Digital Content and Community Management at McGill University. I also enrolled in the Genealogy Principles course at Boston University. I knew I had

found my true passion when all my essays in my Content Creation class at McGill were about Genealogy. I may have sparked an interest in family history research in my fellow students when I described Elizabeth Shown Mills as the “Goddess of Genealogy” in an essay.

I graduated from Boston University this spring with a Certificate in Genealogical Research. My DNA is on all the major test sites. I am a member of several professional genealogical organizations and I have my own genealogy website.

My Loyalist ancestor is Asa Landon Sr. I discovered my paternal Loyalist ancestor after connecting with my Fetherstonhaugh 3rd cousin in Ottawa through our shared DNA match.

I look forward to hearing from new and current members with questions about their certificate applications.

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Ontario Land Registry Office Closure UPDATE

Heather McTavish Taylor, President, Ontario Ancestors

Originally published in Ontario Ancestors (eweekly@ogs.on.ca), October 17, 2020

The Land Registry offices across Ontario have now officially closed their doors to public access. The land records can now be accessed in several ways:

1. By visiting www.onland.ca to access abstracts and historical records. Be aware that this site is not easy to use and will likely require patience and multiple visits to the help pages in order to find the correct documents. And, there is a fee attached to accessing the actual land documents.
2. By visiting www.ogs.on.ca to determine what land records are being held at a local level. Our website lists the paper or microfilm documents that are being held by county across the province, along with the repository’s contact information.
3. By visiting www.FamilySearch.org to search for any land records that have been digitized by the organization by township and county. As these were digitized separately, the scans may be of better quality and they are free to access and download.

Ontario Township Papers Now Available at FamilySearch

Originally published in Ontario Ancestors (eweekly@ogs.on.ca), November 28, 2020

Through an agreement with the Archives of Ontario, FamilySearch is making Ontario's Township Papers available on their website for free.

They are filed alphabetically, and can be found at the following links:

- <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/185567?availability=Family%20History%20Library> (Abinger to Haldimand)
- <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/2759321?availability=Family%20History%20Library> (Hallowell to Zorra)

In order to access them, you must sign into or create a free account with FamilySearch. Please note that these records have not yet been indexed or transcribed, but hold a wealth of information, so is worth it

for any researcher to check them out!

They were previously only available at Family History Centres or affiliate libraries.

Interesting website - <https://www.americanantiquarian.org/proceedings/44498038.pdf> - Bibliography of Loyalist Source Material in Canada - downloadable

Dorchester Award 2021

Nominations are being sought for the prestigious **2021 Dorchester Award**.

The **Deadline** for Nominations is **midnight Sunday February 28, 2021**.

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

The preamble and the nomination form are available on the branch website

<http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton>; included with the electronic version of the newsletter or attached to the print version.

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



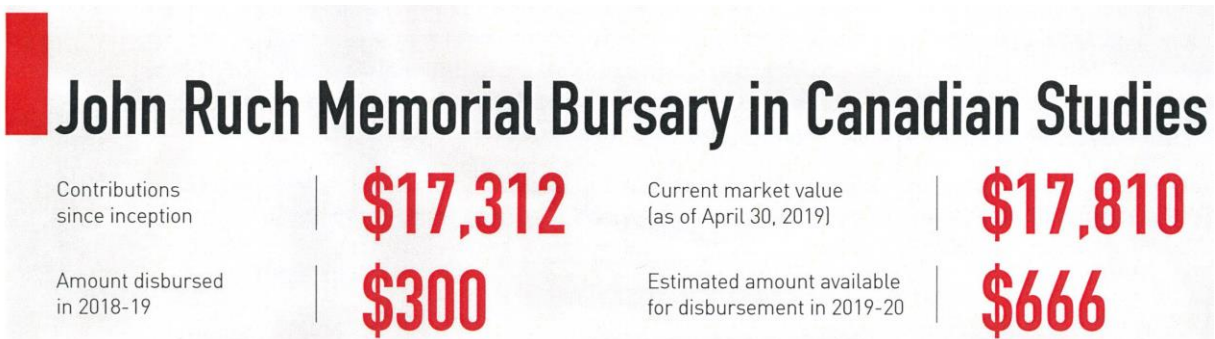
Upcoming Events

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

Some UELAC Scholarship Recipients
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)**

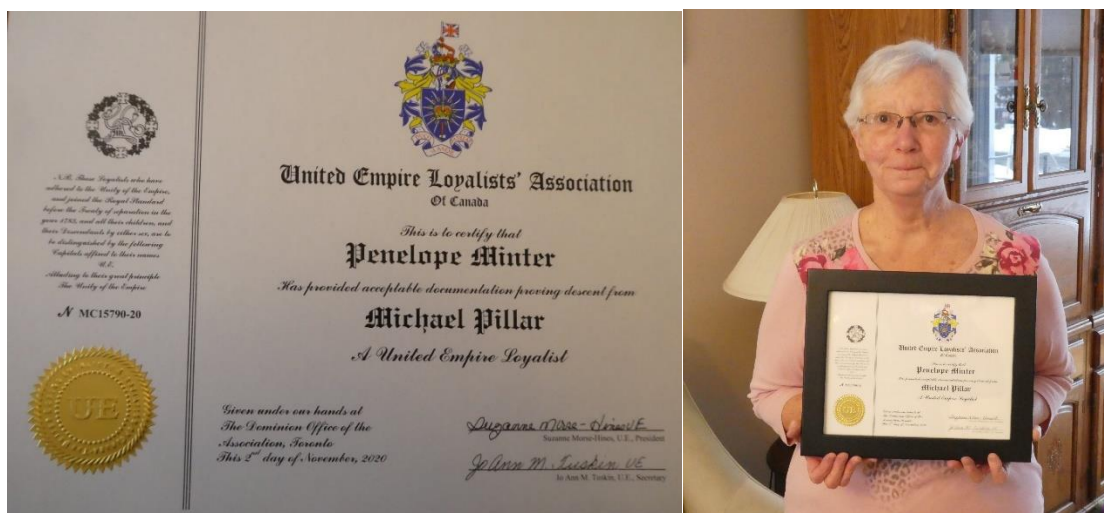
UELAC Membership System

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



List of Executive Members for 2021

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