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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church Hall. (Sandwich 'n square lunch at 12:00, hall open from 11:30 a.m.). Do bring your friends for an interesting session.

Author Jennifer DeBruin will speak on **“In Search of "Home" - The Loyalist Experience through War, Displacement, and Settlement from the Mohawk Valley to the St. Lawrence River”**.

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SPRING BANQUET

A delightful luncheon, colourful uniforms, guests from afar, and an interesting speaker ... all added up to a successful Banquet.





We were particularly grateful for door prizes donated by several people and organizations. One lucky attendee won a gift certificate from General Brock's Commissary, a fairly recent addition to lower Brock Street in Kingston. The co-owner Chris Shelley also kindly graced our lunch as Major-General Sir Isaac Brock. Anne Redish had also dressed in 1812-era attire.

Another lucky attendee received a pass for the entire season to the Lennox & Addington County Museum and Archives. She was thrilled, as she was planning to spend time this summer researching a potential Loyalist ancestor. If you also plan a visit to the L&A Archives (which are open year round), check their website first for hours etc. Go to www.lennoxandaddingtonhistoricalsociety.ca and click the Archives button.

To see other photos and a fuller report on the luncheon including Dr. Letourneau's speech, go to www.uelac.org/kingston/2016_lunch_report.pdf

Congratulations to Ron Storing and his sister Mary Ann Bell, who were presented with certificates at the lunch for their proven descent from Hermanus See UEL. Mary Ann was unable to attend, so her sister Doris Wemp accepted her certificate. Both were presented by UELAC Dominion President Barb Andrew, who also gave a brief address before our main speaker, Dr. Marcus Letourneau.



Welcome New 2016 Branch Members

- Loralee Martin
- Joelle Ross
- Leigh Smith
- Correine Wiechec

LOYALIST DAY IN KINGSTON - June 12, 2016

As usual, a fife and drum unit from the Fort Henry Guard were on hand to add sound and colour to the flag-raising. Some of us arrived in 1776-era attire: Donald Roy made his own shirt and the costume for his wife Lorelee Martin. Nancy Cutway wove her linsey-woolsey overdress in 1984 and made the rest to accompany it. Anne Redish dressed in an 1812-era gown.

The Guardsmen led the assembled Loyalists and Deputy Mayor Richard Allen across Ontario Street to the City flagpole in Confederation Park. The City of Kingston flag was removed for the day, and the Loyalist flag (George III flag) was raised. Branch President Peter Milliken read the official Proclamation of Loyalist Day in Kingston, and as the Loyalist flag rose the fife and drum led us in the singing of God Save the Queen.

The flag reached the top of the pole just as the first drops of rain began to fall from the dark cloud overhead. Despite the raindrops, Deputy Mayor Richard Allen brought greetings from the City and acknowledged the contributions of the Loyalists in the founding of this city. Councillor Allen said he believes he too is descended from a United Empire Loyalist, as are about 10% of the Canadian population.

Some paused for a group photo after the ceremony:



L-R: Terry Hicks UE, Anne Redish UE, Lorelee Martin UE, Donald Roy, Pvt. Pacheco Nicolas, Pvt. Jeff Cato, Lance Corporal MacNiven, Nancy Cutway UE, Deputy Mayor Richard Allen, Peter Milliken UE, Carol Davy UE.

To see all the photos, please visit

http://www.uelac.org/Kingston/2016_LOYALIST_DAY_IN_KINGSTON.pdf



Unless you subscribe to the weekly e-mailed *Loyalist Trails*, you will have missed the story about finding a 1935 issue of the *Canadian Geographic* magazine that featured Loyalist mills. Here's the link to the full story which includes photos and stories about mills at Napanee and Kingston Mills among other places. Interestingly, it seems that the name of the new post-1998 amalgamation township in Lennox & Addington of "Stone Mills" is really an old name from Loyalist times. See <http://www.uelac.org/events/Old-Mills-of-The-Loyalists-1935-Cdn-Geographic.pdf>



HERITAGE DAY

May 12 saw the branch once again setting up a table at the Heritage Fair held at McArthur Hall. Students were to visit the various tables, answer a question posed by someone at the table, and then receive a stamp in their program – an activity seemingly designed to occupy them while their heritage projects were being judged and broaden their exposure to aspects of Canadian Heritage outside their own project research. The event was shortened this year, possibly because there were fewer submissions.

The branch is grateful for the assistance of Carol Davy, Jim Long, Anne Redish and Lorraine Sherren in making the outreach effort a success.



Photo courtesy Anne Redish UE

Loyalists, Lighthouses and Lobsters, U.E.L.A.C. Annual Dominion Conference, Summerside, P.E.I., July 7 to 10, 2016 – report by Anne Redish



The Atlantic Region branches joined together to create the wonderful 2016 Annual Conference, held in Summerside, P.E.I., this past July. Having the events in early July made it possible for some folks to extend their Atlantic visit to include extended family, historic sites, and other maritime adventures.

Our hosts were Peter Van Iderstine, President, Abegweit Branch, P.E.I., Jim MacKenzie UE, Atlantic Regional Vice President and Treasurer New Brunswick Branch, Carol Harding UE, Atlantic Regional Councillor, Nova Scotia Branch, Dave Laskey UE, Dominion Treasurer and Membership Chair New Brunswick Branch and Christine Manzer UE, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Director, Vancouver Branch.

In the Conference Guide, we received welcome greetings from the Honorable H. Frank Lewis, the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, Wade MacLauchlan, Premier of Prince Edward Island, and Mayor Bill Martin of Summerside. Similarly our President Barbara J Andrew UE welcomed everyone and encouraged us to embrace the opportunities to connect with those from other areas, with pride in our shared heritage.

My focus for this conference was preparation for the Genealogist Meeting on Thursday July 7, at 1:00 pm. Marlene Dance UE, Chilliwack Branch and I shared the progress made by the Genealogical Review Committee that has been working for about a year under the guidance of the Dominion Genealogist, reviewing and developing updated U.E. Certificate Application form and Handbook. The result of our progress was presented, and adjustments have been ongoing since then to complete some fine tuning.

The Genealogist Meeting was well attended by Genealogists or their representatives from across the country and excellent points were discussed, resulting in a very collegial meeting. An audio recording of the meeting was made, and we now have a transcript courtesy of Joanne Tuskin UE, UELAC Secretary, Simcoe Branch which will help us develop more resources to share the updates with those who were unable to attend, or who want a review.

The 84th Regiment of Foot Second Battalion Regimental Association Parade and Inspection was held indoors at the official opening of the Conference on Thursday Evening. More information about this re-enacting group and the original regiment are at: <http://www.journalpioneer.com/News/Local/2016-07-07/article-4581370/Reenactment-group-sets-up-camp-in-Summerside/1> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/84th_Regiment_of_Foot_\(Royal_Highland_Emigrants\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/84th_Regiment_of_Foot_(Royal_Highland_Emigrants)). They were welcomed to the conference, and they and their outdoor camp, which housed themselves and their Camp Followers through a 'dousingly' rainy night, provided a very present reminder of the past.

The registration parlour reopened very early each morning, quickly becoming hub of the conference. Here we met former and new friends, placed our silent auction bids, bought raffle tickets for the gorgeous gift baskets, and perused and purchased various items from authors and other vendors.



Friday morning brought another cool, cloudy day and our visit to 1985 Bedeque Loyalist Monument honouring the arrival in 1784 of the Bedeque Harbour Loyalists. <http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Monuments/Bedeque-Harbour-Monument.php>. Across from this is the Bedeque Area Historical Museum and its amazing range of wonderfully exhibited antiques and artifacts from the area, from a wide span of time. Buses carried the 2016 Loyalists to Green Gables and other regional sites.

The afternoon provided various options followed by a juicy Lobster dinner and the Sunset Ceremony by the 84th Regiment. But I think that many would say that the "Kitchen Party" maritime music by Mike Pendergast and Friends was a real hit. This is one of the favourites!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=216XsfCaUgE> and the group performed a few Stompin' Tom Connors' songs, like this one! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6Cfnl1XnZg>. I hope you get a sense of the event seeing these videos! It was so much fun! Dave Laskey and I had a musical-spoons 'competition' in the 'back row'!

The Annual General meeting was very efficient and effective, providing opportunities for discussion and learning about the procedures around the election of Regional Vice Presidents, specifically the process when two candidates are nominated for the position, and how the nomination and voting procedures work. It was a great bonding opportunity for all, and included some good problem solving and

communication. We got a sneak peek into plans for the 2017 Conference in London Ontario, which looks to have great facilities and activities in the line-up for everyone.

The lunch was topped off with the Gift Basket Draws. The afternoon Expert Presentations were well attended, and a specific treat was to hear the wonderful Stephen Davidson speak about his passion for research. You likely know of him from his regular articles in *Loyalist Trails*.

The Banquet Dinner, with many in Loyalist Dress, was a real treat, and was followed by presentation of the 2016 Dorchester Award to Kawartha Branch long-time member, Genealogist, recent assistant to the late Libby Hancocks UE, the very deserving Joan Lucas UE. This was followed by the very talented Singing Strings Senior Youth Orchestra.

Our travel plans made an early departure necessary, so I did not participate in the Church or Lunch events on Sunday. It was a gently lovely time in PEI. I only wish that the sun had appeared a few more times!



Joan Lucas receives Dorchester Award

ROOTS 2016



A celebration of Loyalist Roots was held at Old Hay Bay Church in Adolphus-town on August 27-29. A number of Kingston and District Branch members attended: from left to right Susan Kilpatrick, Peter Davy UE, Carol Davy UE, Jim Long UE, Lois O'Hara and in the window is Ross Long UE.

Photo courtesy Paul Van Nest

We look forward to hearing about the event at our meeting on September 24th.

PLANNING YOUR GRAVESTONE?? - by Lorraine Sherren, UE, Branch Membership Chair

Last year, when my husband and I were making arrangements for our eventual burial at Glenhaven Memorial Gardens in Kingston, I asked if I could have the UELAC emblem on our stone. We were told that, unfortunately, the casting did not exist in their database. Our Family Services Director did admit that he found it unusual, given that they have the emblem for the DAR, yet here in Loyalist country they did not have permission to use the UELAC emblem (unless, of course, you purchased it at a substantial extra cost).

Well, it appears that Dan brought this anomaly to the executive of Arbor Memorial Inc. and they petitioned Dominion. The result is that the UELAC Cypher is now available at no extra charge for use on gravestones or plaques in any cemetery in Ontario affiliated with the Arbor Memorial Inc., including Glenhaven Memorial Gardens, Kingston. The actual size of the casting is 3 ½" x 3 ½" and is in brass. For those who are not familiar with the cypher, this is what it looks like.



If you are considering making your Cemetery Arrangements, have your U.E. Certificate, and are interested in having this cypher on your stone, Dan Zemba, Family Services Director at Glenhaven Memorial Gardens, has offered to give you a 10% discount on your purchase (products & services), and a discount on your Funeral needs as well. He can be reached at: 613-542-3577; e-mail: dzemba@arbormemorial.com.



IN MEMORIAM

We are sorry to report the passing of Donald Arthur Cameron UE on August 18, 2016. He had been a Branch member for more than a dozen years (sorry, a little gap in our records pre-computer days means we don't have an exact count of membership years). He was a descendant of Henry Gallinger UEL.

You can read Donald's notice from the *Kingston Whig-Standard* at <http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?old=971407>



UE ANCESTOR LIST

Please remember to submit your information for our online UE Ancestor List at http://www.uelac.org/Kingston/branch_ancestors.php

Send an email with your name, your proven UEL ancestor's name, his dates (birth and death year if known), your UELAC Certification number (MC.....) and giving permission to add this information to the online list, to our webmaster at kingston.uelac@gmail.com. You just might hear from a distant cousin!

LOYALIST BURIAL GROUNDS, ADOLPHUSTOWN

Thanks to Anne Redish UE for photos from an event at the Loyalist Burial Grounds, Adolphustown on June 19, 2016:



Left: Brian Tackaberry UE, Bay of Quinte Branch and Anne Redish UE, Central East Ontario VP, with new plaque.

Right: 1884 Monument. The new plaque says, *This monument is the oldest monument dedicated to the Loyalist in all of Canada, erected in 1884 during the Celebrations to mark the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of the Loyalists in Ontario.*

The monument and cemetery were refurbished in 1956 when the Ontario Provincial Government, under Premier Leslie Frost, established a Provincial Park here dedicated to the Loyalists.

The monument was restored during 2015 by Campbell Monument and rededicated on May 24, 2015 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the UEL Association of Ontario.

Look at the above wording carefully, taken from the photo of the plaque on the next page. Can you see what is wrong???



Do you see the error on the wording of the plaque?

There is no such organization as the “UEL Association of Ontario”. That body did exist in the past, but only from 1896 to 1913. On 27 May 1914, an Act of the Dominion Parliament created the “United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada”. Perhaps it could have said: “.....to celebrate the recent 100th anniversary of what began as the UEL Association of Ontario.” Wording makes a difference.

It’s a cautionary lesson for us all, not to believe every statement found on a plaque or tombstone ... remember to check any family history facts from as many different sources as are available, preferably from original sources rather than derivative ones. After all, the classic error is a tombstone in St. Mary Magdalene Church cemetery in Picton that reports someone died on “February 31”!

And remember to re-check your facts when you write up your family history, so you don’t end up perpetuating errors handed down through the family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 15, 2016, 10:00 am – Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society meets at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street, Kingston. All are welcome to hear Debra McAuslan speak on **"Palatines...refugees from another time"**. Since many Loyalists were of Palatine descent, this talk should be of interest to Loyalist descendants.

UELAC Conference 2017 : Jun 22-25, 2017, at the Delta Armoury Hotel in London, ON, co-hosted by London & Western Ontario Branch and Grand River Branch. Mark your calendars now!

November, 2016 – Last Newsletter from this Branch? - Our Acting Editor has drawn her line in the sand. This is an urgent plea for a member of our Branch to step forward and offer to be our Editor or co-Editor. You don’t have to live in Kingston; you just need a creative mind, a computer and an e-mail address. There is already a Word template to help you lay out the content of each issue. Additional software could be provided. Those interested, please e-mail the Branch at kingston.uelac@gmail.com.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 – Kingston & District Branch UELAC, **Annual General Meeting**. 1:00 pm at St. Paul’s Church Hall. Please come prepared to participate – that means offering to take at least a minor role in the operation of the Branch, as part of a committee team. Without your ACTIVE involvement, we may have difficulty continuing. Please help fill the numerous vacancies shown on page 1 of this letter.