

CATARAQUI LOYALIST TOWN CRIER



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ANNUAL BANQUET:

Wednesday, May 30, 6:00 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. at Minos Village Restaurant, 2762 Princess Street, Kingston. Speaker: Jennifer DeBruin, "The History of Slavery Along the St. Lawrence River".

Tickets \$45 including tax and tip. See form on page 10 to order and specify your choice of entrée. Please be sure your order reaches us before May 21st.

Lots of free parking. Door Prizes. Cash Bar Available.

Wear Loyalist Clothing (period or promotional) and Pins.

No business meeting – just a good time for all!

Kingston & District Branch UELAC For the year 2018

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MARCH 24, 2018 MEETING



The meeting included presentation of a Loyalist Certificate to member Mark Bailey, who proved descent from Michael Grass, a Loyalist who settled in Grantham Township, Lincoln County (not to be confused with the Michael Grass who settled in Kingston Township; they were likely cousins but that is not certain). Mark chose to receive his certificate dressed as Michael's son George Grass, who served in the War of 1812. Mark enjoys historical re-enactment and has appeared numerous times as his 1812 ancestor, as well as portraying other soldiers from other time periods.



Left to right: President Peter Milliken; former Branch Genealogist Eva Wirth, who helped Mark Bailey get started with his research; Mark in the uniform of the Lincoln Militia from the War of 1812; current Branch Genealogist Anne Redish.



Our guest speaker **Joyce Fingland** gave a presentation **“DNA: Which Test and Why?”**

Joyce explained that there are several types of DNA test available:

- Y-DNA testing (done until recently only by Family Tree DNA) is only available to males, and is really only useful when wanting to determine if two known men descend from the same male, e.g. a great-great-grandfather in common. Obviously both men must take the test in order for it to work.

- MtDNA, or Mitochondrial DNA, is passed from every woman to her female descendants. It is not useful for genealogical purposes, since it would only tell you that hundreds of generations ago you had a female ancestor in, say, Europe.

- Autosomal DNA, sometimes called “Family Finder” testing, enables your DNA to be compared to that of other individuals who have taken a test with the same company, or else have added their test results to third-party sites. This permits you to find extended family members. Joyce stated that autosomal testing offers the best starting point, and is the least expensive option. It can sometimes help solve family mysteries, or debunk myths.

The "Origins" report which each testing company provides as part of autosomal testing is the least accurate and useful part of the testing, despite the Ancestry ads which show a man exchanging his kilt for lederhosen: Joyce demonstrated the difference between her first Origins report from FTDNA which indicated more French-German origins than UK, and a new report after the company revised their algorithms which showed her (more correctly) with a much higher percentage of British ancestry. Even at that, the Origins Report is not what genealogists are after: they want to find relatives who share ancestry several generations back.

Joyce mentioned that there are three major companies who have been performing DNA testing for genealogical purposes for a number of years: Ancestry, FamilyTreeDNA, and 23AndMe. She outlined advantages and disadvantages of testing with each company, and also mentioned a couple of newcomers to the industry, MyHeritage and LivingDNA.

Joyce stressed the importance of putting up a family tree at the site where you test, to accompany your test results. In that way those who are found to “match” you — that is, to share

portions of your DNA — can look at your pedigree chart to figure out where you match them: do you share the Smith line or the Brown line? There is also a well-used free third-party site, GEDMatch.com, to which you can upload your raw data results from your own testing company and have them compared against those who tested with one of the other companies, thereby increasing your chances for matches.

If people wonder “why bother finding 4th or 5th cousins?” Joyce told us that she made a connection through GEDMatch to two sisters who were her 4th cousins. These ladies, who were 84 and 97 when she began to correspond with them, decided that she would be the best new guardian for the set of letters written between 1854 and 1886 by Joyce's great-great-grandfather to his niece, their great-grandmother. What a treasure!



BRANCH NEWS

...a brief summary from your executive:

- Insurance has become an issue, and we will now have to purchase Liability Insurance for our meetings and activities. We are also considering Officers and Directors insurance, on the recommendation of UELAC. If any member has previous experience with the insurance industry, e.g. you've been an insurance agent, we would very much appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Contact any member of the executive.
- We have made annual donations for a number of years. We always give \$100 to the Collins Bay Horticultural Society, who plant and tend splendid gardens around the Loyalist Gates on Bath Road in Amherstview that mark the eastern end of the Loyalist Parkway. (The gates were officially opened in October 1984 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.) This year we have also donated a similar amount to organizations who preserve and promote Loyalist heritage in our area. If you would also like to make a personal donation, these groups would very much appreciate it:
 - *Fairfield Homestead Heritage Association* maintain Fairfield House in Amherstview, which this year will celebrate the 225th anniversary of the house. You could donate c/o 14 Harcourt Place, Amherstview, ON K7N 1L5.
 - *Cataraqui United Church Cemetery* is the final resting place of a number of Loyalist families including Michael Grass. 965 Sydenham Road, Kingston, ON K7M 3L8. The church members have been trying to clean some stones, raise others that had fallen over, etc. They can always use your physical assistance as well as financial contribution.
 - *Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society* have accomplished much over the past few years to restore plots and stones in St. Paul's Anglican churchyard, outside the building where we meet. More work needs to be done. See <http://lowerburialground.ca/>
 - *Old Hay Bay Church Restoration Project* – as we heard from our January speaker Kathy Staples, supporters are trying to raise \$300,000 over the next three years for much-needed repairs to the oldest surviving Methodist building in Canada. You can donate by sending a cheque made payable to: Old Hay Bay Church, c/o K. Staples, 1105 - 828 Sutton Mills Ct., Kingston, ON K7P 2S9 or you can donate online through the website <http://www.oldhaybaychurch.ca/>
- We will be working with a 2018 budget that predicts a deficit of about \$2,750, in part because we did not receive a heritage grant this year. Despite that, we are in good fiscal position with over \$42,000 invested. We will re-apply soon for the 2019 grant.
- Some members may not know about the John Chard Trust. Our branch was one of the five

branches who shared in the estate of the late John Chard, a long-time member of our branch and also, for many years, editor of *The Loyalist Gazette*. Three members act as Trustees for this fund. John's intention was that the income should be used for purposes of education about the Loyalists and promoting awareness about them. At their latest meeting in April, the trustees voted to make their first transfer to the branch of slightly over \$2,600 in accrued interest. This should handily cover the deficit cited above, and will cover such promotional costs as publishing the June 12th "Loyalist Day in Kingston Proclamation" in the *Whig-Standard* and printing a new branch brochure.

- At the March branch meeting, Hospitality Chair Maureen Long presented the Treasurer with \$100, the proceeds from lunches over the past year. This amount will be passed on to the Kingston Heritage Fair organizers as our contribution to the Fair and to student prizes for their historical projects. The Fair will be held on May 10th this year, and as usual our branch will have a table and members will interact with students between Grades 4 and 8, hoping to educate them about Loyalists.
- The executive are working on defining job descriptions for their own positions as well as potential new positions such as Outreach Coordinator. Once completed, these job descriptions will be available on the branch website. They'll make it easier for you to decide which position YOU want to take on next year!



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 a fabulous job for us in 2013. We'll 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" 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 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 in Montreal, Quebec. 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 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

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



CANADA 150 STORIES: LAST CALL!!

According to the federal government, Canada's 150th year will end on June 30th. Therefore you still have a couple of months to contribute a story – just a paragraph or two is fine, or longer is great – to our Canada 150 Story project. Write something about your Loyalist ancestor, if you haven't done so yet. Tell the story of your great-uncle or your father, as Loyalist descendants: what type of work they did, did they fight in a war, serve as a local politician? Or was your grandmother active in the Women's Institute or the Women's Christian Temperance Union?

The aim of the project is to illustrate how United Empire Loyalists, and their descendants, have continued to make contributions both small and large to Canada.

We have just over 50 stories on line at present. Can you help us reach at least 100 stories? No “proof” is required: just a brief story, perhaps with a photo of where a Loyalist built a house, or of an artifact that has descended to you from your Loyalist ancestor.

Send your contributions to kingston.uelac@gmail.com – PLEASE!!



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to Kingston & District Branch UELAC for 2018:

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| Linda May Hurtubise | Surrey, BC |
| Miles Dewar O'Reilly | Kingston, ON |
| Richard G. Parry | Corbyville, ON |
| Janice Louise Robertson Taylor | Colborne, ON |



OUR SYMPATHY

To long-time member Audrey Bailey, on the passing of her husband Clair on Friday, April 6th. While not a Loyalist descendant, Clair did on rare occasions join us for lunch and a meeting. You can find a notice of Clair's passing at <http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oId=1073000>.



UELAC AGM – ALL MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE

The 2018 UELAC annual meeting takes place on **June 9, 2018** in Moose Jaw, SK.

All current paid-up members age 18 and older have:

- the right to vote at the AGM;
- the right to access information that has been prepared for the meeting;
- the option to designate someone to represent their vote by proxy by using the proxy form provided on the website.

Our current By-Law allows for absentee voting by appointing a proxy. A proxy must be deposited with the UELAC Dominion Secretary in advance of the AGM, no later than 20 business days prior to the meeting, i.e. by May 14, 2018, or else within 15 business days if the proxy you are appointing is a member of a different branch than your “home” branch.

What is voted on at the AGM? The incoming senior executive positions, and others that make up the Dominion Council such as the Regional VPs for all areas are voted by all those either present or sending in a proxy vote. Another vote is for approval of the reports presented by all representatives of committees, and RVPs & Councillors. (In our case, Anne Redish is the Regional VP for Central Region East and Jennifer DeBruin is the Regional Councillor. Both are nominated for re-election.) These reports are also online in the package as are the 2017 financial accounts for UELAC. In general all the motions that come before the members for the AGM will be available for review prior to the meeting so people can prepare their proxy voters.

Copies of the AGM package and proxy form are now available on the **AGM 2018 Members page** or by request to Dominion Office. Members of Kingston and District Branch UELAC should contact one of the following executive members to obtain the web page address, the UserID to use, and the password to use.

Lorraine Sherren, Membership Chair
Nancy Cutway, Treasurer/Publicity

sherren@csolve.net
kingston.uelac@gmail.com

These individuals have access to the current membership list, can validate your 2018 membership and will immediately send you the information required to access the **AGM 2018 Members page**.

To the best of our knowledge, the members of Kingston & District Branch UELAC who are planning to attend the Dominion Conference and AGM are:

Jean Rae Baxter

Carol Davy

Peter Davy

Peter Milliken

and you may assign your proxy to any one of them.

(If other members are planning to attend and are willing to vote proxies, please let Nancy or Lorraine know.)

Once you have filled in the form, you can either email a signed, scanned copy of proxy to dominion.secretary@uelac.org or post by regular mail to the UELAC Dominion Secretary, J. Tuskin, 78 – 24 Fundy Bay Blvd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M1W 3A4.



NEW UELAC PATCH

UELAC offers a new sew-on flag patch. It shows the “distressed flag” look that the Association has used in the past year or so on other promotional clothing items as well, to represent the state of the flags and clothing of Loyalists after years of the revolutionary war and escape to British North America as refugees. Cost of the patch is \$10. It is not yet listed on the UELAC sales page, but will appear there soon. A great idea to add to your favourite jacket, shirt or backpack.



MOHAWK CERTIFICATE PRESENTED



At a ceremony on Wednesday, April 11th, Joe Sanford was presented with his UEL Certificate as a proven descendant of Captain John Deserontyon. Neil Ellis, Bay of Quinte MP, made the presentation at his office in Belleville.

John Deserontyon was a Mohawk chief who was very active on the British side during the American Revolution. He made it possible for Sir John Johnson to escape from the British. He was a peer and colleague of Joseph Brant. Deserontyon led the group of Mohawks who settled west of Kingston in the area of the present-day town of Deseronto. His story can be found in the Dictionary of Canadian Biography at http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/deserontyon_john_5E.html

Deserontyon's children acquired the sur-name JOHN. Joseph Sanford's line runs through the Culbertson/Cuthbertson family, well known in Deseronto and the Maracle line, also well known in Tyendinaga township. To our knowledge, Joe is the first descendant of 'Captain John', as he was known, to prove their lineage to this Mohawk chief and important ally.

Other interesting items about Captain John and the Mohawk allies are at:

<http://kanhiote.ca/genealogy.html> (Scroll down a bit!)
and <http://www.mbq-tmt.org/community/history-of-tyendinaga>.

Photos by Kelee Sanford

Right: Phil Mintz, cousin of Mr. Sanford; Joseph Sanford UE; Peter Johnson UE, Dominion Genealogist and President of Bay of Quinte Branch UELAC.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 18th -- Kingston Historical Society -- 7:30 at the Seniors Centre, Walter Lewis will talk on "The Ives Family of Kingston".

Wednesday, May 30th --- Minos Village Restaurant --- Kingston and District Branch United Empire Loyalists' Association Annual Banquet. 6:00 for 6:30 pm. See menu and order form on page 10.

May 18-20, 2018 -- Montreal, Quebec -- The Quebec Family History Society is proud to present Roots 2018. An International Conference on Family History at McGill University New Residence Hall. Celebrating their 40th Anniversary. For more information www.qfhs.ca.

June 1-3, 2018 – Ontario Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Guelph, Ontario. "Upper Canada to Ontario: The Birth of a Nation". Registration at <https://conference2018.ogs.on.ca/>.

June 7-10, 2018 - Annual UELAC Conference, to be held in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan. The theme is "Loyalist Ties under Living Skies". Details can be found at <http://www.uelac.org/conference-2018/Saskatchewan-Conference-2018.php>

Saturday, June 9, Sunday, June 10, 2018 – Cataraqui United Church -- Cemetery Celebration Weekend, 965 Sydenham Rd., Kingston. You are invited -- save the dates! This cemetery holds the remains of a number of early Kingston Loyalist families.

June 13 - 16, 2018 – Buffalo, NY -- 2018 Palatines to America German Genealogy Society Conference. Register online at www.palam.org

June 15 – 17, 2018 – A Walk Through Time at Adolphustown, ON where the Loyalists landed in 1784. Historical Encampment and Displays by Re-enactors on the west-end grounds, free with regular park admission.

Sunday, June 17 – Adolphustown -- UEL Commemorative Service, St. Alban The Martyr Anglican Church. 3:00 pm. Bishop Michael Oulton, guest speaker. Tea will follow.

Wednesday August 1st, 2018 - UEL Day at Adolphustown Park – UEL members get free day admission to park by showing UEL membership cards at the gatehouse.



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

The Trail of the Black Walnut, G. Elmore Reaman, McCelland and Stewart, 1957, 2nd Ed, 1965. Non-fiction; German-heritage Loyalists from Pennsylvania travelled through the forest trails from south of Rochester, to get to areas behind the British lines at Niagara and as far as Waterloo by 1800. Reaman reconstructs "... a picture of the life led by the earliest Ontario Settlers.", and "... brings out the constructive value of their contributions...." Reaman addresses in detail the part played by the European heritage and the religion of these people. The Six Nations and Huguenots are also discussed. Diary segments, images, proverbs, maps, charts of family names, and indexed names are all features of this 'old' book. Some of the historical conclusions may have been 'improved' since published, but much of the information holds water. The entire book is available online at:

<https://archive.org/details/trailofblackwaln57ream>

~ Anne Redish UE



Come One, Come All

To our Loyalist Banquet!

Kingston & District Branch United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada invite you to attend.

Place: Minos Village Restaurant, 2762 Princess Street, Kingston

Date/Time: Wed., May 30, 2018. 6:00 p.m. for 6:30 seating. Free parking. Door prizes. Displays.

Speaker: Jennifer DeBruin, Central Region East UELAC Regional Councillor

Topic: "The History of Slavery along the St. Lawrence River"

Menu:

House Salad

CHOICE OF:

Chicken Cotoleta
(Double breast of chicken, lightly breaded topped with mushroom sherry sauce)

OR

Panko Crusted Grouper
Grilled to perfection

OR

New York Cut Steak
Premium quality beef, well trimmed

Each meal comes with rice, potato and steamed vegetables

Dessert
Coffee or Tea

Cost: \$45 including tax and gratuity.
Cash Bar Available

Must specify choice of entrée when ordering tickets. Please note any food accommodations required, e.g. "No sauce" or "No salad dressing" or "Vegetarian".

Tickets may be ordered by sending a cheque payable to *Kingston & District UELAC* to PO Box 635, Kingston ON, K7L 4X1 before May 21, 2018. 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 or call Nancy at 613-549-2280 or Anne at 613-483-3245 (cell & text) or visit www.uelac.org/Kingston-Branch.

Name: _____

Number of tickets: _____ Choice of entrée and number of each: _____

Evening Telephone: _____ Email: _____