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***Message from the President***

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Hello members,

2021 didn't go as we had wished for, but there's always next year. With complete vaccinations and booster shots available to all, 2022 is looking better. We have unfortunately lost some members, but we have new blood on the board and in the membership. Thank you, Holly Haimerl (Genealogist), Nathaniel Stone (Newsletter editor) and Janet Kennedy (Librarian/Archivist). We were able to get the HODG Grant, after missing a year. The Dominion Office offer to underwrite the equipment needed to run hybrid meetings will give us more meeting options.

I hope everyone can get together with friends and family. It will make the season brighter.

Please renew your memberships, online or by cheque. We appreciate your continuing support during these Covid years and look forward to seeing you by whatever methods we can use.

Congratulations to branch member Janet Kennedy on the receipt of her certificate for her Loyalist ancestor Benjamin Baker.

Congratulations to branch member Eric Meek on the receipt of his certificate for his Loyalist ancestor Adam Green

Thanks to Dorothy, Gary, Penny

***Remembering – Dorothy Meyerhof UE***

Passed away peacefully after a short, courageous battle with cancer. Born in Burnaby BC, she is the daughter of the late Muriel Arline Tate and the late Robert Gordon Ostrom. Dorothy attended Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, receiving a B.Sc.(hon.) in Chemistry and subsequently a M.Sc. in Chemistry from McMaster University in Hamilton where she met her future husband. Dorothy was a research manager with Health Canada for many years and was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal for her contributions.

She had a long-standing interest in genealogy, was an active member of several genealogical organizations, and published a detailed ancestry on one branch of her family. She also had an interest in

history and had almost completed writing an extensive history of her local neighbourhood to be published posthumously. She also enjoyed other hobbies including cooking, gardening, reading and travel. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Thomas (Tom) Paul.

The excellent care she received by the oncology doctors at the Ottawa Hospital, General Campus as well as the nurses and staff of 5 East is gratefully acknowledged. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Ottawa Hospital or another favourite charity would be appreciated. A graveside service will be held at Beechwood Cemetery, 280 Beechwood Avenue, Ottawa, on Thursday, December 9th at 2 pm.



Marg Hall, UE (Past President)

My first impressions of Dorothy were that she had a great sense of humour, that she was a hard worker and that she would not willingly put up with shoddy work. According to Dorothy's own investigations back in 2016 when we were being queried about our Executive, she first joined the group in the 2007/8 session in the position of Librarian, a position she held for most of the time I knew her. Dorothy was always witty, kind and very conscientious. I truly admired her attention to detail and her understanding that completely accurate research was a given. When I wrote a review of Dorothy's book about the descendants of Loyalists buried in Beechwood Cemetery, I was most impressed with the depth of skill and the huge amount of work which had gone into producing the volume. I will always remember Dorothy's smile, her willingness to help others and her unselfish offers of time and expertise wherever and whenever it was needed. She will be very much missed. Hard to put one's feelings and impressions into words!

Rosemarie Pleasant, President

I met Dorothy at the City Archives, where she was volunteering and working on the Sir Guy Carleton library. She stopped by my table and asked if I needed any assistance. That generous spirit continued, during the time I knew her. She would step in and help wherever and whenever she could. She was modest about her accomplishments, and it was always good news when she showed us the results of her research. She created documents about Branch history and activities for the

collection, and as part of the Branch history. She added so much to the collection, looking at online sources, reviews , getting the best value possible. She gave her best to Sir Guy Carleton and other organizations she was involved with. She touched so many and is missed.

### ***Obituary – Sue Morse Hines***

Hines, Suzanne “Sue” of London and formerly of St. Thomas passed away at London Health Science Centre-University Hospital on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 in her 74th year. Dear sister of Beth Morse(George Russell) of Port Bruce and Mark Morse of Goderich. Sister-in-law to Carolyn Miners. Loving Aunt to Josh, Melissa and Victoria. Also survived by a number of nieces and nephews. Sue worked for 35 years for St. Thomas and Elgin Family and Children Services. She was very interested in genealogy and was President and a longtime member of United Empire Loyalists. Born in Yarmouth Township Ontario on May 21, 1948. A private family graveside service will be held at the Aylmer Cemetery. Donations to the LHSC Foundation would be appreciated. Share memories or condolences at [kebbelfuneralhome.com](http://kebbelfuneralhome.com)



### ***Message from the Newsletter Editor***

Penny Minter UE

This issue of The Ottawa Loyalist will be my last. I have enjoyed being on the Sir Guy Carleton Branch executive for the past 11 years in both the secretary and then newsletter editor roles, but, due to life circumstances it is time for me to move on. Many thanks to Nathaniel Stone for taking over as newsletter editor. I cannot stress enough that this is your branch and the executive needs your support to carry on. There have been many challenges during these past 2 years, but, if you can spare some time to ensure the branch continues to exist I urge you to do so. Hopefully, things will continue to improve and in-person meetings will again be on the table or a combination of in-person/Zoom functions. SGC library will hopefully reopen for your research in the near future if it has not already reopened at the time of this publication. If you have ideas for speakers, or for the direction you would like to see the branch take, reach out and contact the executive through the branch email. Take care, stay well.

## **Library News**

**By Janet Kennedy, UE**

Hi, my name is Janet Kennedy, UE and I am the new volunteer librarian/archivist for the Sir Guy Carleton (SGC) Branch library collection. I was uncertain about volunteering in this role, as I knew there would be big shoes to try to fill, if that were even possible.

The late Dorothy Meyerhof and her predecessors have done an amazing job maintaining and growing this remarkable collection. There are so many unique and wonderful UEL-related books for researchers to look through. I urge you to come in and use what we have!

Our latest book was purchased this December and is entitled, “*Index to Monetary Claims by American Loyalists: A New Index to Audit Office 13*” by William Bruce Antliff. A synopsis of the book can be found at: <https://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/loyalist/resources/101041.htm>. Once the book has been triaged by the City of Ottawa staff, I will be able to catalogue it and put it on our shelves, ready for use.

Although COVID-19 has hindered many researchers, the City of Ottawa has measures in place so that people can still use the reference room where our collection is housed. Please refer to this link for more information: <https://ottawa.ca/en/arts-heritage-and-events/city-ottawa-archives/about-archives#covid-19-update>.

The reference room not only houses our library collection, but also library holdings for several other specialized collections such as the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (<https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/>). The Ottawa Branch OGS also took over ownership of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (<https://www.bifhsgo.ca/>) library as there was no replacement for their long-time librarian. Additionally, the United Church of Canada - Ottawa Regional Council (<https://eoorc.ca/resources/archives/>) library collection and the C. Robert Craig Memorial Library (<https://www.crcml.org/>) specializing in rail transportation in Canada are also part of the specialized collections that can be readily accessed in the reference room. Most of the websites above, just like our SGR Branch website, lists the books in its respective collection so that you can browse first and come armed with a list.

The reference room is open to the public by appointment only. Please contact Reference Services for more information or **to book an appointment for research purposes at:** [archives@ottawa.ca](mailto:archives@ottawa.ca) ([link sends e-mail](#)) or call 613-580-2857. The reference room is located at the City of Ottawa [James K. Bartleman Centre Central Archives & Library Materials Management](https://ottawa.ca/en/arts-heritage-and-events/city-ottawa-archives/about-archives/locations-archives) (<https://ottawa.ca/en/arts-heritage-and-events/city-ottawa-archives/about-archives/locations-archives>), **100 Tallwood Drive (Corner of Woodroffe), Ottawa ON. There is free onsite parking.**

The library web page for the SGC Branch will be updated in the near future. If you have any library-related questions, concerns, suggestions for books or book donations, please contact me at the following email address: [sgclibrarianarchivist@gmail.com](mailto:sgclibrarianarchivist@gmail.com)

Note that any books donated to the SGC Branch-UELAC library that turn out to be duplicate copies are shared with the Ottawa Branch OGS library and vice versa.

I look forward to aiding in the maintenance and growth of our collection and hope that you will enjoy using it to pursue your research needs.

### ***Family Search presentation – From the Colonies to Canada – presented 18 November, 2021***

A very interesting 1 hour presentation on the Loyalists and various sources available to aid in your research including links to the indexes or documents. An informative guide is available at the link below.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/From\\_the\\_Colonies\\_to\\_Canada:\\_Researching\\_Your\\_United\\_Empire\\_Loyalists](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/From_the_Colonies_to_Canada:_Researching_Your_United_Empire_Loyalists)

***SGC Fall Social/Meeting – November 21, 2:00pm***

The SGC Fall Social was held by Zoom on November 20 at 2:00pm. There were 21 attendees for the presentation. After a welcome from Branch President Rosemarie Pleasant, Marg Hall gave an opening prayer. The featured speaker was Lesley Anderson. After the presentation a brief meeting was held for the members.

***Presentation by Lesley Anderson – Search Tips : Researching Women on Ancestry 20 November 2021  
By Rosemarie Pleasant***



***Lesley Anderson presentation - Researching Women on Ancestry  
By Rosemarie Pleasant***

Lesley Anderson is the Canadian spokesperson for Ancestry, and a favourite speaker at genealogical meetings and conferences. Most history is told from the male point of view; the women are hidden behind them. Lesley spotlighted historical Canadian (and other) women in Ancestry and how they lived, their accomplishments and where they are in the Ancestry records.

She started by researching the women in her family tree. The men can point to the women in their lives, through business, church, property, census records and more. Ancestry has over 100 million family trees, and over 20 million DNA samples. DNA is another tool in the genealogy toolkit, showing connections, distant family trees, ethnic backgrounds, etc.

Lesley demonstrated the use of wildcard characters and how to use them. '\*' replaces many characters (Ann\*[e], Ann\*[abelle], Ann\*[ette]); '?' replaces one character (Ann?). There are common misspellings of first and last names, different names may be used for the parish registry, the vital records, the name on the census form. She gave tips on workarounds to finding a specific person by looking at relatives. Women frequently moved in with their children when their husband passed. Official records evolve, the marriage records may not show her parents, but the death records may.

Many entries in databases on Ancestry are done by volunteers. Lesley went through the available databases and their scope. A common theme in earlier records is the lack of agency for most women. They were an appendage to their family of origin, or to their husband.

## **SGC meeting**

After Lesley's talk the regular meeting took place. Bill Russell, the Regional Vice President attended both parts.

Rosemarie: the executive is looking for more activities of interest to members, send your suggestions to the Branch e-mail [carletonuel@hotmail.com](mailto:carletonuel@hotmail.com)

Gary Bagley is no longer on the executive, or available to the Branch. He is in a nursing home in Orillia. The positions he covered are open. Gary was a good source of information about Branch history and our members. A longtime member, he was instrumental in bringing in new members

Holly has taken over as Branch Genealogist, Rose is acting Membership Chair and Treasurer. We need more people to serve on the executive. Holly joined as a member and stepped up to be the Branch Genealogist and is working on 2 certificates.

Penny will be stepping down as Newsletter editor. Nathaniel Stone will be taking over the newsletter duties. Penny was very helpful when needed, both to Rosemarie and Holly with background information and tips. Her reminders were a big help in keeping me on track as I became familiar with my duties.

Dorothy also stepped down from the Executive. She did a great job with the collection, expanding and maintaining the Branch history and records, and keeping our web page up to date. Unfortunately, Dorothy passed away on November 24. Janet Kennedy had offered to become Librarian/Archivist and was able to meet with Dorothy and received binders full of guidelines and documents. Thank you, Janet, it is so very much appreciated

Holly (Genealogist) has done a lot of learning, especially for the forms needed for certificate applications, they are complicated. Holly is using the UEL Drop Box for material exchanges. It is managed by Dominion Office and is secure. Eric Meek's application has been submitted, and approved.

Rosemarie (Treasurer): The Branch is still in good shape financially. The Civi membership information is up to date. We need a co-signer for bank account (Marg stepped in and has done it, we are awaiting approval from TD).

Rosemarie (Membership): 71 members. It's renewal time, notifications of online renewals are coming in and 2022 membership cards being sent out. I am checking the post office box once a week, and the cheques will be deposited regularly.

Penny (Newsletter) needs items for the next (January) newsletter.

Rosemarie (Web manager), We are invoiced once a year, in December for website maintenance. The costs are \$100-120/year, and usage stats are provided for the Annual General Meeting.

Holly (Genealogist): has been thinking about user engagement. She set up a Face Book page for Sir Guy Carleton members only and showed it. Contact her with your FB name or email to join. Looking for pictures and stories about your work, ancestors and their experience. We may link with other Branches. Posts can be public or private (branch members only). Instagram also a possibility. There is now a separate e-mail for Holly as Branch genealogist ([sgcgenealogist@gmail.com](mailto:sgcgenealogist@gmail.com))

You don't need to use your full name or real birthdate to create a Face Book profile. Eric Meek thanked Holly for her help in getting his certificate.

Reminder we need: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Social convenor, Web manager

Dominion will subsidize the Branch insurance next year, as well as equipment for hybrid meetings.

Marg Hall spoke about serving on the board. She has years of experience and spoke of the time involved. The past couple of years have been hard, Covid-19 making more complicated. Beth Sweetman and Shirley Charbonneau are great helps as members at large.

The John Ruch Memorial Scholarship is still active, check the web-site for the latest information.

Let us know if you want to sit in at the next exec meeting to ask questions about the open positions.

The next Annual General Meeting is Saturday, April 23; Zoom, in person, or hybrid. It depends on Covid-19. Start time is 2:00.

Bill Russell spoke about the October Regional meeting. UEL is reviewing by-laws that are 5 years or older. UEL will reimburse up to \$1000.00 to underwrite the purchase of equipment for hybrid meetings. Canada wide, people are attending more via Zoom than they did in person. Bill sent a list of recommended equipment. The Branch has to buy it, then submit receipts for reimbursement. Deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47.

### ***Old Hay Bay Church***

By Beth Sweetnam, UE

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, my husband, Phil, and I visited the Old Hay Bay Church located 30 km south and west of Napanee in Adolphustown Township. Below is some information about the church and the people who built it, and I have included some pictures of both the inside and outside of the church building plus the church service we attended while we were there. This year the service was held outside on the lawn, beside the church, because of the pandemic health rules. It was a very pleasant day and we learned more about our Loyalist ancestors and the beginnings of settlement in Upper Canada.

Old Hay Bay Church is the oldest surviving Methodist Church in Canada, and it is a designated National Historic Site of Canada. It was erected in 1792 by a small group of Loyalist settlers who had arrived just eight years earlier from New York State. They were from diverse backgrounds including Norwegian and German Lutherans, Swiss Moravians, French Huguenots, Dutch Reformed, Church of England, and the Society of Friends (Quakers). However, William Losee, an itinerant Methodist preacher (also a Loyalist who had served in Delancey's corps of Westchester Refugees) was commissioned by his bishop to preach in the area and an extensive revival spread in response to his preaching. On a cold February day in 1792, the settlers decided to build a Methodist church on a corner of Loyalist Paul Huff's farm. The church was conceived as a public space to be used for both secular and religious meetings. There were 22 original financial subscribers, (known as the founders) of this church, and 165 members of the first congregation.

The first Camp Meeting in Canada was held at this site in 1805. To better accommodate the growing population, the church was enlarged in 1835 to its present size of 30 X 40 feet (9.1 X 12.2 meters). The simple, box-like building, two-storeys high, has a gable roof, heavy frame construction and clapboard siding. The open interior features a raised pulpit and an upper level gallery that runs around three sides of the building. There are no ornate details as the desire of early Methodists was to be plain and as sparing as possible. The pioneer meetinghouse character of the Old Hay Bay Church is greatly reinforced by its rural setting overlooking Hay Bay and the Bay of Quinte.

In 1860, the church was replaced by a newer sanctuary a mile away, and the building was then used as a barn to store grain. In 1910, in recognition of its historical significance, the property was reacquired by the Methodist Church. The building has been extensively restored to its original pioneer meetinghouse character, and it is now operated as a museum by volunteer trustees and custodians. There is an ongoing project to continue maintaining and restoring this very old building. Donations are always gratefully acknowledged.

The United Church of Canada holds a service at this church once a year on the fourth Sunday of August in honour of its heritage (called the Pilgrimage Service). The church still has the essential characteristics of the pre-1840 evangelical meetinghouse, which was developed in Britain and New England, but modified (scaled down) in Upper Canada where communities were small and isolated. The building is open for visitors during the summer months, and there is more information about it at:

<https://www.OLDHAYBAYCHURCH.CA>

<https://www.HISTORICPLACES.CA/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=10617>







### ***Upcoming Events***

- **2022:** Conference 2022 will be hosted by Manitoba Branch. It will be an all-virtual conference (as decided in May 2021). Dates will be announced when finalized.
- **2023: “Where the Sea Meets the Sky” (June 1-4, 2023; Richmond, BC)** Hosted by the four Pacific Region Branches of the UELAC Meetings have started and plans are well underway for the conference in 2023. This conference will be a hybrid or combined style of conference as it will offer in-person and on-line events. For in-person, the hotel will be: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel 7551 Westminster Hwy., Richmond, BC.

### **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](mailto:carletonuel@hotmail.com)

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

## 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](http://www.UELAC.org))**

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