

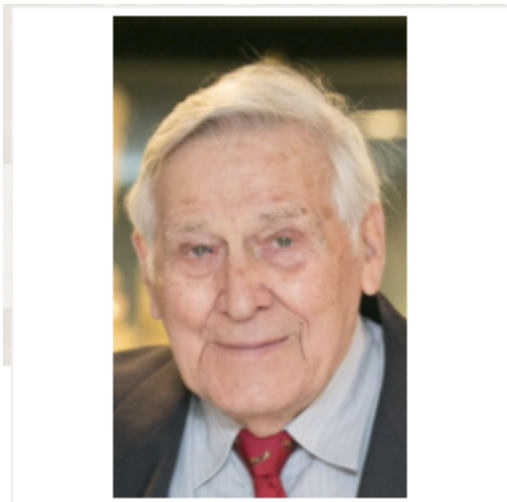


Kawartha Branch UELAC



It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of one of our founding charter Members of Kawartha Branch UELAC, Jack Brownscombe UE.

Here is a tribute to him:



Jack Brownscombe

Obituary

Brownscombe, Jack, UE. At Centennial Place, Millbrook on January 27, in his 98th year.

Proud of his army service. Passionate fourth-generation cottager on Stony Lake.

Never one to miss opening of the trout season, the deer hunt, grandchildren's sports – he never had enough hours in the day.

After a start in banking, his next career in Toronto and Peterborough was as a metal fabrication manager.

If you wanted to weld together two metals that weren't supposed to marry, he was your man.

He enjoyed a lengthy post-retirement second career working for the Canadian Welding Bureau into his 90s.

He was interested in everyone and everything – world events, the periodic table, Canadian loyalist and military history, card games and making maple syrup.

Jack was predeceased by his wife, Norma (Crone), in 1984; and married Peggy (White) in 1993.

He leaves his children, Kathleen Brown and husband Ken, Reid and wife Sheila, and Garth and wife Mary.

Jack welcomed Peggy's children, Chris, Whitney and Jeff Taylor.

He delighted in his grandchildren and was called "*Chief*" by Fraser (Julie), Seth (Sara), Liam (Megan), Stewart (Lauren), John, Jake (Caitlin), Alec (Chidinma), and Emmett (Danielle).

He was happy to be "*Chief*" to Peggy's grandchildren, Emileen and Carter.

Great-grandchildren were a fascination for him and he jumped at the opportunity to introduce another generation to critters and creepy crawlies.

Sam, Simon, Emmy, Mila, Leta, Effie, Scott, Ian and Kai will have great memories.

Jack is survived by his sister, Anne Wagner, and her husband Wally.

He was predeceased by brothers, Doug, Ken, Ross and sister Jean.

Many nephews and nieces remember him fondly.

Everyone who knew Jack will miss his insatiable zest for life.

There was a Celebration of Life Reception held at the HIGHLAND PARK FUNERAL CENTRE, 2510 Bensfort Rd., Peterborough, on Thursday, February 15th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

In memory of Jack and in lieu of flowers, donations to Trent University's "*Trent Aquatic Research Program-Stoney Lake Fish Tracking Project*" (<https://mycommunity.trentu.ca/tarpgive>) would be appreciated by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.highlandparkfuneralcentre.com

Jack Brownscombe, U.E.

On Jan 27, 2024, we lost a well-known Kawartha Branch founding member, Jack Brownscombe, U.E. Jack was for many of the Branch's formative years,

an active member and was its first Treasurer in 1980.

He was a part of the committee who developed our first Branch display that included a video of the history of the United Empire Loyalists that was displayed at the UELAC Conference in Kingston.

He was proud of his heritage and a descendant of Conrad Sills Sr., who settled in the Bay of Quinte (Ernestown Township) in 1784.

Jack was an outdoorsman who enjoyed nature and his cottage where he could fish, hunt and enjoy his family.

A friendly outgoing man, he attracted people with stories about the Loyalists and his family in particular.

He was 97 years of age, 1927-2024.

Jack's **dash** between those dates was well spent.

Joan Lucas UE

Kawartha Branch Historian



Kawartha Branch UELAC First Executive

1979 – 1980

14 October 1979

Left to right: Stewart Hagerman UE – Genealogist. Jack Brownscombe UE – Treasurer.
Elizabeth Richardson UE – Secretary. Guy Thompson UE – President



Jack and Norma Brownscombe at Kawartha Branch UELAC Banquet
with Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, John Black Aird,
23rd Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from 1980 to 1985.

A brief history of Conrad Sills Senior UE

(from the UELAC web site: uelac.ca/loyalist-directory)

Conrad (John Conrad, Johannes Konrad, Conrardt)

Sills (von Selsenberg) Senior UE

Born: 1732

However, the following would indicate he was born on 15 December 1738.

*“The Bearer, John Conrad Sell, from Rotheu Bergen, County Assenberg, Germania,
is born in a pure marriage bed with his father Caspar Seel
and his mother Anna Elizabeth with their son
after he was born on the 15th of December 1738
immediately the 17th of December 1738
Baptized and John Conrad named.
His godfather was John Conrad Bollger from the same place
with increased age is he tough ees in the Christian Religion
and to the Lord’s Supper confirmed.
His Character was always good
and he could take of the Lord’s Supper without delay.
This certificate is with our Church Seal Given the 02 of July 1763.
S. G. L. M. Keeser, Pastor.”*

The above is contained within the files
of the Bradford County Historical Society, Towanda, Pennsylvania.

Died: 1816. Most of the family is buried in the cemetery at Sillsville.

Before the War: The Sills family resided on the Susquehanna
above Rummerfield Creek in present Bradford County.

Resettled: Sillsville, Lennox & Addington County, Ontario,
by the Bay of Quinte, Midland District; Fredericksburgh

Member of Butler’s Rangers

m 1. Anna Maria Emigh (Amey) dau of Lawrence Emigh, who died as a refugee after three sons and a daughter;

m 2. a Roman Catholic, the Widow McNabb in Quebec. They had a son. She seldom appeared on any list.

m 3. Sarah Blanchard b 1768. They had eight children, four sons and four daughters.

With first wife Anna Maria Emigh:

- Lawrence b 1767 m 1792 Monykey Scouten;
- John b 1771 m Isabella Bell b 1777;
- George b 1773 m Margaret Bell b 1777;
- plus one daughter;

With second wife Widow McNabb:

- one son;

With third wife Sarah Blanchard:

- Elizebeth (bap. 13 Feb 1791);
- Joseph (bap. 24 Feb 1794);
- Mary (bap. 6 Sept 1796);
- Rachel (bap. 14 May 1797);
- Laynor (bap. 30 Mar 1800);
- Robert (bap. 17 July 1803);
- Hannah;
- Sarah (bap. 20 Oct 1805);
- Christena (bap. 8 Aug 1807);
- Conrad Sills Jr. (bap. 24 June 1810) m. Rebecca Murphy (b. 1811, d. 1909);

Rest in peace, Jack.

Sincerely and loyally,

Bob McBride UE

Kawartha Branch UELAC Publicity and Publications Chair.