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Kingston and District Branch was granted its charter November 4, 1978

The date for our January Meeting is fast approaching: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 24th, 2015 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, corner of Montreal & Queen St. We are having a pot luck lunch. Please bring a casserole, salad, sandwiches or dessert. Our speaker is Maxime Chouinard who will talk about the medical museum at the Kingston General Hospital. Something quite different – do come and join us!

NOTES FROM JEAN RAE BAXTER

A member of the Wolf Clan, Joseph and his sister Molly adopted the surname Brant. Their fine home had a stone cellar, a fire place, and plastered walls. Joseph was sent off to Eleazar Wheelock's School in Connecticut where he learned English, Latin, Greek and Arithmetic. Here they said prayers before breakfast. While the boys were taught every day, the girls had lessons only one day a week but no student was ever forced to go; some ran away. One stated "I can come as I please". Sir William Johnson was a frequent traveller and noticed that Joseph could be come a leader. Molly urged her brother to further his studies; at Columbia University and at Dartmouth College. Joseph kept in touch with Professor Wheelock until his death in 1799.

WHICH ISAIAH BARTLEY IS THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST?

The Dutch had certain customs in naming their children. The first born was named for the paternal grandparent, and the second born for the maternal grandparent. So, Benjamin, Henry & Ephraim Bartley, brothers, and sons of Isaiah and Cornelia Cornelise, each named a son "Isaiah".

It has been put forth that the Isaiah Bartley in the Loyalist Directory is the Isaiah Bartley who is the son of Benjamin Bartley. And, horrors! The Poughkeepsie Precinct [Dutchess County New York]

Articles of Association for the months of June and July 1775 list Isaiah Bartly [sic] as a signer. It is one of these sons of Benjamin or Ephraim who signed the Articles of Association. One of the three Isaiah's is Isaiah Bartley, son of Benjamin Bartley & Neeltje Buys, who has a church recorded baptism of 9 May 1740 in the Poughkeepsie Dutch Reform Church. The second is Isaiah Bartley, son of Ephraim Bartley and Margaret who was baptized 1 July 1741 in the Fishkill Reformed Church. Both churches were in Dutchess County New York.

However, it most likely is the third Isaiah Bartley who aligned with the Loyalist cause and served as a soldier (as did his brother Michael). The *King's Royal Regiment of New York* by Ernest Cruikshank with Index, Appendices & Mater Muster Roll by Gavin Watt, show the UEL Isaiah Bartley was born 1743 and from New York.

The 1743 born Isaiah Bartley married Eleanor Cammel (as church register reads) and they christened a son Hendericus Bartley in July 1769, who was born in April of that same year. This christening event took place in the Reformed Dutch Church of New Hackensack [Dutchess County New York]. 1743 born Isaiah is a son of Hendrick Bartley and his second wife Elizabeth Palmatier. Hendrick Bartley is a brother to Benjamin and Ephraim named earlier and who also named sons Isaiah.

The 1743 born Isaiah and Eleanor Cammell/Campbell Bartley followed the naming practice of naming children for grandparents and blood line relatives as

seen on their children's SUE or DUE land petitions. 1743 born Isaiah's son, Henry, and his wife Mary Wright name sons Isaiah and Samuel (Mary's father); the daughter Cornelia Bartley Thompson names a son Isaiah. 1743 Isaiah's brother, Michael, also names a son Henry.

The consistency in naming patterns should place emphasis on naming Hendrick Bartley, brother of Benjamin and Ephraim, as the father of UE Isaiah Bartley rather than Benjamin – if there are submissions showing such.

1743 born Isaiah's choosing to affiliate with the Loyalist cause led him to be among the thirty of the least dangerous Tories ordered to New Windsor [Ulster County New York] under the direction of Captain Mechin. The action by the Committee of Rombout Precinct [Dutchess County New York] occurred in 1776. Recorded in the committee meeting minutes of a 1776 interrogation of Isaiah are statements, "that he [Isaiah] had left Long Island last Monday ... Baltus Van Kleek with whom the examinant [Isaiah] lives ..." Further testimony indicates that an election had been held concerning a local issue and Isaiah had voted in the negative.

Isaiah had several applications for land in Upper Canada in his right as a United Empire Loyalist. A 1791 land acquisition request was for land in Seventh Township [Ameliasburgh]. The name "Asa" and "Isaiah" appear in this document.

Isaiah had property in Fredericksburgh Township. In the year 1787, Isaiah Bartley purchased the east half of Lot 7 in the 4th Concession from John Benn [Sr.] who was the original nominee for the whole of Lot 7. Isaiah's possession or questionable lack of possession of property in Fredericksburgh became a legal issue between him and the heirs of John Benn. Isaiah Bartley had designated a member of the Benn family as his [Isaiah's] agent in performing the required legalities to obtain title to land and the designee titled the land in his own name. 1743 born Isaiah Bartley believed himself to be the owner of E ½ Lot 17 4th Concession, Fredericksburg.

In Isaiah's words:

The petitions of Isaiah Bartley of the Township of Fredericksburg in the Midland District, Husbandman, humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner is a U.E. Loyalists having joined his Britannic Majesty's Standard before the Peace of 1783, that he has been a Resident of the said township of Fredericksburgh ever since the first settlement of it in 1784 [and purchased from one John Benn ...] and has erected buildings thereon, cleared aforesaid lad and planted an orchard.

This land title error was not discovered until a death occurred in the Benn family and probate matters ensued. In 1825, son-in-law Benjamin Boice, and some other residents of Loughborough Township in Frontenac County circulate and sign a petition to the Crown asking that Isaiah be given a parcel of land in Loughborough that is vacant, in place of the Fredericksburgh property Isaiah Bartley lost.

The legal issues concerning the property which began in 1818 lasted into the year 1826 and it was in March of 1826 the appeal was denied and it was presumed that the now aged, possibly 83 year old, Isaiah Bartley lived out his remaining life in the home of his daughter Margaret Bartley, wife of Benjamin Boice.

-- respectfully submitted Gladys Boice Tolbert

NEWS FROM THE KINGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sir John A. Macdonald commemorative concert and music book: Donna Ivey and Norma Kelly or Rideau Street Publications in Kingston produced a unique collection of music written and dedicated to Sir John A. Macdonald and Lady Agnes Macdonald between 1871 and 1897. A concert launch of the book, which took place to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the

Kingston Historical Society in 2004, is being recreated in April 2015 to mark the bicentennial of Sir John A.'s birth. The producer will be Sarah Gibson-Bray. The venue will be Sydenham Street United Church. Details are yet to be announced, but the concert date will be either April 25th or 26th. Copies of this fine music collection are available again through Novel Idea Books, or by calling Donna Ivey at 613-547-5263 or emailing: wolfeisland@kos.net. The books will also be featured for sale at the concert.

Jennifer McKendry's New Book: A long time Kingston Historical Society member and respected local historian, Jennifer McKendry, has published a comprehensive body of thorough research with fascinating results. *Modern Architecture in Kingston: A Survey of 20th Century Buildings* gives readers an exceptional photographic presentation and highlights architectural features of 20th century structures in Kingston in a dramatic and insightful way. Copies are available for purchase at Novel Idea, 156 Princess Street and at Society meetings. The cost is \$11. Contact information: Jennifer McKendry at mckendry@kos.net or 613-544-9535

Good News re: June 6th: KHS Cataraqui Cemetery Event: Admired and well-known Canadian political leader Bob Rae has agreed to be the speaker at the Kingston Historical Society's gravesite commemoration service for Sir John A. Macdonald on June 6th 2015.

OLD SYDENHAM HERITAGE CONSERVATION DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN

The City of Kingston has retained Bray Heritage to prepare a District Plan for the Old Sydenham Conservation Area. The Plan will designate the area as a Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. In 2009, Council endorsed a District Study which included several documents – a historical overview of

the area's development, an evaluation of cultural heritage resources (buildings and streetscapes), and a proposed district boundary. (study is posted on www.cityofkingston.ca/oldsydenham).

A "Heritage Conservation District" is an area of special character that is identified by its distinct "sense of place". The heritage resources within a district include buildings, structures, and cultural landscapes. The Province's heritage legislation allows district designation which protects an area's "heritage character".

The area included in the "District" is bounded by Barrie Street, Johnson Street, and King Street East. This primarily residential neighbourhood contains evidence of over 200 years of local history, including heritage buildings and cultural heritage landscapes.

The District Plan is changing now to incorporate the following:

- conservation and maintenance of buildings has clearer advice on protecting the structures.
- the boundary has been revised to exclude the Kingston General Hospital, and Queen's University property west of Barrie St.
- City staff will manage a permit process which would ensure that routine maintenance would not require a permit, minor alterations as defined would be delegated to staff for approval, and only larger projects would need to go to the Municipal Heritage Committee and Council for approval.
- Designation would *not* oblige the owner to either restore the property or maintain the building beyond what is expected of any property owner.
- Properties subject to easements are not subject to the Part V District Plan provisions, unless it involves a matter which is not addressed in an easement agreement.
- Parks Canada requested clearer references to the UNESCO World Heritage Designation and the National Historic sites.
- Documents for Official Plan zoning and by-law will be addressed as the five-year update is carried out
- Property owners will continue to be eligible for municipal grants; the intention is to expand the grant

program over the next several months
- Provisions include the adapted re-use of churches as their needs change over time.

Further information or questions on the District Plan may be directed to the Planning & Development Department staff at 613-546j-4291 ext. 1844 or email heritage@cityofkingston.ca

FAIRFIELD HOMESTEAD TIMELINE: 1812



In 1812, Stephen Fairfield was in charge of the homestead farm, which his father William had given to him in 1805. Stephen also described himself as an “innkeeper” in an 1812 document. The farmhouse was home for three generations of Fairfields, Stephen’s parents lived there along with Stephen, his wife Maria, and their children Jane, born 1800, and Harmon, born in 1803.

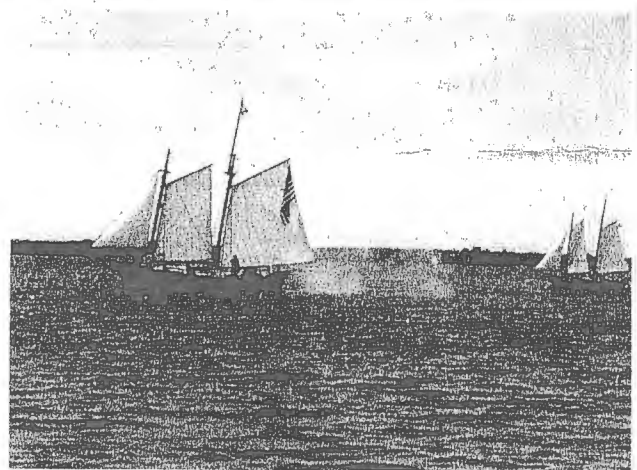
During the spring months of 1812, there were hints of war between Great Britain and the United States, and by July, war with the United States could no longer be avoided. The militia of the counties surrounding Kingston responded, and by July 4th, Captain Fralick’s “Light Horse of Dragoons” called in at Fairfield for 28 meals. In August, Stephen’s inn had numerous militia men as “guests”.

The war caught up directly with the Fairfield house by November, when naval action started in the Bay of

Quinte. On November 10th, apparently the *Royal George*, a 22-gun corvette of the Provincial Marine raced past sailing towards Kingston Harbour with seven American vessels in pursuit. Soon after these passed the Fairfield farm, shots echoed over the lake. The editor of the local *Gazette* had praise for the response of the local citizens, and specifically mentioned the older Loyalist men: “The alarm had been early communicated through the country, and persons of every age flocked into town from every quarter, eager to repulse the invaders from our peaceful shores. The veteran Loyalists who had manifested their zeal for their Sovereign during the American rebellion, shewed [sic] that age had not extinguished their ardour, and though many of them had passed that time of life when Military Service could be legally required, they scorned exemption when their inveterate foes approached ... The conduct of the inhabitants of the Midland District on this occasion will long be remembered in their honour. “

We can only imagine the conversations exchanged in Stephen Fairfield’s inn during the winter days that followed November 10th, 1812!

The Kingston and District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada wishes to acknowledge and sincerely thank the Government of Ontario for the support they have given us in achieving our outreach projects.





Old Sydenham Heritage Conservation District Recommended District Boundary

