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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Meeting begins at 1:00 pm

Speaker Jay Young from Archives of Ontario

Family Ties: Ontario Turns 150:

Stories of four family groups in Ontario at the time of Confederation.

Suggested pre-meeting lunch: 11:45 am at the Golden Rooster, 111 Princess

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needed for Newsletter and Web
– need not be local, all work can
be done online.**

MAY 30, 2018 BANQUET

We held our banquet at Minos Village Restaurant on Princess Street – a venue which is now closed, but the quality of the meal was still excellent.



Photos from Banquet courtesy Nancy Cutway



Guests had an opportunity to view Lynn Bell's excellent display of old photographs. He's put a lot of work into grouping categories of photos, such as children, hats, women's dresses, etc. and it makes an interesting display. You could make a similar one for your next family gathering, to interest younger folks in your family history. Lynn would be happy to share his tips for assembling the displays.

There was also a display of prizes to be won - first ticket drawn got to choose from all, second ticket then got next choice, etc. There were prizes for both family historians and their visitors who might not be as enthralled by Loyalists but might like to cook, eat, decorate or travel. Thanks to our donors: Global Genealogy.com, Lennox & Addington Museum and Archives, Queen's Alumni Travel, Legacy Family Tree, and several individual members.



Jennifer DeBruin's topic was "The History of Slavery Along the St. Lawrence River".

Jennifer began by saying that for many years, like most Canadians, she assumed that slavery involved only the southern United States, until she discovered that some of her ancestors held slaves in the province of New York, prior to the American Revolution.

Jennifer began to research the issue of slavery, and discovered that a total of 36,000 ship crossings of the Atlantic carried enslaved Africans to North and South America during the period the slave trade

existed. She mentioned an animated video at slate.com that illustrates the numbers of ships transporting slaves, year by year.

(http://www.slate.com/articles/life/the_history_of_american_slavery/2015/06/animated_interactive_of_the_history_of_the_atlantic_slave_trade.html). The anti-slavery movement also began much earlier than we might think, in the early 1700s.

In Canada, enslaved people first were brought to Quebec in the 1600s, to provide manpower as the colony expanded. About 4,500 enslaved individuals appear in Quebec records, often with only one name given, and often referred to as “domestique”. After Britain conquered Quebec, the Capitulation Agreement of 1760 contained Article 47 which specifically guaranteed that “Negroes and panis [indigenous]” were still the property of their “owners”.

ARTICLE XLVII.

The Negroes and panis of both sexes shall remain, in their quality of slaves, in the possession of the French and Canadians to whom they belong; they shall be at liberty to keep them in their service in the colony or to sell them; and they may also continue to bring them up in the Roman Religion—“ Granted, except those “ who shall have been made prisoners.”

Article 47, Articles of Capitulation. From *A collection of the acts passed in the Parliament of Great Britain and of other public acts relative to Canada* (Quebec: P.E. Desbarats, 1824), p. 22; online at EarlyCanadiana.ca



I was so engrossed in Jennifer DeBruin’s after-dinner talk that I forgot to pick up the camera, but fortunately I included her coming down the aisle before dinner in this group shot ~ Nancy Cutway.

Also, if you missed the Banquet but would like to purchase one of Jennifer’s books, you can visit her website <http://jenniferdebruin.com/>

Sir John Johnson, revered by Loyalist descendants as an important leader before and during the American Revolution, brought 14 enslaved persons with him when he moved to Montreal. His late father, Sir William Johnson – whose consort Molly Brant was a leader among the Mohawks of New York Province and later in Upper Canada, particularly the Kingston area – owned 30 slaves at the time of his death in 1774. Quite apart from the free blacks who came to Nova Scotia as Loyalists and were grudgingly given land by the British (albeit not as much as white Loyalists), Jennifer told us that there

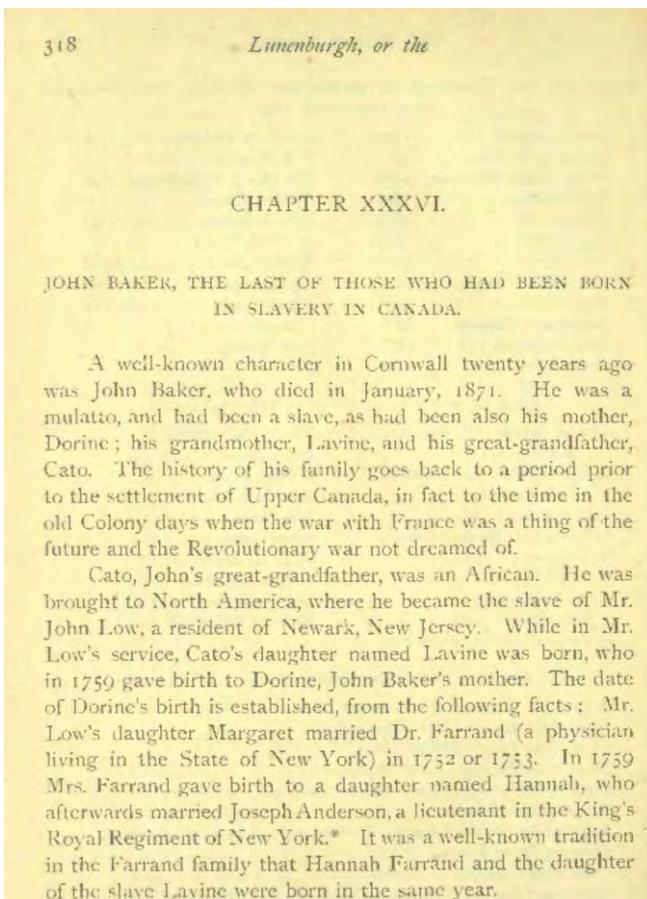
were approximately 3,000 slaves brought to Canada by Loyalist owners, including 500-700 brought to Upper Canada. Jennifer mentioned a document from 1783 that included Negroes among the list of chattels which could be imported into Canada duty-free.

In the first Parliament of Upper Canada, 1792-96, 6 of the 16 members of the lower house owned slaves; an even higher percentage of the upper house did so, and Peter Russell the attorney-general was a slave owner. Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe attempted to get them to outlaw slavery, but the best he could accomplish was getting them to pass on July 9, 1793, The Act To Limit Slavery which banned the importation of slaves and mandated that children born henceforth to female slaves would be freed upon reaching the age of 25. Members of the second Parliament were even more committed to maintaining slavery, since 14 of 17 members were from slave-owning families.

In Kingston area, it is well known that William Fairfield, whose home on Bath Road is visited annually by many tourists, had several slaves.

Despite the 1793 act, the last sale in Upper Canada was that of a 15-year-old boy sold in 1824.

Jennifer also spoke of John Baker, the last person born into slavery in Canada. His story is told in the 1890 book *Lunenburg and the Old Eastern District*, now available as a historical reprint and also online at https://archive.org/stream/lunenburg00prinuoft/lunenburg00prinuoft_djvu.txt (or you can choose “Other format” on that page and download the book as a PDF file).



Chapter XXXVI states that when John Baker died in Cornwall, Ontario on 18 January 1871, some people believed that he was 104 or 105 years of age but the author explains, based on several facts of Baker's life, he was probably 93.

Canada also played a major role in the escape of slaves from the United States via the Underground Railway, particularly after the passing of the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850. While we usually hear of former slaves (such as Josiah Henson, who may have served as inspiration for Uncle Tom in Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel Uncle Tom's Cabin) crossing at Detroit and settling in the area between Windsor and London, Jennifer illustrated the Champlain Route, bringing former slaves north through New York state. Many crossed at Ogdensburg where the St. Lawrence was narrowest and it was easy to row a boat across to freedom. Many of those crossing in eastern Ontario did then make their way to the Essex County area to rejoin family and friends; others may have gone to Quebec.

This was an extremely educational talk and those present came away with a new awareness. Perhaps we'll examine our own Loyalist ancestors' lists of "chattels" more closely, if we can find them.

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – “Loyalist Day in Kingston”



The fife and drum unit from the Fort Henry Guard escorted the honour party from City Hall to the foot of the flagpole in Confederation Park. President Peter Milliken and Kingston Mayor Bryan Paterson follow musicians. Loyalist ladies follow at an appropriately decorous pace.



Mayor Bryan Paterson read the official Proclamation of Loyalist Day and the Loyalist flag was raised as we sang the Royal Anthem.

There were tourist groups from Italy, China, Japan ... all busy snapping our photos and no doubt thinking this type of event was put on for their benefit!

Left to right: Peter Milliken UE, Lorraine Sherren UE, Fort Henry Guards, Nancy Cutway UE, Kerry Chamberlain, Anne Redish UE, Mayor Bryan Paterson [apparently a potential UE!]



Photos this page courtesy Derk Sherren



It was a lovely sunny, breezy day and the flag flew proudly for the remainder of the day, in front of the 1846 Martello tower built to protect Kingston’s harbour.

We’ll do this again next June 12th – why not plan to attend, and participate if you can by coming in period clothing. We can assist with patterns and suggestions: contact a member of the executive.

Most Loyalists attending in 21st-century clothing declined to join the group photo. We need some sewing sessions!

Flag photo Nancy Cutway

HERITAGE FAIR, MAY 10, 2018



Another “dress-up” occasion was the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair on May 10th. Children from grades 4 through 8 submit projects based on a theme or person from history, and while their projects are judged through the day, the students interact with various groups on “Community Street” as well as watching films and talks.

Left: Dean Taylor, Lorraine Sherren, Amanda Fasken and Karen Stinson. Others who contributed are Jim Long, Peter Milliken, and John Lynn Bell who rebuilt our display to make it easier to move and assemble.



Left: Amanda Fasken presents Bronze medals to three winners.



Above: Dean Taylor explains United Empire Loyalists to students.

Fair photos courtesy Amanda Fasken and Lorraine Sherren

BRANCH NEWS

...a brief summary from your executive:

- In June we completed arrangements for purchase of \$2,000,000 General Liability insurance and \$500,000 Directors' and Officers' Liability insurance. Through having an institutional membership in the Ontario Historical Society, we were able to obtain this insurance at a very favourable rate. Now we can continue to meet at St. Paul's church – we had been asked to provide proof of insurance, as *their* insurer is getting more formal about the issue, as are all insurance companies.
- Also in June, work was completed on our revised Bylaws. The Executive voted by email and telephone to approve the draft. The Bylaws can now be found on our branch website.
- Anne Redish took the lead and several members contributed to an application for a Heritage Organization Development Grant. No news yet on its approval or not.



USING ONTARIO LAND RECORDS

Audrey Bailey has shared with us part of an email response from the Teranet Help Centre, which helps those using the ONLand site to search Ontario land records. The government has been digitizing the abstract indexes (accessed by County > Township > Concession > Lot information) and plans eventually to link the index entries to the actual deeds or other instruments. Your Loyalist ancestor may well be the first Grantee on a piece of land, and you may also be able to follow the property as it was perhaps divided, given to children, etc.

The site is <https://www.onland.ca/ui/>

Here is the explanation from Susana (Teranet Help Centre)

Hello Audrey,

Yes you may perform a search within OnLand to find the history of properties through the abstract books. I have provided some searching tips below.

Under the heading "Where would you like to search" please select the Land Registry office where the property is located in from the drop down menu. Then under the heading Historical Books click on Search. Under the Book Category please select which book you would like to search eg. Abstract/Parcel register, General Register Index etc. From here you may select Search or under Property Description select the Type (eg. Concession, Plan, Section) and then click Search. You will then get your results.

You may also Browse all books. Under the heading "Where would you like to search" please select the Land Registry office where the property is located in from the drop down menu. Then under the

heading Historical Books click on Search. Click on the heading Browse Books and then click on Abstract/Parcel Register book. You can then filter by Township/Municipality.

You can only view the pages (printing or downloading is still not an option). ****SEE NOTE BELOW**

If you have any more questions about finding your particular property you will need to contact Service Ontario at 1 888 278 0001 or by email at onland@ontario.ca. Searching land registration records can be a complex process, and staff cannot interpret records or conduct a search on your behalf.

NOTE: There are ways around the fact that the ONLand site still does not have buttons to print or download the pages.

You may already be familiar with using a clipping program to select an area of text, image or website in order to copy it and save the file to your computer. The ability to Clip or Snip is built into newer operating systems and other software programs.

One stand-alone screen capture program that I have used for years is SNAGIT. You can download it and try it for free for 15 days from <https://www.techsmith.com/download/snagit/> - just pick your operating system. After the 15 days you either purchase it or it stops working. It's certainly not the only one available, but it's easy to use.

~ Nancy Cutway UE



A LOYALIST WEBSITE

Our Membership Chair Lorraine Sherren UE found the website of our branch member Jim Keller and wants to commend Jim on all the information there – click on the Genealogy link on Jim's home page and you'll find information on Newburgh School, Napanee cemeteries, the Keller and Powley families, and much, much more. <http://www.jgkeller.ca/>



NEW MEMBERS

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

Avaya Eastyn Cairns	Sydenham, ON
Ronald T. Cairns	Bath, ON
Brian John Hunt	Battersea, ON
Linda May Hurtubise	Surrey, BC
Miles Dewar O'Reilly	Kingston, ON
Richard G. Parry	Corbyville, ON
Karen Ryan	Mississauga, ON
Janice Louise Robertson Taylor	Colborne, ON
Kimberley Elizabeth Torgerson	Sydenham, ON
Sandy Mae Torgerson	Kingston, ON

CANADA 150 STORIES: KEEP WRITING!!

We did not make our wished-for target of accumulating 150 stories for our Canada 150 Story project, but we're keeping all the stories on our website and still hope to add to them. If you have not yet written up each of your Loyalist ancestor, why not do so? And then write another story, telling about 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? Have you made a quilt that incorporates the names of your Loyalist ancestors? Or did you "merely" give your children the names of Loyalists as their middle names? It's all important, large or small actions can illustrate how United Empire Loyalists, and their descendants, have continued to make contributions to Canada and the world.

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!!



THE HAWLEY HOUSE

There was a great sigh of relief from many people in eastern Ontario and elsewhere when on July 10th they learned of the decision taken the night before by the Loyalist Township Council: the Council denied the request by the owner of the Jephtha Hawley House in Bath to remove it from the Register of Cultural/Heritage Properties. The requested removal from the Register would have made it possible for the owner to apply for a demolition permit with a very short period of public notice necessary.

The Hawley house was built in 1784 by a Loyalist settler and is on its original site. Many believed it would be "sacrilege" even to consider making it possible to demolish. Fortunately there has been such public discussion of the house that it seems likely now to be purchased by an owner more sympathetic to heritage preservation.

The Fairfield Homestead Heritage Association, whose members are involved with preservation and heritage tours of the Fairfield Homestead in Amherstview, had the following to say about the Hawley house in their Summer 2018 newsletter:

As a Loyalist, Jephtha Hawley served with the British as early as 1776. Hawley has significant associations with the start of settlement in Loyalist Township. In 1959, Ontario erected a historical plaque for the Hawley House and Jephtha Hawley. ... In June 1784, Hawley and his family, with 14 other families ... boarded bateaux to start their journey to Lake Ontario. After settlement, Hawley's house was used as the local place of worship for the Church of England. By the fall of 1787, the stone wing at the west end of the house was rented to Rev. John Langhorn, the district's first resident Anglican clergyman.

The FHHA newsletter also mentioned that Jephtha's youngest brother, Ichabod Hawley, a carpenter and also a Loyalist, married in 1788 Mary Fairfield, the eldest daughter of William and Abigail Fairfield, the original owners of Fairfield House. The article points out some particularly fine carpentry work in the house: "From the baseboards and chair rails to the doors, window frames and wall paneling, the details of the interior woodwork show the skills and hours of work of a tradesman. ... Is it possible that these elements of the house were designed and constructed by Ichabod Hawley?"

If you haven't visited Fairfield House lately, or ever, do visit it this year, its 225th year. To check on availability of guided tours, call 613-384-2813.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 15th – 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: Joanne Stanbridge talks about Digital Kingston. Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. Speaker: Shirley-Ann Pyefinch from Ottawa speaking on "LDS Records and Changes at FamilySearch.org". Visitors welcome.

Quinte, Kingston and Leeds & Grenville Branches OGS present the **Family Tree Maker Tour, Thursday, Sept. 27, 1:30 – 4:00 pm**, at the Invista Centre, 1350 Gardiners Road in Kingston, Meeting Room A/B on the lower level. The facility is accessible and the event is free. MacKiev software representative Mark Olsen will provide an introduction to and update on the latest Family Tree Maker software. This presentation will cover basics, tips & tricks, and Mark will answer questions about FTM. "Whether you've been using it for years, just started using it, or are just curious about it, this presentation is for every family historian."

Saturday, Oct. 20 – Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street. 9:30 a.m. speaker Gail Dever, "Today's Social Media for Genealogy".

Saturday, November 24th – Our AGM. Meeting 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall. Ruth Nicholson will be our speaker, on "Three Heroic Stories: Three Loyalist Heroes". These men are Isaac Ferris, Robert Land and John Cornwall. Ruth promises three good stories. Details of pre-meeting lunch will follow in our next newsletter.



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