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Message from the President

Hello, Sir Guy Carleton members...

Another year is over with, a new and better one coming. These past 3 years we've been hoping for a better year and it's finally happening.

Things are looking good. Sir Guy has received the HODG Grant and a small rebate from Dominion of membership fees for 2022. We are able to open up more and will be taking part in more local activities. See the Branch web site for details.

Our Fall Social went well and the catch up from the members were very interesting. That is one good thing that came from all this 'free time'. If anyone wants to tell their family stories, they can be put in an upcoming newsletter & on our Facebook page.

The year 2022 ended on a sad note with the loss of Gary Bagley. Gary was a wonderful resource, he had a great memory for members, past and present and stories from the early days of Sir Guy Carleton.

Take care and on behalf of the Board, Happy New Year and we are looking forward to seeing you in April

Rose
Rosemarie Pleasant, President
Sir Guy Carleton Branch, UEL

The Sir Guy Carleton October Social

Sir Guy Carleton is meeting in person again! The Chapter held its latest social event (but still hybrid) on Saturday, October 22 at the Friends Meeting House in central Ottawa.

The President, Rosemarie Pleasant, opened the social event at 2 pm. This was followed by God Save the King, the “King” version of which has never been heard in the entire history of SGC. Marg Hall led the opening prayer.

The social featured three major presentations.

Fort Stanwix, Schoharie and Weston, Massachusetts

Sylvia Powers opened with a presentation on a recent tour that she and her family took to see several sites in 18th century America of interest to their family and Loyalist historians in general. Heading south from Ontario, they reached [Fort Stanwix](#) in Rome, New York. Site of a siege and battle where Loyalist units played a prominent role, Fort Stanwix needs to be seen by every Loyalist historian, amateur and professional.

Moving on from Rome, heading southeast towards Albany, Ms. Powers and family stopped in Schoharie, New York, a place of family interest and site of the [Palatine House Museum](#). Schoharie was the site of an early settlement of [Palatine Germans](#), who fled their war-ravaged native Germany in search of a better life. The 1743 Palatine House is the oldest existing building in Schoharie County. The home of Reverend Peter Nicholas Sommer, his wife Maria, and their eight children, the site is now a living history museum.

Ms. Powers then gave an account of the next portion of the tour, complete with the story of the Jones family (with whom she is related) and the [Golden Ball Tavern](#) in Weston, Massachusetts. The story of Isaac Jones, his family and the tavern is similar to that of tens of thousands of Loyalist Americans, who decided to build their lives in what was to become the United States of America and forego the offers of the British Government. The tavern stayed in the hands of the Jones family until 1975 and is now open for visits.

Connecting Loyalists with Mayflower Ancestors

“One third of [Mayflower](#) descendants were Loyalists.” These were the words of [Becket Soule](#), professor of Canon Law at Saint Paul University. According to Father Soule, 500 to 600 Loyalists could trace their ancestry back to the Mayflower. Canadians who are descended from Mayflower passengers might be interested in the work of the [Canadian Association of Mayflower Descendants](#).

Father Soule spoke about the Mayflower Society’s [Patriot to Passenger](#) project, which is creating and expanding the list of Revolutionary War patriot-side soldiers who descend

from *Mayflower* passengers. The intent is to build a bridge between lineage societies. He suggested interested people should also refer to the [Silver Books Project](#) of the Mayflower Society, which outlines the family lines of Mayflower descendants down to the end of the 18th century.

Father Soule's project is to connect Loyalists to their Mayflower ancestors. He is looking for suggestions for a name for this project (with an alliteration.) If you are interested in contributing to this project, contact him at wbsoule1620@gmail.com

Interested persons might also be interested in Huron University College's [Loyalist Migration](#) project.

The Genealogy Profession, the Cornwall Museum and Sir John Johnson's Burial Site

Holly Haimerl, our Chapter Genealogist, began with describing her career as a [professional genealogist](#). She is now a member of APG (Association of Professional Genealogists) and Vice-Chair of OCAPG (Ontario chapter of APG).

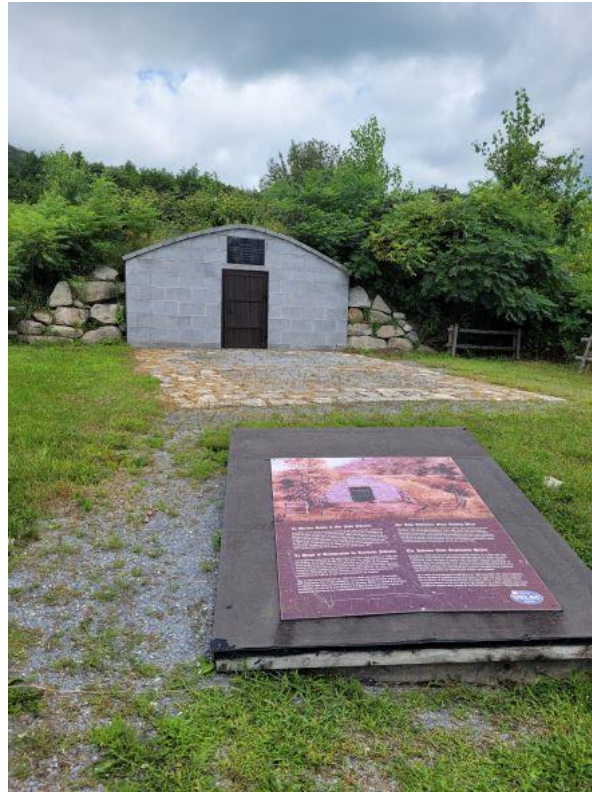
She gave a presentation on the new [Cornwall Community Museum](#), which is located in an 1840 stone house built by Loyalist William Wood and wife Sarah Dixon. A wealth of information and displays about the Wood family and other pioneers are housed within the museum.

A Display in the Cornwall Community Museum



Ms. Haimerl also spoke about the [burial site](#) of renowned Loyalist [Sir John Johnson](#), who escaped from the Mohawk Valley to Canada and organized two battalions of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. The burial site is located in Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Quebec.

Sir John Johnson's burial site



The social event ended with the singing of O Canada.

Thanks to the main speakers and everyone who participated.

Upcoming UEL Events

Heritage Day, February 21

The Sir Guy Carleton Chapter will be present at the Heritage Day activities on February 21 at [Jean Piggott Hall](#). The ceremony itself will be from 12PM - 1PM, but before and afterwards, the public, city staff and councillors are welcomed to walk around and visit the booths to learn more about the many heritage groups in Ottawa. It's a great opportunity for us to meet our fellow Ottawans.

From: 11AM - 12PM: The public, City staff and City councillors are invited to check out the booths. Members can reconnect and chat with each other as well. There will be refreshments provided. From 12 PM - 1 PM, the proclamation ceremony will take place.

Sir Guy Carleton Annual Meeting on April 22: Hybrid

We are meeting in person once again (although we're offering a hybrid format.) It will be great to see everyone in person again! The location and the online link to be announced.

The 2023 UELAC Conference Beckons: And so Does Beautiful British Columbia

[The 2023 Annual Conference](#) "Where the Sea Meets the Sky" is coming soon: June 1 to June 4 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The UELAC Pacific Region Branches of [Chilliwack](#), [Victoria](#), [Thompson-Okanagan](#), and [Vancouver](#) will be your hosts for the 2023 UELAC Hybrid Conference and AGM.

The chosen venue is the prestigious 4-Star [Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel and Conference Centre](#) is located in Richmond, (Greater Vancouver. And take advantage of the [group rates](#) at the hotel and the [travel discounts](#) offered by Air Canada and WestJet.

Flag Raising at Ottawa City Hall, June 19, 2023

The Loyalist flag (the United Kingdom's flag before 1801) will be raised at Ottawa City Hall (110 Laurier Avenue West in central Ottawa) to commemorate United Empire Loyalist Day. Period dress adds a nice touch, but is not required.

Bill 23 Passes...But We Need to Protect Our Cemeteries

Ontario's [Bill 23](#) has passed. The [Ontario Historical Association](#) (OHS) expressed its concerns about this Bill to the Ontario Government, mentioning in particular:

*"To protect all cemeteries and burial sites, the OHS asks this committee to vote, recommending **that the Government of Ontario register/license all unregistered cemeteries in the Province of Ontario.***

*Additionally, the OHS asks this committee to vote, recommending that the Government of Ontario **designate all cemeteries in the Province of Ontario under the Ontario Heritage Act as properties of cultural heritage value in recognition of their sacred and historical significance to all the peoples of Ontario.***"

[Preservation of Ontario's cemeteries](#) is an important activity of the OHS.

Our regional councillor has completed a project to identify cemeteries with our Loyalist ancestors.

New in Our Library

Né d'une Race Fière: 100 généalogies de familles de chez nous (Hawkesbury ON)	Jean-Roch Vachon
Le Coton à Cornwall: ses usines – sa main-d'oeuvre – et après	Société Historique de Cornwall et la Société Franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie – A.B. McCullough
50 Years of History: Glengarry Clan MacLeod 1936-1986	Isabel C. MacLeod
Next 10 Years of History: Glengarry Clan MacLeod 1986-1996	Madeleine McCrimmon
History of the Canadian Peoples: Beginnings to 1867, Vol. 1, 3 rd edition	Margaret Conrad and Lavin Finkel
The Embroidered Tent: Five gentlewomen in Early Canada (Elizabeth Simcoe, Catherine Parr Traill, Susanna Moodie, Anna Jameson, Lady Dufferin)	Marion Fowler
Field of Glory: The Battle of Crysler's Farm	Donald Graves
Patriots of the American Revolution: True Accounts by Great American's from Ethan Allen to George Rogers Clark (has loyalist chapter)	Edited by Richard M. Dorson
Flames Across the Border: 1813-1814	Pierre Berton
The Invasion of Canada: 1812-1813	Pierre Berton
Her Story: Women from Canada's Past	Susan E. Merritt
Early Days in the Ottawa Country: A Short History of Ottawa, Hull and the National Capital Region	National Capital Commission
The Last Laird of MacNab: An episode in the settlement of MacNab Township, Upper Canada	Alexander Fraser
In Search of Lanark	Carol Bennett and D.W. McCuaig
People of the Lakes	Editors of Time-Life Books
Beautiful Arnprior	Pat and Rosemarie Keough
Almonte: The Spirit of Place	John McQuarrie
Valley Irish	Carol Bennett
To and From the Ottawa Valley	Muriel Wilson Beldean
Lyn: 1784-1984	Mary G. Robb
Giants of Canada's Ottawa Valley	Joan Finnigan
The Flourishing Tree: Beckwith	Mabel Ringereide

Webinar: Tracing Your Loyalist Ancestor

Presented by Elizabeth “Holly” Haimerl, member of the APG (Association of Professional Genealogists) and Vice-Chair of OCAPG (Ontario chapter of APG).

This webinar helps you to understand:

- Who were the Loyalists?
- Where did the Loyalists settle in Canada?
- Where did the Loyalists settle in Lower Canada (Quebec)?
- What is the most difficult generation to research when applying for your UEL certificate?

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/325650647866212890>

Social Media

The Sir Guy Carleton Facebook page remains private but any UELAC member can now ask to join. The Instagram account is linked to our website, and anyone can join. The Sir Guy Carleton email will continue to be the point of contact for people asking for certificate applications; it also serves for general inquiries and information.

Membership

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

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.

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")

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 www.UELAC.org

We Remember Gary Bagley

<https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/gary-bagley-1086879031>

Gary Bagley at a past Sir Guy Carleton event with Bonnie Schepers and Bill Powers.

