

UELAC Honorary Vice-President Professor Hereward Senior, PhD, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

I was born on December 22, 1918 in New York City and brought up in Nassau County, Long Island. My mother's family was British, as was my father's father. My father's mother came from old American Colonial stock. After a bout with tuberculosis, I volunteered for the Canadian army in 1943, being accepted for active overseas service and assigned to the Third Division with Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders. I fought in France, Holland and north-west Germany, mostly as a Brenngunner. Twice wounded, I left the army in 1945 with the rank of corporal.



After the war, I attended McGill University where I eventually received three degrees: B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. While working on the Doctorate, I found employment with Canadian Industries Limited in Montreal and subsequently as a master at Bishop's College School in Lennoxville in Quebec's Eastern Townships.

I began my university teaching career at Memorial University, Newfoundland, continuing at the Canadian Military College, Royal Roads, and the University of Toronto. In 1963 I returned to McGill as a professor and have been there ever since. Besides a number of articles in historical journals, I've published six books including, in 1984, *Victorious in Defeat: The Loyalists in Canada*, co-authored with Wallace Brown. Apart from that, I have written a good deal on other subjects related to British, Irish and Canadian history, particularly the Orangemen and Fenians. I've been active in the Monarchist League of Canada and help out with the local Heritage Branch of the UELAC. With respect to the latter, one of our important projects was the publication, in 1989, of *The Loyalists of Quebec, 1774- 1825: A Forgotten History*.

I married Elinor Kyte in 1954, a journalist and historian who died in 1989. We had four children, Hereward, John, Jean Louise and Harvey.

Additional Information about Professor Hereward Senior PhD By Robert Wilkins, UE, C.M.H. President, Heritage Branch, UELAC, Montréal, Québec

Professor Senior has officially retired from McGill University's Department of History only this year [2005], after a career in teaching there spanning some forty-two years. He was the principal author of *The Loyalists: Pioneers and Settlers of Quebec*, the UELAC's teachers' educational resource booklet on the Loyalists who settled within the territory of the present-day Province of Quebec. Fred Hayward UE, Chair of Education/ Outreach, had it published as a booklet and also posted electronically on the UELAC web site in 2004. Dr. Senior was also the principal co-author of *The Loyalists of Quebec: A Forgotten History, 1784-1825*, published in 1989 by Price-Patterson Ltd., Montreal, under the auspices of Heritage Branch, UELAC. That work is considered the "official publication" of Heritage Branch and is still sold by the Branch.

Professor Hereward Senior's other publications include:

- The activities of David Urquhart in British diplomacy and politics, 1830 – 1841 (McGill University, Department of History thesis, 1950).
- The influence of the Orange lodges on Irish and British politics, 1795-1836. (McGill University, Department of History thesis, 1959).
- Orangeism in Ireland and Britain, 1795-1836. (London: Routledge & K. Paul; Toronto: Ryerson Press, 1966).
- Orangeism: the Canadian phase. (Toronto, New York: McGraw-Hill Ryerson 1972).
- The Fenians and Canada. (Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1978).
- Co-author, Brown, Wallace. Victorious in defeat: the Loyalists in Canada. (Toronto, New York: Methuen, 1984).
- The last invasion of Canada: the Fenian raids 1866-1870. (Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1991).
- Constabulary: the rise of police institutions in Britain, the Commonwealth and the United States. (Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1997).

Professor Senior also enjoys the hobby of fencing.

His late wife, Elinor Kyte Senior, was also a professional historian in her own right and the author of six books:

- An imperial garrison in its colonial setting: British regulars in Montreal 1832-54. (McGill University, Department of History thesis, 1976).
- British regulars in Montreal: an imperial garrison, 1832-1854. (Montreal: McGill- Queen's University Press, 1981).
- Roots of the Canadian Army: Montreal District, 1846-1870. (Montreal: Society of the Montreal Military & Maritime Museum, 1981).
- From royal township to industrial city: Cornwall, 1784-1984. (Belleville, Ont.: Mika Publishing Company, 1983).
- Redcoats and patriots: the rebellions in Lower Canada, 1837-38. (Stittsville, Ont.: Canada's Wings in collaboration with the Canadian War Museum, National Museum of Man, National Museums of Canada, 1985).
- Les habits rouges et les patriotes. (Montréal: VLB, 1997)