

# CATARAQUI LOYALIST TOWN CRIER



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**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 27, 1:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Church Hall, 137 Queen Street. Speaker: **Kathy Staples** will speak about "Old Hay Bay Church and Its People."

Join us for a Hot & Cold Potluck Lunch, 11:30 a.m. for 12:00 sitting. Cost \$3.50 for those not bringing a contribution. Lunching together is a great way to get to know your fellow Loyalists.

## **Kingston & District Branch UELAC For the year 2018**

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*Thanks to the new members of the executive board. We still desperately need a Secretary, and someone willing to serve as Vice President and to move up in future to be President.*



## **DECEMBER 2, 2017 MEETING**

Our topic was "Accessing and Preserving Family Heirlooms" presented by Adriane VanSeggelen, Conservator at the Archives of Ontario.



Adriane's talk was very interesting and informative, but a little scary for those of us who are still storing old family photos in shoeboxes in the basement, or old grocery store cartons in the garage ... but now we know what NOT to do, and how to remedy these situations which could lead to the irreversible degeneration of photographs and paper documents.

Adriane defined Preservation as “actions taken to prevent damage through use of safe storage methods”. She discussed ideal environments and containers (18-20 °C, 50% humidity) as well as handling and display methods.

Storage Basics – Housing			
Material	What to look for	Benefits	Caution
Paper (folders and boxes) 	Acid Free • Neutral pH • Lignin free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protects from light and dust</li> <li>Can decrease the acidity of paper items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires replacement over time</li> <li>Nothing stays acid free forever</li> </ul>
Plastics (sleeves) 	Inert • Will not react and deteriorate  Examples: • Polyethylene (PE) • Polypropylene (PP) • Polyester Acrylic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can easily see items</li> <li>Protects from dust</li> <li>Protection during handling</li> <li>Great for slides, photographic negatives and prints</li> <li>Can use to stabilize fragile paper items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not use for items with flaky surfaces</li> </ul>

First, we need to remove paper clips and staples from documents we want to keep forever.

Printer paper is acid-free, so it can be safely used as a divider between documents; or fold a sheet to enclose a document.

Pest management is very important. Avoid them to begin with by controlling dampness. Use new supplies (e.g. don't use grocery boxes that may have had pests travelling with foodstuffs). Inspect items for pests. The most common and destructive are carpet beetles (wool, leather); silverfish (love paper and the gelatin layer on photos); clothing moths (larva are very small but sparkly); and cockroaches (eat paper and old books, but require professionals to deal with them if present).

If you find something is infested with a pest, wrap the item in clean tissue or unprinted newsprint and put it into a freezer bag. Then put in a deep freeze (not just a refrigerator freezer) for two weeks to kill the eggs. Remove the item from the freezer but leave it in the plastic bag for 2-3 days so it gradually warms to room temperature and humidity, then open the package and examine the document carefully. (Note: this is the only place where Adriane said it would be acceptable to use newsprint, just as a wrapper when an item is being frozen. Beyond that, newsprint is too acidic to put into contact with anything you want to keep.)

Adriane mentioned that even acid-free folders have a 20-year lifespan and should then be replaced, because they absorb acid from the items inside them. The main reason for using them is to provide support for fragile paper.

Plastic sleeves and containers **MUST** be PVC-free. Polyethylene, polypropylene and polyester acrylic are fine, and most acid-free holders are so marked when you purchase them. Even Staples sells acid-free sleeves. Adriane also mentioned [uline.ca](http://uline.ca) has a good range of supplies, particularly acid-free file folders. For acid-free storage boxes of various sizes, Carr-Maclean is your best bet. Anything with a PAT designation is the top-most quality, but as long as it's acid-free, it's acceptable.



*Supplied photo: Adriane in the conservation lab at the Archives of Ontario*

Any photographs presently in “magnetic” albums, PVC sleeves or glassine envelopes should **IMMEDIATELY** be rescued. (Glassine envelopes are okay for negatives, as there is no gel to stick to the envelope.) To remove photos from the “magnetic” albums, Adriane told us to use dental floss; gently and slowly slide a length of it underneath the photo to loosen it from the sticky page. If this does not work, then scan and digitize the photo before it deteriorates further: glue from the sticky page below and the plastic cover above are both working to degrade the photo.

Do not attempt to unroll curled photos yourself, particularly something like a large panoramic photo. Such items need professional intervention by a conservator or else they'll crack.

Photos can be marked for identification on the back with a soft pencil, near the edge – 2B pencils are ideal.

To glove or not to glove? Adriane urged us to use gloves when handling photo negatives, prints, or anything metal: and of course to handle items only from the edge. Gloves can be cotton (can wash and re-use) or nitrile or vinyl (disposable). Gloves are generally not recommended for using paper, in spite of what we see on TV shows such as “Who Do You Think You Are?” Gloves may damage fragile corners of pages. If you need help to turn a page over, insert a sheet of printer paper under it as well as over it and then flip carefully. Paper items should **ALWAYS** be supported when moving them and, to our surprise, Adriane spoke about handling paper by the centre, using spread-out fingers underneath, instead of pinching a corner between two fingers.

Gloves can be worn while handling paper if it is preferred, but clean dry hands are imperative if gloves aren't going to be worn. That means freshly washed and dried hands. And if you touch your face or hair, your hands need to be re-washed before continuing. Unwashed hands (the oils, not just physical dirt) are very problematic, so emphasizing the clean and dry part is key.

Books should be supported on a pillow – after you do a “karate chop” down the middle of the pillow, to create a channel that the spine can rest into. Make a paper wrapping (again, acid-free paper must be used) for dirty books or books with red rot of the leather (you'll see a fine dust on the cover and binding). If a book has loose covers, buy cotton twill tape from a fabric store to wrap it and hold the covers on. Make sure to tie the bow at the side, top or bottom so it sits inside the recess made by the pages inside the covers.

If you want to frame and display a family photo or document, Adriane stressed that you should keep the ORIGINAL stored safely away, out of the light; display only a reproduction. The photos they have hanging around the Archives of Ontario are all copies, which can be re-created and re-hung when they fade.

A final rule: NO TAPE, ELASTICS, STAPLES OR LAMINATION. Period.

Adriane suggested that questions can be addressed to [reference@ontario.ca](mailto:reference@ontario.ca) but she was also gracious enough to answer several questions from the audience. When asked if photos should be removed from old photo albums, she said that while the black paper was not the best, context trumps preservation: it is important to preserve the context of which photos great-grandmother put side-by-side and on subsequent pages. She recommended scanning and digitizing each page, then putting the photo album into an acid-free storage box away from light and handling. The same would be true of scrapbooks where items are glued onto the rough paper they generally were made from. Keep the original dark, cool and dry.

If 35-mm slides have developed a vinegary smell, put them in a freezer. They are likely made of cellulose acetate and are degenerating. (Better if polyester.) Again, digitizing them soon is the recommendation.

When digitizing material, do NOT store on CD-ROMs (they deteriorate fairly quickly) or on flash drives; use an actual hard drive with platters, whether mounted in your computer or externally. Another copy in “cloud storage” (Dropbox, iCloud, etc.) is a great idea in case the hard drive fails.

You can get acid-free photo storage boxes from Michael’s craft stores, as well as things like acid-free photo corners. You can also buy (probably from a supplier like [uline.ca](http://uline.ca)) ziplock bags that are polyester and are acceptable; don’t use plastic grocery bags to store anything. And in response to a final question, Adriane said that acid-free boxes make better outer storage containers than Rubbermaid® or other plastic tubs, because the boxes breathe.



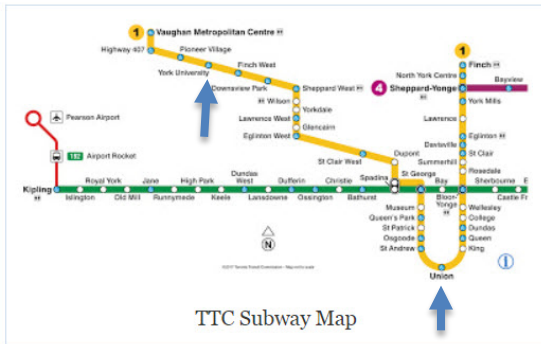
*Google any of these suppliers to find their website. Visit the [CAPC-ACRP.ca](http://CAPC-ACRP.ca) site to ask about certified conservators in your area of Canada.*

*In Kingston, if you need conservation done on a special family heirloom, Adriane pointed out that Queen’s has a Masters of Art Conservation program; perhaps its students take on projects.*



## GOOD NEWS FOR RESEARCHERS OF ONTARIO RECORDS

Visiting the Archives of Ontario just got easier



It's open. The Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension officially opened on 17 December. The Archives of

Ontario is just steps (100 metres) from the York University station.

If arriving in Toronto by train the trip from Union Station is direct, no changes required. The same Presto card you use elsewhere in Ontario works on the TTC. The journey takes about 40 minutes so you'll have time to go over your to do list while you ride.

Thanks to John Reid for permission to reproduce this notice from his blog, <http://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.ca/>

The trip from Union Station to York University used to take at least 1.5 hours by a combination of subway and bus. Now a direct subway trip from Union to York, where the AO is located, means that many of us will be spending some quality time this winter with their land, probate and township records!

TTC cash fare for an Adult is \$3.25 for a single fare or \$3.00 each if you purchase a minimum of 3 tokens at once (i.e. \$9.00). Seniors (65+) pay

\$2.10, or \$2.05 each if you purchase multiple (tickets sold in multiples of 5 senior tickets for \$10.25).

And remember that VIA Rail offers senior rates, often specials if you book Tuesday, and the VIA Preference scheme lets you accumulate points towards free trips.

While driving to Toronto to visit the Archives at the northwest corner of the city has always been an option, there is very limited parking available when you get there. The combination of train and direct subway makes an ideal solution.

See you at the Archives of Ontario! Check their hours to plan your trip, and note there are extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/about/prepare.aspx#hours>

This new stop on the extended subway line should help many folks working on their applications for UEL certification, or any other genealogical research in Ontario records.



# Telling Your Story: Seniors' Writing Workshop

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## Telling Your Story: Seniors' Writing Workshop

Whether you are writing a family history or a personal memoir, this weekly workshop series by award-winning author Jean Rae Baxter will help you to create a narrative that people will want to read. You will learn how to organize your writing project and how to write about your life experiences. By the end of the five sessions you will have a story to keep, share with family and friends, and pass on to the next generation.

**Calvin Park Branch**  
Tuesdays at 2 p.m.  
(January 9 – February 6)  
For seniors. Registration opens Dec. 30.

[www.kfpl.ca](http://www.kfpl.ca)

Five consecutive Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 9, 2018

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Writing Workshops • Adults

Workshop Leader: **Jean Rae Baxter UE**

Calvin Park Branch, CP Community Room, 88 Wright Crescent, Kingston.

Registration starts on December 30 at 9:00 am

Whether you are writing a family history or a personal memoir, this workshop will help you to create a narrative that people will want to read. You will learn how to organize your writing project and how to write about your life experiences, using the tools of fiction to make memorable a special person, place or time. By the end of the five sessions you will have a story to keep, share with family and friends, and pass on to the next generation.

This free program is open to all seniors but seating is limited. To avoid disappointment please register in advance. Registration opens at 9 AM on

Saturday, December 30. You will be asked for your Kingston Frontenac Public Library card number when you register.

You may register for this program without a KFPL card provided you take out a membership before the first workshop session on January 9. To learn all about how to get a KFPL membership either visit [www.kfpl.ca/getting-started/getting-a-library-card](http://www.kfpl.ca/getting-started/getting-a-library-card) or phone any KFPL branch to speak with a staff member.

If you would like to speak with Jean about the workshop, her phone number is 613-549-7082. Or you can email <mailto:jeanraebaxter@cogeco.ca>.

KPL Programming & Outreach: 613-549-8888 x 3580

*We all know that Jean Rae is an award-winning novelist as well as a valued member of our Branch. This course will be a much-expanded version of the talk she gave our branch a couple of years ago. Be sure to register as soon as you can after December 30<sup>th</sup>: these library programs generally fill up quickly.*



## HISTORY SYMPOSIUM AT OLD FORT ERIE

Do you find the winter long and drab, and want to do something different? Then plan to participate in the Living History Symposium at Old Fort Erie on Saturday, February 24, 2018. The focus is the period of the War of 1812, which is of interest to many people of Loyalist descent.

The one-day meeting features two workshops and four other speakers.

Go to <http://www.historysymposium.com/> for further information and to register.



## CAMDEN VALLEY TOUR

The **Irish Palatine Special Interest Group of the Ontario Genealogical Society** is pleased to announce a new tour, to take place **September 13 - 23, 2018**. We are again travelling with the Great Canadian tour bus company who did such a fabulous job for us in 2013. We will travel in a comfortable highway coach (toilet included), and we will once again have the assistance of an onboard tour coordinator with concierge service at each hotel for our baggage.

The "In the Footsteps of our Irish Palatine Ancestors Tour" attempts to bridge the gap between the Irish Palatine Association's 2009 Tercentenary Tour in Ireland and our 2013 "Irish Palatines in Ontario Tour." We will be following the footsteps of the Irish Palatines who left Ireland in 1760 to go to the New World, settling in New York City and then the Camden Valley, only to have their lives turned upside down once more when the American Revolution broke out in 1776. We will follow the men who fought for the British and who then had to flee to Quebec when Burgoyne was defeated, followed later by their families. We'll also briefly explore some later Irish Palatine settlements in Quebec.

This circle tour will start and end Montreal, Quebec, Canada. We will travel and stay in the following locations: Montreal (one night stay), New York City (two nights), Saratoga Springs, NY (three nights), St-Ignace-de-Stanbridge, Quebec (two nights), Quebec City (one night), ending up back in Montreal (one night).

All breakfasts and dinners are included in the cost of the tour, as are six of the lunches.

The itinerary includes the following (subject to modification):

- Historic Odelltown church near Montreal, site of an 1838 American invasion
- Step-on Guided Tour of New York City
- 9/11 Museum and other sites in Lower Manhattan
- Broadway or off-Broadway show
- John Street United Methodist Church (the first Methodist Church in America), with a chance to view its museum

- Dinner with the Palatines to America New York Chapter (comprised of descendants of the Germans who left the Palatinate with our ancestors in 1709, but who went directly to the New World, without the benefit of a generational stop in Ireland!)
- Camden Valley, including the Embury and Heck properties, the Moravian Burying Ground (Philip Embury's first resting place), Ashgrove (his second), Woodlands Cemetery (his third and final!), and the Embury Church in Cambridge, New York
- Bennington, Vermont, including the museum with its famous Grandma Moses collection
- Revolutionary Bennington and Saratoga battlefields, with the help of an historical interpreter
- Schuylerville and "The Surrender Tree," where Burgoyne surrendered to the rebels
- Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point (where the IP men joined the British forces)
- Philipsburg and St. Armand cemeteries and churches in Quebec
- Domaine du Ridge Wine Tour
- Mississquoi Museum
- Old Quebec City
- Grosse Isle, Canada's quarantine station, where many new immigrants died
- St. James United Church and the historic old town in Montreal

The Irish Palatine Special Interest Group is working hard to include as much Irish Palatine content as possible as we follow in the footsteps of our ancestors.

The proposed cost of the tour per person is as follows:

Twin - \$3785.00 CD

Triple - \$3675.00 CD

Quad - \$3565.00 CD

Single - \$5285.00 CD

We will offer a "matching" service for people who are travelling alone and want to buddy up to take advantage of the lower fees for multiples.

We invite you to express your interest in the tour by emailing us at [ip-sig2018tour@ogs.on.ca](mailto:ip-sig2018tour@ogs.on.ca)

Tours will be booked through the bus company directly. Please express your interest and we will email you with the contact information.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 35 PEOPLE IN ORDER TO RUN THE TOUR, SO PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOURSELF TO AND FROM OUR STARTING AND ENDING POINT IN MONTREAL; HOWEVER PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR TRAVEL UNTIL WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE TOUR IS A GO.**

Phyllis Chapman, IP-SIG 2018 Tour Committee



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 – Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society** meets at 9:00 am at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street, Kingston. This is a SPECIAL meeting, to kick off the Branch's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

Marian Press, a retired academic librarian and well-known genealogist from Toronto, will give TWO presentations: at 9:00 am, "Are You Really Finding It All When You Search? Mining Databases for Every Nugget of Information" AND (at 10:45 am) "Putting Your Family Tree Online: Making Use of Modern Technology to Share What You Know". Visitors are always welcome.

**Saturday, February 17, 2018 – Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society** AGM and 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 10:00 a.m. at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street.

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018 - Kingston Historical Society** meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Seniors Centre at 56 Francis Street. Paul Van Nest on "The Impact of the United States on Canada's Confederation". On **Wednesday February 21st**, also 7.30 pm at the Seniors Centre, Jean Rae Baxter will talk on "Freedom Bound: The Story of the Black Loyalists".

You can be planning NOW for your visit to Moosejaw, Saskatchewan for the Annual UELAC Conference, to be held there June 7-10, 2018. The theme is "**Loyalist Ties Under Living Skies**". Details can be found at <http://www.uelac.org/conference-2018/Saskatchewan-Conference-2018.php>

Please remember that you have five more months to submit your Canada 150 story. It can be about a Loyalist, or about a Loyalist's 6<sup>th</sup>-great-grandchild.

Your story will be added to the collection on our website. Currently we have over 50, but we'd love to reach 150 stories.

Please send your story to [kingston.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.uelac@gmail.com) or by mail to our postal address (see page 1).

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2018

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Please make your cheque payable to the *Kingston and District Branch, UELAC*.

### Renewal Membership Dues for 2018

Individual Membership  \$45.00

Family Membership (all at same address)  \$60.00  
(name(s) of additional family members):

\_\_\_\_\_

If you belong and pay full dues to another Branch, you may maintain a membership at Kingston Branch for only \$15.00.  \$15.00

### Please indicate your preference:

I am willing to receive my newsletter by e-mail to the address shown above.

I prefer to receive my newsletter by postal mail.

I am willing for my phone number/e-mail address to be shared with other members of the Branch.  Yes  No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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