

# CATARAQUI LOYALIST TOWN CRIER



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November 4, 1978*

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**NEXT MEETING: Spring Luncheon.** Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 11:30 for 12:00 seating at Minos Village Restaurant, 2762 Princess Street, Kingston. UELAC President Barb Andrew will bring greetings from the Association. Dr. Marcus Letourneau will be the speaker. Cost \$30 includes tax and tip. See full details and order form on page 10.

## **Kingston and District Branch UELAC**

### **Officers**

President: Peter Milliken  
Past President: Dean Taylor  
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Secretary: Loralee Martin  
Treasurer: Gerry Roney

### **Committee Chairs**

Genealogist: Anne Redish  
Hospitality: Maureen Long  
House: Jim Long  
Library: **VACANT**  
Membership & Welcome:  
Lorraine Sherren  
Newsletter: **VACANT**  
Programme: **VACANT**  
Publicity: Nancy Cutway  
Web Editor: Nancy Cutway

## **FAREWELL TO OUR EDITOR**

At the last branch meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>, President Peter Milliken announced that Carol Davy had tendered her resignation at the previous executive meeting from the dual positions she has held for the past decade or so: Editor of this newsletter, and Program Coordinator.

Fortunately, that advance knowledge meant we could quietly circulate a card during the meeting for signature by all present, expressing our thanks to Carol. She was also presented with a lovely flowering houseplant that will hopefully remind her for years to come of our deep appreciation for her contributions to Kingston and District Branch.

Unfortunately Nancy's camera chose that moment to flash "change batteries" so there is no photo of that presentation. The photo on page 2 is from the Heritage Fair in 2015, one of the many other occasions when Carol stepped in to contribute.

Now it's up to other members to come forward. This issue is being produced by an ad hoc group of volunteers, but they all have other positions already. What can you do? Given modern communications, the Editor can live anywhere in the world, and compile the newsletter by emailing back and forth with those executive members and others who

regularly contribute. The online and postal mail distribution can be done by local members after the newsletter is completed elsewhere.

There are usually 5 issues per year, maximum of 10 pages (5 sides back printed) each. (Five sheets of paper is the maximum weight that can be sent by first class mail within Canada.) A template in Word can be provided to the editor.

Please RUSH to volunteer to be Editor, or to fill the other vacancies on the branch executive.



*Carol Davy UE and 3 students at the Kingston Heritage Fair 2015. photo: Jim Long*

The 2016 Heritage Fair will be held at McArthur Hall (corner Union Street and Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd) on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. It's a great opportunity for members of the Kingston community to see what students are learning about Canada and its history.

## PROJECT: INDEXING OUR BRANCH SCRAPBOOKS

Over the almost thirty-eight years that Kingston and District Branch has existed, a number of members kept their own scrapbooks of events and clippings about Loyalists and Loyalist descendants. They have donated these scrapbooks to the branch, and they have been carefully kept in our locked cabinets ... but that's not useful to anyone.

We decided collectively that we need to create an index for each scrapbook. The individual indexes will eventually be merged and put on our website. It will then be possible for an individual in Kathmandu to check out references to, say, Michael Grass UE and take note of which scrapbooks and which pages are of interest. When they come to Kingston, they can ask to see that scrapbook.

We have at least 8 scrapbooks that need to be indexed. (A couple of others do not at first glance contain names of individuals, just minutes of meetings of the Bicentennial Committee in 1984.) So far we have indexed 233 pages, but there are probably at least double that number remaining to be indexed.

We work in pairs, one entering the information into an Excel spreadsheet on a laptop and the other sitting beside them reading out the data from each entry. We've established a routine, meeting on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH** at St. Paul's Church Hall. The next two work days will be **Tuesday, May 3** and **Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** **Please mark these days on your calendar and if at all possible, come for at least half a day.** We had 5 people turn out the first month, and 8 in April. We can easily accommodate about 16, if people will bring their own laptop (must have Excel on it).



These large scrapbooks can be a goldmine for a Loyalist descendant – once the information is indexed to be easily accessed.

Volunteers Joanne Robbie (from British Columbia), Judy Crawford (Burlington ON), Nancy Cutway, Paul Crawford (Burlington ON) and Anne Redish. Photo by Jim Long.

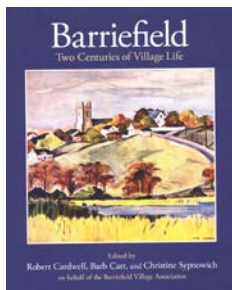


Volunteers on April 5: [standing] Anne Redish, Joanne Robbie, Judy Crawford, Nancy Cutway, Paul Crawford. [seated] Lorraine Sherren, Barb Carson.

We hope to see MANY more local volunteers at the next two indexing “bees”!

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## NEW BOOK ABOUT BARRIEFIELD



Anyone whose Loyalist ancestor settled in what became Pittsburgh Township, east of the Greater Cataraqui River, may be interested in a new book about the village of Barriefield. Edited by Robert Cardwell, Barb Carr and Christine Sypnowich, *Barriefield, Two Centuries of Village Life* is an attractive and comprehensive summary of the village up the hill from Kingston (now part of the city) over the past 200 years. It is well illustrated with paintings and photographs both historic and contemporary. The sources are well documented. Chapter titles include "Barriefield's Military Connection", "The Royal Naval Dockyard", "Personages and Personalities", "Women in Barriefield" and many more. Softcover, 203 pp, ISBN 978-1-5508-2436-0, published by Quarry Press. In Kingston it can be purchased at Novel Idea bookstore and probably elsewhere as well.

## LAND CLAIMS

Have you found it difficult to navigate the Library and Archives Canada website, looking for your Loyalist ancestor's land claim? Help is now here.

A genealogical researcher who anonymous publishes a blog entitled "Gone Researching" has come up with a "Cheat Sheet to the Digitized Upper Canada Land Books at the Héritage website" – see [http://goneresearching.blogspot.ca/2016\\_04\\_01\\_archive.html](http://goneresearching.blogspot.ca/2016_04_01_archive.html). You'll probably want to read his/her previous posts on the subject too:

Start with

<http://goneresearching.blogspot.ca/2016/03/digitized-land-patent-plans-at-archives.html>

then read

<http://goneresearching.blogspot.ca/2016/03/two-tips-for-searching-holdings-of-two.html>

and finally

<http://goneresearching.blogspot.ca/2016/03/digging-deeper-into-digitized-microfilm.html>

Of course, if you're just starting to prepare an application for certification as descendant of a Loyalist, you should contact our Branch Genealogist Anne Redish first. She can update you on recent changes to the documentation requirements for UELAC.

Email Anne at [ar11@queensu.ca](mailto:ar11@queensu.ca).

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## LOYALIST TRAILS

Are you receiving the free weekly newsletter by email, *Loyalist Trails*?

If not, why not? There are articles on Loyalist individuals and families; news items from the world of Loyalist research; updates to the Loyalist Directory; and other timely pieces.

To subscribe, just visit <http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/Loyalist-Trails-index.php> and click on "Subscribe now".

You can also read through the back archives of *Loyalist Trails* starting from that page.

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## LOYALISTS, LIGHTHOUSES & LOBSTERS

UELAC Annual AGM and Conference, July 7-10, 2016  
Summerside, Prince Edward Island

There's still time to register, although the closest hotel rooms are filled. For details, see

<http://www.uelac.org/Conference-2016/Atlantic-Conference-2016.php>

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## CONNECTING WITH YOUR COUSINS

Have you explored our new web page, “Loyalist Ancestors of Branch Members”? Check it out at

[http://www.uelac.org/Kingston/web\\_ancestor\\_list.pdf](http://www.uelac.org/Kingston/web_ancestor_list.pdf)

If you would like us to publish your name, your Loyalist ancestor’s name (if certified), his year of birth and death if known, your certificate number and your email address so that a distant cousin can find you, please send the information AND permission to publish it on the web, to the webmaster at [kingston.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.uelac@gmail.com)

Loyalist Ancestor	Birth & Death Years	Member Name	Member E-mail	Member Certificate
AUSTIN, Solomon	c1744 - 1826	Nancy Cutway	nancy.cutway@cogeco.ca	MC 2014-80

In other words, your information should include everything shown in the table. The reason we ask for the certificate number (as shown on each certificate, if you’ve proven descent from several different Loyalists) is that those still working through their certification application might not have completely accurate information to provide to someone contacting them.

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## A NEW “KNIGHT”

Congratulations to Branch President Peter Milliken UE, who now can add “KStG” to his post-nominal string of honours.

In early April, Peter and two other Kingstonians were invested into the Order of St. George in a ceremony at St. Bartholomew’s Anglican Church in Ottawa. According to the *Kingston Whig-Standard* of April 13<sup>th</sup> (page 2), “The Order of St. George is a charitable organization that focuses on three main areas of support: helping veterans who have been disabled or wounded; helping their families; and supporting cadet programs. It was founded on St. George’s Day, April 23, 1326, as a royal military order of knighthood by King Karoly Robert of Hungary.”

The three local men were invested by the National Capital Region Commandery of the International Knightly Order of St. George. “They can now use the letters KStG after their names and can use the title ‘chevalier’ on formal occasions,” reported the *Whig*.

And before too long, they will be able to meet locally. Kingston is apparently in the midst of establishing its own formal branch, or “commandery”. The local knight commander will be Vaughn Hughes, says the *Whig*.

Even though Peter’s now a Knight, apparently we do not have to address him as “Sir Peter”!!

We've recently received Newsletter #3 for the Roots 2016 celebration at Old Hay Bay Church:

## **Roots 2016 Celebration - August 26-28, 2016**

### **What's Happening?**

**Friday evening:** something which the pioneers would have never seen – Movie Night showing “Discovering Emma” which was filmed on location in 2000. This movie adds an intriguing twist to the drowning incident of 1819. We are hoping to welcome many of the cast & crew. Come & revisit the magical story while enjoying popcorn & a soft drink. Bring a **flashlight** as there are no streetlights on the Third Concession.

**Saturday all day: opening at 10 a.m.** - Vendors & displays with an historic theme – an area bus tour (once in the morning & again in the afternoon) – *Insights (the rest of the story* with Q & A sessions) inside the church – children's play & history area – canteen food by Bath Lions Club – demonstrations – shared genealogy & family tales area - catered roast beef dinner with entertainment by the lively Seventh Town Celtic Trio. Come and enjoy some fun & community spirit.

**Sunday all day: opening at 11:30** - an old Methodist Hymn-Sing – canteen food by Bath Lions Club – annual Pilgrimage service with Dr. Malcolm Sinclair as guest speaker and special music by the Salvation Army Band – social time with light refreshments – closing catered dinner with entertainment (more to come).

### **Further Facts:**

**Parking:** no parking on the church grounds or roadway. Use the Dorland Ball Field with shuttle bus to the church.

**Dinner Tickets:** need to be prepaid as only 200 are available/per night (they have been selling quickly already)

**Bus Tour:** 2 guided bus tours for an approximate two-hour tour (Saturday morning & Saturday afternoon). The tour covers most of Adolphustown & South Fredericksburgh townships. \$10.00 per person. An optional tour book, “Old Sites – New Sights” will be available for purchase at the church.

You can purchase your tour ticket before the tour starts but it will be “*First come – first serve*” (Bus holds 48 people). **Tickets can be pre-purchased.**

**More Info:** on our Facebook page as well as on our web site [www.oldhaybaychurch.ca](http://www.oldhaybaychurch.ca). Posters & pamphlets are being printed right now.

**Contact for tickets & info:** Kathy Staples – (613) 767-3100

1105 – 828 Sutton Mills Court, Kingston, ON K7P 2S9

[kathystaples0@gmail.com](mailto:kathystaples0@gmail.com)

**Cheques:** payable to: **Old Hay Bay Church**

**Plan on attending & please tell others about this event**

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**Old Hay Bay Church**

**Roots 2016**

**Roast Beef Dinner – Entertainment - Displays**

**When:** Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** South Fredericksburgh Community Centre  
2470 County Road 8, Napanee

Time: 6 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25. Per person/per night

Tickets must be prepaid – none available at the door

Due to the expected popularity of these tickets, purchase must be made as soon as possible. Once issued, tickets cannot be used on another night without contacting immediately.....

**Contact:** Kathy Staples – 1105 – 828 Sutton Mills Court, Kingston, ON, K7P 2S9

[kathystaples0@gmail.com](mailto:kathystaples0@gmail.com) or 613-767-3100

**Order Form: Old Hay Bay Church Roast Beef Dinner**

**Print** Name & Contact info (including email or phone number)

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Sat. Aug. 27, 2016: Entertainment by Seventh Town Celtic Trio

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Sun. Aug. 28, 2016: Entertainment by Janet Kellough and others

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Cheque or money order payable to: **Old Hay Bay Church**

**Mail form & cheque to: Mrs. Kathy Staples at address above.**



## IN MEMORIAM

Lynne Cook, Genealogist of St. Lawrence Branch UELAC, passed away on March 16, 2016. Lynne was not a member of Kingston and District Branch, but undoubtedly was of help to branch members over the years. She was a font of information about Loyalists in Eastern Ontario. She will be missed.

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Want to see the Loyalist flag flying in Kingston?

Then come to the flag raising on the city pole across from City Hall, on **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**.

We meet at City Hall about 10 minutes before noon. At **12:00 pm** we are escorted across Ontario Street by a fife and drum from the Fort Henry Guard, and our Loyalist Flag is raised. It flies for the day, marking Loyalist Day in Kingston.

There are always boaters and tourists in Confederation Park, and they are usually suitably impressed by the ceremony. It's a great way to raise awareness about United Empire Loyalists.

It's always nice to have a good turnout of our members to support the event. Please give us half an hour of your time.

Hope to see you ALL there.



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## SPRING LUNCHEON

Come help us celebrate Loyalist Day in Kingston (June 12<sup>th</sup>) and First Capital Day (June 15<sup>th</sup>).  
 On June 12, 1784, Governor Frederick Haldimand received approval from George III for "settling some of the Loyalists at Cataraqui and places adjacent".  
 On June 15, 1841, Kingston was named the first capital of a united Canada.

**Place:** Minos Village Restaurant, 2762 Princess Street, Kingston

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016. Arrive after 11:30 a.m. for 12-12:15 seating. Free parking.

**Speaker:** Dr. Marcus Letourneau, Historical Geographer and Heritage Consultant. Marcus is an adjunct assistant professor at Queen's University, and a former heritage planner (2004-2011) with the City of Kingston.

**Topic:** "What is the future of the past? Creative Directions and Opportunities in Heritage Conservation and Celebration".

House Salad

CHOICE OF:

Pork Souvlaki

OR

Cotoletta Petite (Breaded chicken with madeira sauce)

OR

Salmon Filet with lemon dill sauce

Each meal comes with rice, potato and steamed vegetables

Dessert

Coffee or Tea

**Cost:** \$30 including tax and gratuity.

Must specify choice of entrée when ordering tickets.

Tickets may be ordered by sending a cheque payable to **Kingston & District UELAC** to PO Box 635, Kingston, ON, K7L 4X1 before June 8, 2016. Tickets will not be mailed, but will be held for you at the door. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of your payment: include your email and telephone number when ordering your tickets. For further details, please contact [kingston.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.uelac@gmail.com) or call Nancy at 613-549-2280.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice of entrée and number of each: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your cheque payable to the *Kingston and District Branch, UELAC*. Tickets must be ordered by Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.