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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 3, 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 Jean Rae Baxter will speak on "**Honouring Loyalist History through Fiction.**" You'll want to glean some tips on writing Loyalist stories, as we approach Canada's 150th anniversary and plan our own project in celebration (see below).

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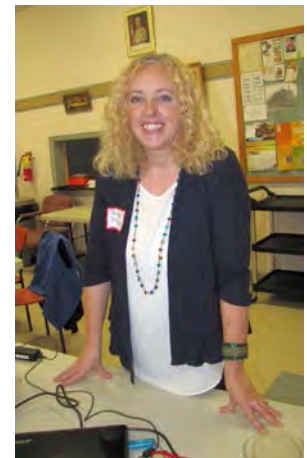
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SEPTEMBER MEETING

A good number of members and several visitors came to hear **Jennifer DeBruin UE** whose topic was "**In Search of "Home" - The Loyalist Experience through War, Displacement, and Settlement from the Mohawk Valley to the St. Lawrence River**".

Jennifer is descended from several Loyalist families who originally lived in the Mohawk Valley, among them Eamer and Alguire. Though the menfolk served in both the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the King's Royal Regiment of New York (KRRNY), Jennifer explained that her 2nd Battalion ancestors chose to settle along the St. Lawrence near Cornwall, Ontario, rather than with the majority of the 2nd Battalion who lived in the Bay of Quinte region. This was done so they could be close to their once neighbours and family of the Mohawk Valley.



The women, meanwhile, carried on as best they could during the war, looking after their children, animals, and properties. After the Revolution ended, when they were ordered to vacate their homes, many travelled to Canada along the waterways, but some crossed the

Adirondack Mountains often without their menfolk along to help. Rather, they followed those sent to rescue them, which were often allied Mohawk guides.

In June, Jennifer attended the Second Annual Conference on The American Revolution in the Mohawk Valley, organized by the Fort Plain Museum and held at Fulton Montgomery Community College. The speakers and tours provided an opportunity for Jennifer to learn how the Revolutionary War progressed in the Mohawk Valley, and to see where her ancestors lived. She learned, for instance, that on May 19, 1776 Sir John Johnson and 170 of his tenant farmers and friends escaped from Patriot troops coming to arrest Sir John. They escaped in the night, making their way north to Quebec, where Sir John raised the KRRNY, which later returned to the valley and other regions to fight the "rebels". Among these battles was the "Burning of the Valleys." In October 1780, the Loyalist regiments were determined to not only rescue Loyalist families, but ensure those of the patriot cause would be unable to sustain themselves in the valley. The goal was to burn the crops and homes of the "rebels" and leave the valley smoldering, a tactic used by the Americans against the Loyalist families as well. Johnson Hall at Johnstown was not burned because it had been commandeered by the Patriots for use as their headquarters. (The Guy Johnson Manor also escaped the fires, but was very badly damaged by Hurricane Irene in 2011 and though now being restored, appears it will not be open to the public in the future, rather being used by NY State for offices.)



photo courtesy Jennifer DeBruin UEL

The Palatine (Lutheran) Church was built in 1770 between Nelliston and St. Johnsville, New York. It is one of the few pre-Revolution buildings remaining, as most others disappeared after the Burning of the Valleys. It is now on the US National Register of Historic Places.

Jennifer also visited Fort Klock where there is a "fortified house" -- not a real fort, but the house had deep stone walls with gun slits for shooting out from the house, once the windows had been sealed with thick wooden interior shutters. Water was brought right into the basement from a nearby creek so that families could barricade themselves in the house for weeks at a time. This is where area families sheltered during the Burning of the Valleys campaign.

Other places of significance to Loyalist history in the area she toured were the Oriskany Battlefield and Fort Stanwix, both in Rome, New York.

Jennifer pointed out that when the Loyalists came to Canada, the refugees were not welcomed by the local population. Whether they settled in Nova Scotia or camped in tents at places such as Sorel, Quebec, the settlers already there were afraid the incomers would take their jobs or get better land. Though the American Revolution officially ended on September 3, 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, it wasn't until early 1784 that land had finally been surveyed for the permanent settlement of the Loyalist refugees. Jennifer's German Palatine and Scottish Loyalist ancestors went west to settle in what is now known as Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Counties, along the St. Lawrence River.

The Loyalist families were not done with war yet. During the War of 1812, the Americans set their sights on Canada. By 1813, capturing Montreal became their objective as it would effectively cut the country in half, thereby weakening the ability of Canada to repel their advances. One skirmish of this campaign happened on November 10, 1813 at Hoople's Creek near Morrisburg. The Americans moving east were hoping to seize the ammunition stores in Cornwall, but as they made their way overland they were ambushed by 300 men of various SD&G militia units. Though the militia did not win the exchange -- Jennifer's loyal ancestor, Peter Eamer, being one of two wounded in the fight -- the skirmish did delay the Americans moving forward. This delay provided enough time to load 150 wagons with the ammunition at Cornwall, which were then transported safely to Coteau-du-Lac, and out of reach of the Americans. The next day, the more famous Battle of Crysler's Farm was fought. Thousands met in conflict upon this farmland turned battlefield near Morrisburg.

Finally, Jennifer showed some photos from the Lost Villages, six villages and three hamlets housing 6,500 people that were destroyed for the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1958. Many of the villages had been founded by the Loyalists as part of the settlements of 1784. A few tombstones were moved to Upper Canada Village, but the graves of the King's Royal Regiment of New York now lie under water, and their descendants once again had to find new homes.



UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST GRAVES AND GRAVESTONES IN CANADA

Brian McConnell, President of the Nova Scotia Branch, UELAC, has been researching the location of United Empire Loyalist graves and gravestones in Canada. He has been preparing a new online reference source for approximately a year.

The fruits of this research is now available as virtual cemeteries, many with photographs, organized separately for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario as well as Canada as a whole on the [FIND A GRAVE website](#) here.

There are 516 identified so far, including pictures of ones he has visited and photographed in Nova Scotia. This includes some 51 United Empire Loyalist Burial Grounds in Nova Scotia.

Hopefully you will find this interesting and helpful. If you know of other Loyalist graves and gravestones in Canada please let Brian know at brianm564@gmail.com so he can add them.

Reproduced from the email newsletter "Loyalist Trails" 2016-44, October 30, 2016.

{Note: you can use the FindaGrave link above to check whether someone else has already added your UEL ancestor to the list: Nancy Cutway UE found that two out of six ancestors are already there; she then realized that she has information about only one other, so the quest is on to find where the remaining three are buried. Do you know where your UEL ancestor is buried?}

CARSCALLEN-HINCH CEMETERY

On Saturday, September 17, 2016 the burial place of U.E. Loyalist John C. Carscallen, family members and descendants of other Loyalists got a new look and fresh recognition, when a plaque was dedicated at the Carscallen-Hinch cemetery on County Road 1 in North Fredericksburgh. This was the culmination of a 20-year dream first expressed at a Bell family reunion, and brought to fruition by several descendants of Bells, Carscallens, Switzers and Frasers, all Loyalist families.

John Carscallen was granted 200 acres of land in Camden Township in 1805 in recognition of his loyal service. He died in 1828 but the land remained in the family until James Hinch purchased the property in 1885. In 1897, a grandson of John C. Carscallen living in New Jersey purchased the area of the cemetery and a right of way. For 119 years, the Hinch family descendants have overseen this cemetery. When Gerald Hinch heard last year of the 20-year-old wish to commemorate those buried here, he contacted a Bell descendant (our member Sharon Cadieux) and they started the process.



Photos courtesy Sharon Cadieux UE

This was not done as quickly as you might think. First they had to locate and move to the plot a suitable stone on which to mount the plaque. Then they had to locate a foundry to cast the bronze plaque; this entailed three trips from Kingston to Merrickville. Once the plaque was made, they had to hire a stone mason to mount the plaque.



It was also necessary to purchase and install 19 seven-foot steel posts around the plot, and measure and cut 18 lengths of chain to complete the perimeter “fence”. The committee of 5 who oversaw the project say “It is thanks to people like our generous donors, and to Gerald Hinch, who resurrected the project last year, that we have been able to do this. Special thanks also go to Gerald and his brother, James, current owner of the farm, for the use of their front-end loader in installing the

posts, to Jane Scott, interim President, and Robert Hammond, Treasurer, of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society, both of whom have been extremely helpful.”

The Historical Society was instrumental in helping the descendants raise funds for the project: they agreed to flow donations through the Society so they could provide receipts for income tax purposes. Donations came from as far away as Saskatchewan and some US states, from descendants who were pleased to see their ancestors commemorated in this way.



The completed enclosure and stone - photo Sharon Cadieux UE

Known to be buried is John Carscallen, his wife Esther Fraser (daughter of Daniel Fraser), William Bell, Junior and his wife Ann Carscallen, (sister of John), Phillip Geier Switzer in 1854 at age 33 (has the only visible headstone), grandson of William and Ann Bell, with his brother James Bell Switzer. Presumably, Dr. Francis Purcell and his wife Jane Dillenbeck Purcell (wife also of James Switzer) and granddaughter of John Carscallen are thought to be in this plot. Since the completion of the site, Gerald Hinch recently had dowsers witching the plot and stated to have found over 30 burial locations.



From left: Lynn Bell, James Hinch, Gerald Hinch, Sharon Cadieux, Trudy Morris, Cora Reid, Rene Cadieux.

Photo courtesy *Napanee Beaver*

HERITAGE GRANT

Kingston and District Branch UELAC have recently been notified of approval for a grant of \$1,545 under the Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) program for the 2016-17 fiscal year. As the letter from Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport said, they want to help “strengthen the capacity of organizations to meet heritage sector goals and challenges in the context of government priorities.”

One of our Branch’s goals is outreach: to bring the story of United Empire Loyalists to such varied groups as school children and others with an interest in history. Anne Redish UE and Nancy Cutway UE will be speaking to a Grade 6/7 French Immersion class from Ecole Catholique Cathedrale on November 29th, as part of the Beyond Classrooms Kingston program. If this is a positive experience all around, it may provide a good way for our Branch to get more involved with local school children. Look for details in future newsletters (assuming someone volunteers to be Editor!) of how you can help educate the public on the Loyalists.



LOYALIST DNA

Nancy Cutway UE writes,

When you have your DNA tested, the company matches it against all previously tested clients. If they match yours, they are sent an email telling them of this additional match to their DNA.

I recently had my DNA tested by FamilyTreeDNA. About a month after submitting two swabs of the inside of my cheeks, I got an email telling me that my results were available and how to download them. But even before I had a chance to do so, I received an email from a 5th cousin once removed: Peter Johnson UE, co-Dominion Genealogist for UELAC. Peter had been notified that I was a newly tested 4th-5th cousin for him (the results are a little indefinite, leaving it up to the person to establish the exact relationship after they contact their new “cousin”). Peter and I have known since 1980 that we are connected through Solomon Huff UE.

It was actually very good to get this confirmation that the tests do work. I also found a match in my list with a 4th-cousin on another, non-Loyalist line, again confirming genetically the connection we’d established several years ago by searching the paper records.

Now I have to look at the other 1,113 matches that are somewhere between 3rd and 5th cousins ... that should keep me busy for a while!



CANADA 150 PROJECT

We’re hoping to collect 150 family stories for inclusion on our branch website next year – in honour of Canada’s 150th anniversary.

Jean Rae Baxter's talk at our December 3rd meeting on **Honouring Loyalist History in Fiction** = the writing of fiction based on historic events – may give you some suggestions. We're not asking you for fiction, but we do want some lively writing. We want a brief sketch or vignette about your Loyalist ancestors and in order to make them readable by the general public, we'll hope for something that might include action, characters and plot ... for this project we don't want your full history of descent from a Loyalist ancestor, or how you proved it. We just want a human-interest type story from a Loyalist ancestor's life, or even from a non-Loyalist ancestor that comes with an interesting story of how her family connected with her husband's Loyalist family, for instance. Our Loyalist ancestors and their 'early 1800s' descendants contributed to the development of their communities, and to Canada as it grew towards confederation and thereafter, and the 150th Anniversary we will be celebrating.

For example, the story has come down in one family that when the Loyalist and his wife were elderly, they were living apart, each living with a married daughter so that they could be nursed. When the old lady died, a grandchild was sent to his aunt and uncle's home to tell them of grandma's passing so that they could break the news to the old man. On the way, he met a relative coming the other direction, on the same errand: the elderly couple had died within an hour of each other, after 51 years of marriage. Certainly their tombstone in Norfolk County gives the same date of death for both of them.

Perhaps you have an artifact which has come down through the family from a Loyalist – a musket, a portrait, a parlour table, etc. You could write the story of the item and include a photograph of it.

No "proof" of Loyalist descent is necessary for this project. Just write a page about each interesting event or person found among your Loyalist ancestry. Send it as a Word, WordPerfect, .rtf or .txt file attached to an email to our branch address, kingston.uelac@gmail.com. Please make sure to include your name (because we can't always tell from email addresses) and it will help if you put "Canada 150" in the Subject line. Please submit by June 1st if possible, so all can be on the website by Canada Day.

Please be aware that your submissions will be posted on our website www.uelac.org/kingston and will be available for all the world to read. We hope the 150 stories we post will inspire a few other Canadians to think about the Loyalists and perhaps try to determine if they too have a Loyalist ancestor.



REPORT FROM OUR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Anne Redish UE, Central Region East Vice President, reports on the latest Dominion board meeting: "One of the 'NEW' things was that I skyped in, since I was not available. There is some strong interest in making this possible in a wider form in the future - another step in modernizing. And there is a new Marketing / Public Relations / Outreach / Merchandising Committee that is developing a mandate in an area that needs some work. An updated Privacy Policy that respects the Canadian Privacy Legislation in the works, to be passed very soon. Following a Fall meeting at the Col. Jessup Branch, some new modifications to the Certificate Application Form have been made, and more are in the works. The feedback was key in fine tuning the work that the committee did. We have talked about online means of payment of membership and certificates, but this is still in the discussion phase. Input from someone with such expertise is welcome."

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK LAUNCH

Hostages to Fortune - the United Empire Loyalists and the Making of Canada

By Peter C. Newman

Monday, December 5, 7:30 pm, Renaissance Event Venue, 285 Queen Street, Kingston.

This event is co-sponsored by Kingston & District Branch UELAC and the Frontenac Heritage Foundation. Light refreshments will be available.

All are invited to come meet the author, and have him sign your copy (books will be available for purchase). This can make a great Christmas gift for all members of your family!

Published by Simon & Shuster Canada, 272 pages (ISBN 9781451686098 - hardcover, \$36.95; also available as ebook, ISBN 9781451686159, \$17.99).

Saturday January 14, 2017, 6:30 for 7:00 pm -- Sir John A Macdonald Birthday Dinner at the Senior Staff Mess, Royal Military College. Mayor Bryan Paterson will speak on "**Sir John, the local politician.**" For ticket information, please contact kingstonhs@gmail.com – and do it soon, because this event always sells out.

Saturday, January 21, 2017, 10:00 am – Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society meets at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street, Kingston. Topic is "**Who Knew? Part 2**" – continuing on from an interesting 2016 meeting where members told of unexpected discoveries in their family history research.

Saturday, January 28, 2017, 1:00 pm – Kingston and District Branch UELAC meeting at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall. 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 all Loyalist descendants. As usual in January, our hot potluck lunch will precede the meeting.

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!

Please send in your 2017 membership as soon as possible – it makes it much easier for the Dominion Office to plan and for Kingston and District Branch to budget for 2017.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD TREE FALL

A few days before our September meeting, high winds combined with the age of a huge maple to snap it off and deposit the top half in the churchyard.



The Stuart Lair is the dark cube seen through the branches in the middle of the photo on the right. It was restored in recent years by the Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society.

Fortunately the church's insurance covered most of the cost of removal. Also very fortunate was the fact it did not damage the stone wall along Montreal Street which was restored a couple of years ago – nor was anyone injured.



At the time these photos were taken, it also was not thought to have damaged any of the gravestones under it, since most were already flat to the ground.



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