



The New Settlement News

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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2013

1:00 p.m.

Church of the Epiphany

Kingsville, ON

Guest Speakers: Dominion President Bob McBride and Grietje McBride

Greetings Members and Friends,

Season's Greeting has come and gone. Hope you enjoyed being with family and friends.

My gosh! What happened to the entire 2012 year? Seems like it flew by, while I was looking the other way. Now that we are into 2013, already January has disappeared from sight, and we're well into February, which is a short month to begin with. Before you know it, March 2 will be here and we will be greeting our Dominion President Robert (Bob) McBride and his lovely wife Greitje. As you go through this newsletter mark your calendars, as all of our meetings have been planned out with speakers. You don't want to miss any one of them.

I hope you have been writing things down for your UE family story for our little 2014 Anniversary project. These stories will be published for all to read. While the cold weather is still upon us, this is the time to write those stories you've heard as a child, read through family letters, or found when you researched your UE lineage.



Enjoy the newsletter.

Loyally *Linda Iler UE*

Announcements

March 2nd 2013 – **Regular Meeting**

1:00 pm

Historic Plate raffle tickets will be available \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Earlybird Membership draw.

April 13th, 2013 - **2013 Central West Region Conference and AGM**

Westmount Library, London, Ontario

May 28th – June 2nd, 2013

Dominion Annual Conference and AGM

Hosted by the Hamilton Branch of the UELAC
Burlington, Ontario

June 15th, 2013

Bicentennial Branch Loyalist Day Family Picnic

Provincial Marine Commissariat, Amherstburg,
Ontario

Branch News**Regular Branch Meeting, Nov. 10th, 2012**

by *Judith Girty U.E., Branch Secretary*

Randy introduced the guest speaker Dan Loncke, who detailed the major events of the War of 1812, The Detroit River Frontier, recounting the first 1 ½ years of the war. It was a fascinating account of the history of this area which shapes our lives to the present day. He was thanked by Linda Iler.

Linda introduced the executive members present.

Treasury: Dianne reported a current balance of \$1,201.66.

Membership: Susan reported that 20 members have renewed for 2013 to date.

Certifications: Kathryn presented Vicki McKay with her certificate for ancestors Francis McKay, Isaac Vansickle, and George Upper. Dan Griffin accepted the certificate for his cousin Loretta Wright for Peter Laur, and Jacob Anguish.

Linda announced our acceptance for the Ontario Development Grant Program for operating expenses.

Fund-raising: Linda announced an “in house” raffle for a collectors plate with an 1812 motif donated by Florine Merritt UE. Tickets will be sold until the draw at the AGM May 2013.

Linda announced our “Family Stories” booklet project, a booklet of stories of Bicentennial Branch loyalist ancestors and descendants. Earline will compile stories already previously printed in the newsletters and those yet to be submitted, to be completed for the Dominion Centennial in 2014.

The Bicentennial Branch has purchased a “brick” at a cost of \$30.00 for the Tecumseh Monument Project.

Bonnie extended appreciation to Stuart Johns, the only WWII veteran attending the meeting.

Margaret Lewis is recovering from surgery. She and Jack have moved to Kingsville Court. She celebrated her 91st birthday on Nov. 9th.

Bonnie gave an overview report on from the Dominion Council in Toronto October 27. The 2013 balanced budget was approved at \$160, 865.00. It approves \$36,650 to Committees; \$31,250 to the publication of the Gazette. In 2012 \$10,000 was awarded by the Grants Committee to branch projects “mandate & vision”. Each year the Grants

Committee awards \$5,000 to promote relevant research to Masters & PhD students.

The Loyalist Directory has over 7000 research-able Loyalist names.

In coming months a survey will be distributed asking specific questions about the publication of the Loyalist Gazette. Your comments will be considered regarding the downsizing of the publication for cost reduction.

There has been a change to the Loyalist Lineage Certification Application Form, by Dominion Genealogy Committee now combining two pages into one, which should simplify the application, without changing the content requirements.

The 2013 Conference is May 30 – June 2 hosted by the Hamilton Branch (Holiday Inn, Burlington). They will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek.

Branch Calendar of Meetings and Socials 2013

March 2nd, 2013, 1:00 pm

General Meeting with visit from *Dominion President Bob McBride and Grietje McBride* at Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville, 2014 membership draw.

May 11th, 2013, 1:00pm

Annual General Meeting, Guest Speaker: *Central West Region Vice-President Sue Hines*, historic plate raffle, at Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville.

June 15th, 2013*, 11:30 am

Bicentennial Branch Loyalists Day Family Picnic at Provincial Marines Commissariat in Amherstburg. Details to be announced.

**N.B.-Due to availability of the venue, the date stated in the previous newsletter has been changed.*

September 21st, 2013, 11:30 am

Annual Luncheon, Guest Speaker: *Jean Rae Baxter*, at Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville.

November 9th, 2013, 1:00pm

General Meeting, Guest Speaker: *Ruth Hutchins*, at Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville.

November 2012 Meeting

Guest Speaker – Dan Loncke



Dan Loncke gave a very interesting slide presentation on the War of 1812 and its effects on our region. He stated that the War of 1812 had a lot of firsts; the first General of the US Army to be sentenced to death for his incompetence, when Hull was court-martialled, later given a pardon; the first and only time the United States was invaded and occupied by a foreign country; the first and only time a state was under foreign rule, when Hull gave Michigan to the British; but the most important first was when the American-born Loyalists didn't want to be thought of as "American" anymore, they were united with their French-Canadian neighbours and the Indian tribes to defend their new-found home and were proud to call themselves "Canadians".



President Linda Iler UE, Dan Loncke and Vice-president Randy Uttley UE

Certificate Presentations

Bicentennial Branch Genealogist Kathryn Hogan presented Vicki McKay UE with her certificates for her loyalist ancestors Francis McKay, Isaac Vansickle, and George Upper.



Vicky did all of her own research for her three loyalist ancestors.



Dan Griffin UE accepted the certificates for his cousin Loretta Wright UE for loyalists Peter Laur, and Jacob Anquish.



March 2, 2013 - Guest Speakers: Dominion President Robert McBride and his wife, Grietje McBride

Grietje and Bob McBride are retired elementary public school teachers who are direct descendants of a number of United Empire Loyalists.

Grietje and Bob are both members of Kawartha Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Bob having joined in May 1993 and Grietje in September 2001. Bob descends from seven proven Loyalists, all of whom settled in the Niagara area, while Grietje's Loyalist ancestor was Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE who settled in Nova Scotia.

Bob was Branch President (2001 – 2003) and Grietje was Branch President (2003 – 2005). They are the Branch Education Co-chairs. As well, Bob currently is a Branch Trustee and the Branch Constitution & By-laws Chairman. They have held many other Kawartha Branch responsibilities, including co-chairing the committee that organized the 2004 UELAC Conference & AGM in Peterborough. Bob is also a member of the Grand River Branch.

In June 2004 he became the Editor of the UELAC semi-annual 60-page magazine, *The Loyalist Gazette*, while Grietje is its Publications Review Editor.

In July 2008, Bob was elected as the UELAC Central East Regional Vice-President, serving nine Branches, and was re-elected for a second term in June 2009. In October 2009, he was appointed by the UELAC Dominion Council to serve as Acting Senior Vice-President for the remainder of the 2009 – 2010 term. In June 2010 Bob was elected as the Senior Vice-President, in June 2011, was elected as the UELAC Dominion President and was re-elected in June 2012 for a second term.

Historical Plate Raffle



The Historical plate which has been donated by Bicentennial Branch member Florine Merritt UE, will be raffled off at the May 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Raffle tickets will be available at the March meeting. The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Bicentennial Branch Genealogist Needed

This volunteer position requires an organized individual who is responsible for assisting the members in completing the certificate application. The time commitment is about 6-8 hours per week depending on the number of certificate applications. Computer skills and an interest in family history are beneficial to this position.

Completed certificate applications *and* original proofs of evidence are the responsibility of the branch members to keep for future references.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Education Outreach, Social Committee, Fund-raising, Greeting members and Public Relations. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.

Public Relations - The volunteer for this position will be responsible for getting the word out, advertising branch meetings and events in the local newspapers, lining up guest speakers for meetings, etc.

Social Committee - There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers for a Social Committee to bring refreshments to our meetings. We only have three meetings a year where refreshments are required, such as baked goods, cheese and fruit trays, this will free up funds that could be better used for branch events.

Educational Outreach – Persons volunteering for this position will be responsible for educating the next generation about the UE Loyalists. This will entail making presentations as guest speakers at local schools.

Meeting Greeter – We are in need of a volunteer to greet the membership, welcome guests, hand out name tags.

Fund-Raising – We need volunteers to be in charge of fund-raising. This person will sell raffle tickets and the like at meetings.

Bicentennial Branch Loyalist Day Family Picnic

The Commissariat was built in 1831 as an office for the Commissariat Department at Fort Malden. In 2002 the Commissariat opened as an interpretive Centre for the Provincial Marine

Amherstburg Reenactment Unit. Now open for public and school tours with "hands on" activities explaining the life and times of the Provincial Marine and the history of the Battle of Lake Erie 1813

Date: **June 15, 2013**

Location: **Commissariat, Dalhousie St, Amherstburg – Home of Provincial Marine Corp.**

Time: TBA – abt 11:00am

Luncheon: Catered pioneer luncheon with dessert

Cost: to be determined

Entertainment: Tour of Commissariat and listen to a story teller under the huge shade trees overlooking the river.

Please indicate your participation so we can continue making plans for the correct amount of people who want to attend and be fed.

Linda attended the [Provincial Marine's](#) general meeting on Feb 5, 2013 and the idea of having our Loyalist Day Picnic style gathering was well received. Hope you will let us know soon, so we can continue with the preparations of ordering food and speaker. Oh yes, lets not forget a prayer or two for lovely comfortable weather.

Bicentennial Branch 2014 Project

I hope all members will get involved in this project to ensure our ancestors' stories will live on.

Submissions can be sent to me by email at: newsletter@uelbicentennial.org

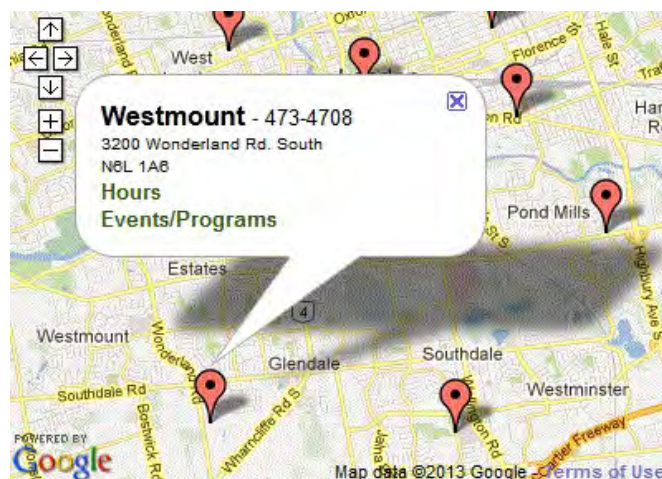
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Central West Region Annual General Meeting -

Sat. Apr 13, 2013 9am-4pm
Central West Regional AGM
Registration Fee: \$5
Westmount Library

All branches of the Central West Region will be meeting in London, ON for a full day workshop/seminar - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. hosted by London and Western Ontario Branch UELAC.

Bicentennial Branch members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Jean Rae Baxter's Radio Interview**

Two more **In the Wings** writers visit Art Waves to tell us about two more incredible women. **Jean Rae Baxter** takes us to the Mohawk Valley to learn about Molly Brant, who, among other things, spies for the British against the American rebels. Then Waheed Rabbani takes us to the 19th century Kingdom of Jhansi in India, where a brave young queen, Rani Lakshmbai, goes to battle to save her kingdom from the British.

Jean Rae Baxter's radio interview is [streaming](#) on Archive.org or download it here:

<http://archive.org/details/WaheedRabbaniJeanRae-BaxterArtWaves176>

Dominion News**“Meet Us At The Head Of Lake Ontario”****UELAC Dominion 2013 AGM & Conference
May 30 to June 2, 2013****THE HEAD OF THE LAKE**

The land surrounding the western end of Lake Ontario. Rich in history and heritage. Come join us at the Holiday Inn, Burlington to discover the heroic stories of the early people of The Head of the Lake and to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek.

Schedule of Events**THURSDAY, MAY 30**

Registration – Holidome 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Genealogists' Meeting – 2 p.m.

Welcome Reception: Halton Hall – 7 p.m.

Theme: Brant's Block, First Nations & Battle of Stoney Creek

Finger food

Greetings: **David Hill Morrison UE**

Speaker – **Zig Misiak** – Honorary Vice-President UELAC

FRIDAY, May 31 *Choice of two full day Tours*

Hamilton area – Scenic drive

Dundurn Castle

Hamilton Cemetery

Battlefield Park, Stoney Creek

Niagara Region –Scenic drive

Fort George

Laura Secord House

Brock's Monument

Niagara Winery

OR

Speakers – Halton Hall –

8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Early Medicine

Ontario Fur Trade

Battle of Stoney Creek

Afternoon Tour

Stoney Creek Battlefield

Banquet – 6 p.m.

Burlington Golf & Country Club

Musical Entertainment

Tamarack Music Group

SATURDAY, June 1

Annual General Meeting -

Halton Hall – 9 a.m.

Dominion Council Meeting –

Halton Hall

Immediately following the AGM

Leisure time for those not attending

the AGM - explore our community

on your own or lounge by the pool.

Saturday Banquet

Halton Hall – 6 p.m.

Speaker – **Nathan Tidridge**

Entertainment– **Cottonwood Brass**

SUNDAY, June 2

Christ's Church Cathedral

Service at 10:30 a.m.

* **photo stop at the Loyalist Monument**

Registration – Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre-Pearson Room

Friday 8 a.m. –
Saturday 8 a.m. –

The Venue

A block of 50 rooms has been reserved. (30 with two double beds & 20 with one queen size bed) The cost is \$119.00 per night.

The *Alloro Restaurant & Bar* is located off the main lobby offering an inviting atmosphere, cozy décor and a diverse menu. Open daily for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. You may enjoy a light snack or a full course meal in the comfort of your guest room with a wide selection from their Room Service Menu.

Holiday Inn

3063 South Service Road
Burlington, Ontario L7N 3E9
1-800-987-4888

Additional Conference Accommodations**Comfort Inn**

3290 South Service Road
Burlington, Ontario L7N 3M6
905-639-1700

Best Western

2412 Queensway Drive
Burlington, Ontario L7R 3T3
1-866-280-7778

Hilton Garden Inn

985 Syscon Road
Burlington, Ontario L7L 5S3
1-866-432-6555

Homewood Suites by Hilton

975 Syscon Road
Burlington, Ontario L7L 5S3
905-631-8300

Waterfront Hotel Downtown Burlington

2020 Lakeshore Road
Burlington, Ontario L7R 4G8
1-877-681-0767

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please quote “**Loyalist Conference**” when booking by telephone at any of the above hotels.

Credit will be given to us by Tourism Burlington through the Burlington Hotel Association Reimbursement Program. Given *only through phoned in reservations*.

“At the Head of Lake Ontario” Highlights:**Loyalist Monument and Hamilton Cemetery**

by Jean Rae Baxter UE from Loyalist Trails Newsletter



On the lawn of Prince’s Square in downtown Hamilton stands one of the city’s most famous and beautiful landmarks: the Loyalist Monument donated by Mr. and Mrs Stanley Mills UE in 1929. It is larger than life, as was the spirit of those whom it commemorates, men and women who “with faith and fortitude and under great pioneering difficulties, largely laid the foundation of the Canadian nation . . . “

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You will visit this famous monument on June 2, the final day of the 2013 UELAC Annual Conference, “Meet us at the Head of Lake Ontario.”

There will be three different tours available on Friday May 31. Those who choose the “Whole Day Tour – Hamilton Area” will visit Dundurn Castle,



the Stoney Creek Battlefield,



and the Hamilton Cemetery.



Robin McKee, who is well known for his tours of this fascinating and historic cemetery, will be the guide.



Perhaps you will find the grave of Isabella Whyte (d. 1865), who may have been the half-sister of Queen Victor-

ia -- or maybe not. You will certainly see the graves of two Robert Lands. Robert Land Sr. (1736-1818) was the first white man to settle at the place that would become Hamilton. A well-known Loyalist hero, his life is the subject of James Elliott's fascinating book, *If Ponies Rode Men*. His son, Robert Land Jr. (1772-1867) was a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Rebellion of 1837. He served under General Sir Isaac Brock at the Battle of Queenston Heights, and also served at Detroit, Stoney Creek, Lundy's Lane and Frenchman's Creek.

Joseph Brant Museum



The Georgian manor house at 1240 North Shore Boulevard in Burlington is not the original home that Captain Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea) built for himself in 1800. It is a replica of that house, the original having been demolished in 1832. And that original house was itself a replica (albeit half the size) of the one that Sir William Johnson, Brant's patron and mentor, had built in the Mohawk Valley of the then Province of New York in the days before the American War of Independence.

The present house stands, like its predecessor, on land owned by Joseph Brant. He had wanted to buy the land, 3,435 acres (1,400 hectares) from the Mississaugas, but the British Government frowned upon land transactions between Indians. Instead, Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe bought the property on behalf of the government and presented it to Brant as a reward for his loyalty to the Crown.

Brant died in his Burlington home on November 24, 1807, at the age of sixty-five. Although he lived here for the last decade of his life, his grave is somewhere along the banks of the Grand River, where his body was taken upon his death.

Brant was one of Burlington's first settlers. After his death, two of his children, Elizabeth and John, remained in the area. Each is remembered with a Burlington street name. John is also remembered for the part he played in the War of 1812-14.



As a reproduction of Brant's home, the Joseph Brant Museum is a perfect setting for the memorabilia of his life. The museum houses over 10,000 items. Exhibits explore Burlington's heritage in all its richness from before the earliest European settlement was here.

Brock's Monument and Laura Secord Homestead



Brock's Monument is four metres taller than the Nelson Monument in Trafalgar Square. Its fluted column contains 235 steps and rises 56 metres to the capital, where there is a winged victory on each face and, at the summit, the statue of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock. If you reach the top, you have access to a small indoor platform underneath Brock's statue. From the platform you can view the heights and the Niagara River through portholes.

Sir Isaac Brock and his aide-de-camp lie buried here. Both died leading a charge in the Battle of Queenston Heights on October 13 1812.

The monument that you will see is the second built in Brock's honour. The first was built in 1823 of Tuscan stone at huge cost, and was revered with great pride by the people of Upper Canada. Its symbolic significance was

responsible for its destruction, for in 1840 a Fenian sympathizer, Benjamin Lett, blew it up. Although it did not fall, the tower was a ruin, cracked on one side and shattered above the gallery.

Immediately a campaign began to replace it with another just as magnificent. Hamilton's Sir Allan MacNabb headed the drive. However, enthusiasm waned and it was not until 1852 that a competition led to the selection of Toronto architect William Thomas to design a monument even grander than the first. It was completed in 1856.



Impressive in a very different way is the Laura Secord Homestead in the village of Queenston Heights. It was lovingly restored and furnished with original furniture by the Laura Secord Candy Company in 1971. Costumed interpreters are on hand to explain the history of the house. It was from here that Laura Secord started her perilous 20-mile walk to warn the British of an impending American surprise attack in June 1813.

Jean Rae Baxter UE, Conference Committee, Hamilton Branch

Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Association Award

On Saturday, February 23, **Jean Rae Baxter** will receive a Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Association Award. The Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Association is an umbrella group for heritage groups in the Hamilton area, including Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Glanbrook and Stoney Creek as well as Hamilton. The presentation will take place at Hamilton City Hall Council Chambers at 12:30 p.m. February 23 is Heritage Day. The public is welcome.

Building UELAC Branch Histories*by Doug Grant UE, Loyalist Trails Newsletter Editor*

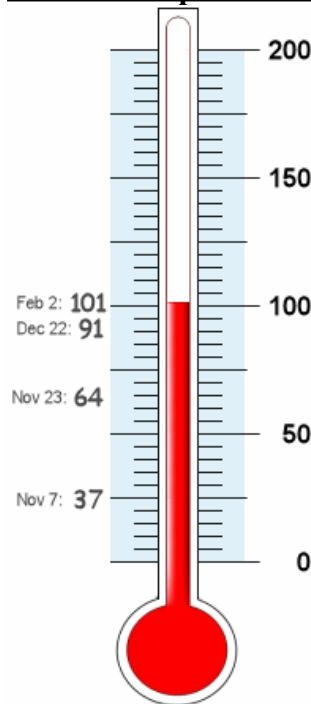
Building the collected histories of UELAC branches continues to move forward. Last week, Loyalist Trails ran an article on the War of 1812 activities of Cornelius Thompson and his sons. This contribution definitely enhanced our knowledge of the branch named after him in 1969. Thus, it has been posted to the appropriate Branching Out folder.

LT readers are reminded that the activities as reported in our periodical Loyalist Gazette have been transcribed and can be found in The Branches of The UELAC folder for each branch whether it is active or inactive. These histories are proving beneficial in helping new members understand the events and traditions that affect the operations of today. The reports as found in the Loyalist Gazette, Spring 2012 have now been uploaded. In addition to reviewing the events posted, take time to also check out the histories of the branches no longer active.

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Loyalists and the War of 1812 - Help Build A New UELAC List*by Doug Grant UE, Loyalist Trails Newsletter Editor*

A new list is underway and your help is needed to help populate it. A number of Loyalists who had participated in the American Revolution also took up arms again in the War of 1812. A greater number of sons, daughters and family members of Loyalists also joined the war effort. See the beginning of the collection "[Loyalists and the War of 1812](#)". A few submissions have been received. If you have Loyalist ancestry, or know of other, that meets the criteria above, please contribute to this collection. Submissions of about 500 words would be great, but size within reason is not a big concern. Thanks in advance for your help; submit articles to loyalist.trails@uelac.org

Ontario Graphic Licence Plate Project**Update - Need Your Help**

To date we have received 101 prepaid orders for UELAC badge licence plates. However, before we can proceed with the design and manufacturing contract with Service Ontario, we really need to have more funds in hand - something closer to 150-160 paid orders.

We have been working toward meeting a late February deadline (which would mean a summer production/distribution date), but unless we see a wave of new orders come in over the next few weeks, we'll likely have to hold off until the autumn application deadline (with production by next spring).

We've committed that if we can't pre-sell enough by the fall, we'll return everyone's money and close the project. Naturally, we're anxious to avoid that eventuality.

A number of the branches have done a great job promoting the project through newsletters, emails, and at meetings. We continue to reach out to those who expressed an interest but haven't yet paid, but from your end, please continue to encourage your entire membership. Certainly a few hundred examples of the Association badge travelling Ontario's roads will be a great way to help mark the UELAC's centennial next year.

Full details of the project can be found here <http://uelac.org/Projects-UELAC/Loyalist-Licence-Plates-Ontario.php>. I can be reached at plates@uelac.org or [905-486-9777](tel:905-486-9777) if you have any questions.

Ben Thornton UE, Toronto Branch

New Name, New Logo -

The New Settlement News

by Earline Bradt UE

I have given it a lot of thought and decided that our newsletter needed a name. The first thing I thought about was giving it a name that describes our region so that no one has to figure out where we are located, and what better choice than naming it “The New Settlement News”?

I put together a collage of branch projects, a group picture, an old map, and a Loyalist flag to be the logo for the newsletter.

**My Ancestor Was Not Added to the UE List, What Can I Do Now?**

By Earline Bradt UE

I found a few of my Doan ancestors' land petitions at the [LAC](#) and after reading them I was faced with a challenge – my ancestors did not qualify as United Empire Loyalists because of their faith, they were Quakers. They suffered the same as the rest of the Loyalists at the time, cruelly treated, property confiscated, imprisonment, but the fact that they were pacifists disqualified them.

From the UELAC website: *Who Qualifies As A Loyalist?*

Either male or female, as of 19 April 1775, a resident of the American colonies, and joined the Royal Standard prior to the Treaty of Separation of 1783, or otherwise

demonstrated loyalty to the Crown, and settled in territory remaining under the rule of the Crown

It does not mention anything about pacifists not being entitled, nothing specific about how they demonstrated loyalty to the Crown, it doesn't say that their attempts had to be successful to count.

The oldest petition showed that they came into the province in 1787 from Hunterdon Co., New Jersey, a year before two of their cousins, Levi and Abraham Doan were hanged in Pennsylvania for war crimes against the United States and more cousins were killed or exiled. By the way, they were also Quakers.

The next petition has a memorial from Titus Doan Jr. after his father's death. He described the cruel treatment their party received after being captured and imprisoned for 9 days and their wagon of provisions for the British troops along with two horses were confiscated. He states that he would like his and his father's name be added to the U. E. List. Since the family had already received their allotment of land as settlers, he wasn't asking for additional land, just that his family's name be added so that his children will be recognized as UE.

The last petition was filed after Titus, Jr.'s death, by Samuel Street Jr., who was married to one of Titus Jr.'s daughters, on behalf of the family. This claim also had Titus Jr.'s memorial attached as well as witness statements. The decision wasn't reversed, there was a note to see the previous decision on the earlier petition which said that they didn't qualify for the U.E. List and that their claim for losses wasn't properly filed so it was denied. I also noticed the word *passive* in the decision on the previous petition.

I have learned that the Dominion Genealogist can reverse a decision made by the Council if there is sufficient evidence that the petitioner was loyal to the Crown.

I have to prove that they were indeed loyal to the Crown and did come into the province with the loyalists, not the Quakers. I also have to prove that they suffered greatly and had property confiscated.

I have prepared a letter for the Dominion Genealogist along with written transcripts and the original images of all of the petitions for our Branch Genealogist to send and I'm hoping that the decision will be in their favour and their names will finally be added to the U.E. List.

Our Condolences**Eileen Hartford UE**

HARTFORD, Eileen Edith (née Brown) passed away surrounded by her loving family, on Friday, November 16, 2012 at 82 years of age. Loving wife of Murray for 63 years. Dear mother of Ken and Elizabeth Hartford, Vicky Hartford, Diane and Rick Vlodarchyk. Eileen's grandchildren were her pride and joy; the late Craig Hartford (1990), Kevin Hartford, Joshua, Jordan and Eliza Vlodarchyk. Predeceased by her parents Edith and George Brown, 2 brothers, Fred (Ellen) Brown, Bill Brown and 4 sisters, Audrey (Kaye) Ricker, Eleanor (Jack) Sumner, Joy Lorraine Brown and Betty Jean Brown. Dear sister-in-law of Betty and the late Jim Simpson. Eileen was a member of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, her loyalist ancestor was Benjamin Knapp UEL. Visiting was at the Reid Funeral Home & Reception Centre, 14 Russell Street, Leamington (519-326-2631) on Tuesday, Nov. 20th. Funeral Service to celebrate Eileen's life was held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 11 a.m.

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call after 6 pm or weekends. Please leave a detailed message and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

Branch Reminders**Bicentennial Branch Regular Meeting**

Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 at 1:00 pm.

Guest Speaker – Dominion President Robert McBride UE
Historical Plate raffle tickets will be available- \$2 or 3/\$5.

Branch Membership Renewal 2013

Draw to be held at the March 2nd, 2013 meeting for a chance to win a free year of membership in 2014. Good luck all! Renewal forms will be available at the branch meetings. Individual membership is \$55.00 and Family membership is \$75.00 per year. This includes the Bicentennial Branch Quarterly Newsletter and one year subscription to the UELAC magazine, The Loyalist Gazette.

Make your cheque payable to:

Bicentennial Branch UELAC Membership

c/o Susan Hutchins UE

2639 Cty Rd 20,

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Harrow, Ontario

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UELAC Loyalty License Plate Project

Send in your request today!

2013 Central West Region Conference and AGM

The 2013 Regional Meeting will take place Saturday, April 13th at the Westmount Library, London, Ontario. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

2013 Dominion Conference and AGM

The 2013 Dominion Conference and AGM will be hosted by the Hamilton Branch of the UELAC from May 30th - June 2nd, 2013 at Burlington, Ontario.

Deadline For Submissions

All submissions for the Spring issue of the newsletter must be received by **April 14th, 2013**.

2014 Centennial Branch Project submissions must be received by **Nov. 1st, 2013**

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