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Next meeting **Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** in St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 137 Queen Street (at Montreal). Speaker **RUTH NICHOLSON** will discuss "Three Heroic Stories: Three Loyalist Heroes". These men are Isaac Ferris, Robert Land and John Cornwall. Join us for sandwich 'n squares **lunch (11:30 a.m. for noon seating)**. Cost just \$4.00 for those not asked to bring food. A great way to meet your fellow Loyalist descendants! Do bring a friend, visitors are always welcome. This is also our AGM: please offer to fill a vacancy.

Kingston & District Branch UELAC 2018

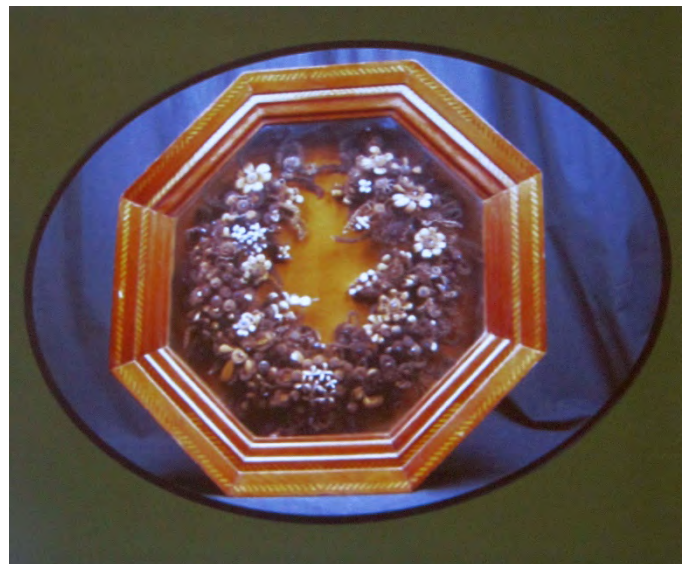
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Replacements URGENTLY needed for NEWSLETTER and WEB – need not be local, all work can be done online. SECRETARY and VP needed – must be able to attend local meetings.



WHAT IS THIS? Where can it be found? If you were at the meeting on Sept. 22nd, you know the answer. Others need to turn the page.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 MEETING

Dr. Jay Young from the Archives of Ontario spoke to us about “**Family Ties: Ontario Turns 150: Stories of four family groups in Ontario at the time of Confederation**”. His talk was of course prepared for the Canadian sesquicentennial in 2017, to accompany an online and a travelling exhibit: some of the items are still online.

The Archives of Ontario’s mission is to collect, preserve, promote and make available Ontario’s documentary history. The families they selected for this exhibit were to be representative of those in Ontario in 1867, but of course they had to meet other criteria as well, including the availability within the Archives of documents and photos of them.

Dr. Young first discussed the family of **George Brown**, the publisher of the Toronto Globe newspaper. He had photos of George, his wife Anne, and their children. Brown advocated constitutional reform, wanting a federal union with two levels (as we have now) in order to break the deadlock in the United Canadas: Canada East and West each had the same number of seats. Brown wanted seats to be distributed according to population, which would give Ontario more seats than Quebec. Brown lost his run for parliament in 1867 and never sat in the House although he was later appointed to the Senate. He was murdered in 1880 at age 61 by an ex-employee. His daughters were among the first five female graduates of the University of Toronto. You can find an online exhibit about the Brown family – go to <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/explore/online/familyties/index.aspx>.



The second family Dr. Young discussed were **Nasa and Permilia McCurdy**, free blacks who arrived at Amherstburg with their four children by 1856. He pointed out that for most people in rural Ontario, the only records of their activities are generally census and tax records, plus vital statistics after 1869. These can all be found through archives. The McCurdy’s great-great-grandson Howard was the second black person to serve Canada as an MP; he died earlier this year at age 85.

The **Wolverton family** of Oxford County could be included in this presentation because of the existence of abundant correspondence between Rose and her brother Alonzo. When the American Civil War broke out, all four of Rose’s brothers went south to fight on the Union side, including 15-year-old Newton who accompanied 20-year-old Alonzo to join up as teamsters. Newton returned home after their one-year hitch, and later joined the Oxford Rifles militia; Alonzo remained in the US and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. The other two brothers were killed in fighting. Rose’s letters told Alonzo about everything happening in Canada, e.g. a November 1864 letter mentioned the Quebec Conference discussing confederation. She also wrote to him while he was in Tennessee and asked for a lock of his hair so she could make it into something – perhaps not the elaborate hair wreath shown on page 1, but similar. Fortunately Alonzo brought the letters he received back home when he returned, and a descendant donated all the correspondence to the Archives. (Dr. Young pointed out that all the colours of flowers in the wreath are made from hair, even the white ones. Someone devoted great effort to create such an artifact.)

The final family group Dr. Young discussed were the families of **Shingwauk**. Chief Shingwauk of Garden River First Nation near Sault Ste. Marie signed the Robertson Huron Treaty in 1850, and wanted Indigenous children to be educated in both traditional knowledge and the knowledge of European settlers. A large school was erected at Sault Ste. Marie for this purpose. Chief Shingwauk

had a vision of cross-cultural education, and for the first twenty years or so, native knowledge was indeed part of the curriculum. Unfortunately that vision faded, and the school became like other residential schools.

You can visit the Archives of Ontario's website at <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/>. You can also see over 100 videos about events in Ontario and items from their collection on YouTube. You'll find the Archives of Ontario YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/ArchivesOfOntario>.



A Comment on the “Family Ties” talk and exhibit – Nancy Cutway UE

Dr. Young's talk was interesting, and well-illustrated with photos and documents. However, one family group was glaringly missing: any reference to United Empire Loyalists.

I have read statements in several sources suggesting that up to 1 in 10 Canadians are descended from UELs. The proportion would have been even higher in 1867 since the really large influxes of immigrants recruited from Eastern Europe prior to the First World War, and all those who arrived after both World Wars and continue to come, were still way in the future. At the time of Confederation, probably 1 in 4 Canadians were descended from at least one United Empire Loyalist.

It is really unfortunate that the Archives of Ontario did not compile an exhibit dealing with FIVE family groups in Ontario at the time of Confederation. Surely they could have found material in their holdings on descendants of at least one Loyalist family who were notable in their day and could have been written about for the exhibit.

We apparently have to go on trying to raise awareness of Loyalist history and contributions among public institutions as well as the general public. That's why we need more stories to add to our collection: stories that tell not just what your Loyalist ancestor did during the Revolutionary War, but what his grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren have contributed to Canada. Send them at any time to Kingston.uelac@gmail.com.



BRANCH NEWS

...a brief summary from your executive:

In mid October we were informed that our application for a Heritage Organization Development Grant was successful. We are to receive the sum of \$1,545.00 but were not given an exact date yet when it will come. However, thanks to income from the John Chard Trust (set up when the Branch received a bequest from our late member), we are in good financial shape and can afford to leave the membership fee at the same level it has been for years. Please see page 10 and bring your renewal form and payment to the November meeting, or else mail it to the postal address.

ROSS LONG UE IS 100 YEARS OLD!

Congratulations to our member Ross Long who turned 100 on October 19, 2018. Ross created some handouts for distribution at his birthday party and has kindly shared them with us for the newsletter. The items on yellow are all from a bookmark Ross made for his guests. The poem is exactly as Ross himself wrote it.

Parents: Russell Long
Janet Long (Weese)

Siblings: Kenneth Long
Brydon Long
Mary Long (Parks)

Wife: Madge Long (Keech)

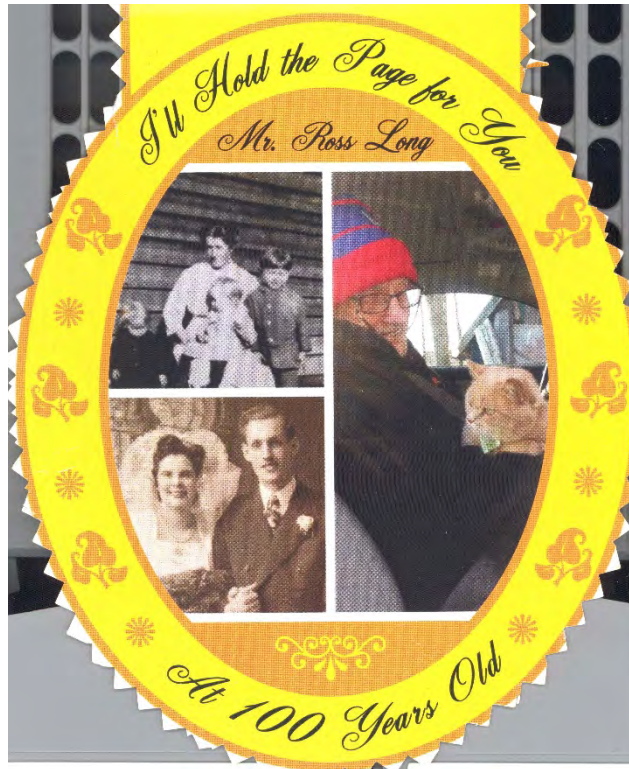
Children: James Long (Maureen)
Ed Long (Joyce)

Grandchildren:

Karissa Long Cupito (Brad)
David Long
Jen Long Wildroutd (Joey)
Annette Long
Ryan Long (Katie)
Daniel Long

Great-Grandchildren:

Miller Wildroutd
Ellis Wildroutd



Born in a log cabin on October 19th, 1918, in Sheffield Township. Ross and his family then moved to Fairview Farm on Hwy #2 East, Napanee. After the family lost Fairview Farm during the Great Depression, they moved to 278 Camden Rd., Napanee, where Ross has lived for the last 87 years. Ross was a dedicated employee for 49 years at the local milk factory on Dairy Ave. Married for 40 years to Madge Long (Keech). Avid car lover and member of Antique and Classic Car Club. Oldest and very proud member of Grace United Church, where he was also baptized. Ross has enjoyed many seasons of Napanee Raider hockey and enjoys hosting "Pre-Raider Dinners". Ross loves great food and good laughs with his friends at the "SOS Dinners". At 100 years, Ross still enjoys what each new day brings, and hopes to stay "forever young" with his best friend by his side, Sandy "the cat" Long!

Life

Life is like a Long day

When you're born its morning

When your 25 its mid morning

When your 50 it's noon

When your 75 it's evening

When your 100 it's night time

Which I've turned 100 at 4 a.m. Oct. 19th, 2018



Ross E. Long U.E.

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NEW HONORARY PATRON FOR UELAC

Dominion President Sue Morse-Hines has notified branches that the Association now has a new Honorary Patron.



Our previous patron was the former Governor-General David Johnston. His patronage ended when his term as Governor-General ended.

To learn more about our current Governor-General, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julie_Payette. The article does not include the fact that Ms. Payette's ancestors would have been able to welcome Loyalists as they arrived in British North America: she is descended from several *filles du roi* among other French-Canadian ancestors.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON HISTORY

This fall the City of Kingston asked citizens the question: "How does Kingston move forward on a path of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples while addressing the legacy of Sir John A. Macdonald?" This follows on the actions of other cities which have removed public statues of historical individuals (Halifax: Lord Dorchester; Victoria: Sir John A. Macdonald).

Your executive felt this question warranted a response. Our Publicity Coordinator, Nancy Cutway UE, drafted the first version and members of the executive subsequently contributed wording to the final version. Since it was posted on October 26th in the name of all Branch members, you'll want to read what was submitted on your behalf:

The members of the Kingston and District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada are concerned that addressing this question may result in the City of Kingston attempting to re-write history.

We are a group particularly interested in history: accurate history. We celebrate the fact that our ancestors were among the early non-indigenous settlers of what is now Canada, after they were forced to leave the Thirteen Colonies as refugees following the American Revolution, simply because they had supported the losing side. In the newly-formed United States, there was no room for difference of opinion, even though they enshrined "freedom of speech" in their new Constitution. When our ancestors moved north, they brought with them the concept of tolerance and discussion of varying viewpoints.

Our members research their descent from a Loyalist ancestor using facts and documentation to prove the family linkages. History is made up of facts that cannot be altered retroactively.

It is a fact that the residential school system – started before Sir John A. Macdonald was prime minister, and continued long after his death – was harmful to generations of indigenous children. But he alone was not responsible: countless members of parliament and civil servants, religious leaders and teachers, played a role over decades. It is therefore erroneous to ascribe the full responsibility for problems to him.

It is also a fact that without the leadership from Sir John A., Canada might not have been created in 1867. All Canadians must continue to appreciate him for that reason.

We urge City Council to consider whether it is necessary to do anything to answer the question outlined above. If the majority of Kingstonians truly feel it is necessary, then signage or an educational display panel could be erected near the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald in City Park, explaining that despite his outstanding role as Father of Confederation some of his domestic policies were wrong when seen through 21st-century eyes. But please, do not remove the statue, which itself is part of Kingston's history. Do not replace his name on streets, buildings or rooms.

The same applies for any other street or place named for other historic figures. Our views of them may shift, but the facts of what they accomplished must stand unchanged.

Nancy Cutway UE
Publicity Coordinator
on behalf of
Kingston & District Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
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You can also Get Involved as an individual. Everyone is invited to submit their “Story”, as the City is calling the contributions, at <https://getinvolved.cityofkingston.ca/our-histories>. You may find it informative to read all the previous contributions.

A report will be published in 2019 which will summarize the views expressed and will give weight to any actions ultimately taken by City Council.



LOYALIST TRAILS

A reminder that you can get the free newsletter “Loyalist Trails” delivered to your email In-box every week. Go to <http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/Loyalist-Trails-index.php> to subscribe. You can scroll down through summaries of the previous issues from 2018 and read them online, or even go further back if you wish. The material is varied and always interesting: book reviews, links to articles about Loyalists, branch announcements, links to images of period clothing, etc. You can also feel free to contribute to it.



LOYALIST CEMETERY

It’s not called that, but many early Loyalists who settled in Kingston are buried in the **Old Cataraqui Methodist (now United Church) Cemetery** on Sydenham Road just north of Princess Street. Those resting there include Michael Grass who led the first Loyalist group to Kingston; Detlor, Herchmer, McGuin and Purdy are just some of the other Loyalist families interred at Cataraqui. Burials started as early as 1809.

This cemetery lies across Sydenham Road from the Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston’s major and much larger public cemetery.



In June the Cataraqui United Church usually hosts a Heritage weekend, but of course you are welcome to visit the cemetery at any time.

*Debbie Smithyman,
Church School
Director, at
Cataraqui United
Church, June 2018.
Photo courtesy
Anne Redish.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 17th – Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street. Short Pre-Session 9:30 til about 9:50: Steve Lloyd will discuss dealing with DNA results. Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. Speaker: Nancy Cutway UE on “In Remembrance: Vimy and Other European Memorials”. Visitors welcome.



**Sir Guy Carleton Branch, UELAC Fall Social,
November 17, 2018: 11:30-3:30
Speaker: UELAC Dominion President – Sue Morse-Hines
All are welcome.**

Salon “D”, Bldg. D, Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Ave.

The room is completely accessible and washroom facilities are very close. Handicapped parking is located next to Lot #8. Parking, Pay & Go is \$5.00 flat rate on Saturday.

New Menu!

Chicken – Grilled breast of chicken with mushroom & white wine sauce (potato)

Salmon – Pan seared fillet of Atlantic salmon with lemon dill butter sauce (rice)

Vegetarian – Three lentil & mushroom ragout in phyllo cup with quinoa pilaf and butternut squash coulis

Your meal choice and payment (\$35.00) must be received by the Branch by November 9, 2018.

No exceptions. A minimum number of 30 attendees are required or the event could be cancelled.

Please mail cheques along with meal choice to:

Bob Adair, 34 Briardale Crescent, Nepean, ON K2E 1C2

For further information including directions: [Homepage for Sir Guy Carleton Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada \(UELAC\)](#)



Saturday, January 26, 2019, 1:00 p.m. Our Branch meeting. Dr. Leigh Smith, our branch member, will discuss the Castine Loyalists who founded Saint Andrews in New Brunswick, in a talk entitled “Pack Up Your House and Sail!”



Saturday, March 23, 2019, 1:00 p.m. Our Branch meeting. The Dominion Genealogists, Angela and Peter Johnson, will do a presentation including a focus on Land Records, which often provide very useful documentation for a Loyalist claim.



May 30 – June 2, 2019: UELAC Annual Conference in Ottawa (Aylmer, Quebec) -- see <http://www.uelac.org/conference/conference.php>



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: Home () _____ Business () _____

Email: _____

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

Renewal Membership Dues for 2019

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: _____