

CATARAQUI LOYALIST TOWN CRIER



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NEXT EVENT: Our Annual Flag-raising – Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – City Hall at 12:00 noon. Do come help “Show the Flag” for United Empire Loyalists, in celebration of **Loyalist Day in Kingston**. Please wear Loyalist attire if possible and walk with us from City Hall across Ontario Street to Confederation Park.

Kingston & District Branch UELAC

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Many thanks to member Corrine Wiechec of Sacramento, California who volunteered to serve as Web Editor. Now about those other vacancies ... who else will step up???

MARCH 23rd MEETING

Notes taken by Jean Rae Baxter, supplemented by links provided by the speakers and Anne Redish

When you set out to document your Loyalist ancestors, look first for primary sources. These are the registrations of births, marriages and deaths. They are the only sources that stand alone. That was the first advice given by co-Dominion Genealogists Angela and Peter Johnson, when they spoke at the March 23 General Meeting of the Kingston Branch UELAC.

In the absence of birth, marriage and death registrations, there are many more sources which are valuable even though they must be backed up by other documents. Among such secondary sources are census records, some of which go back to 1803.

Baptismal records are very helpful, when they give the names of parents. Wills are also an important resource because they name the children of the testator.

Other important resources are Land Book entries. In a petition, the petitioner explains why he is entitled to land or why he should receive even more land than already granted. Upper Canada Land Petitions, Peter and Angela explained, are all available online, and they are free. The researcher should look not just at the petition but at the outside cover, because that's where it states what the petitioner got. Was his petition successful, partly successful, or did it fail? Peter and Angela

also noted that to make a successful claim, female claimants had to do something significant that was apart from what their husband or father did.



Angela and Peter Johnson UE. Photo by Lorraine Sherren UE

Family Bibles are another valuable source. However, the researcher is advised to check the title page to find out when the Bible was printed. The listing of a birth, marriage or death that occurred years before the Bible was even printed obviously carries no authority.

As well as family Bibles, grave markers in old cemeteries give information about the family of the person buried there. Loyalist regiment discharge certificates are another source, though of varying value. Those of the King's Royal Rangers of New York contain many helpful details, such as the discharged soldier's parents' names and where he came from. The discharge papers of Butler's Rangers, on the other hand, contain little detail. Regiment Muster Rolls are also of significant help. War Losses Claims, which are available on "Ancestry", may yield useful information.

Queen's University Archives, the Anglican Archives in Kingston, and the Heir & Devisee Commission have resource material for the researcher to consult.

Peter and Angela warned the audience that the same Christian name was often given frequently within the same family, so that

care must be taken not to confuse father, son, uncle, cousin or nephew who all have exactly the same first and last names.

Another warning concerned how to handle documents used to obtain a UEL Certificate. Never, the audience was told, use a highlighter. To call something to the genealogist's attention, underline the words or make a note in the margin, or affix a "post-it" note.

Peter and Angela's talk was followed by an extended question period.

Websites Mentioned by Angela and Peter Johnson and augmented by Anne Redish

Changing shape of Ontario: Districts, Townships and counties over time.
<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/maps/ontario-districts.aspx>

1880s maps, index of resident names, by county and township (from county atlases)
<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/Countyatlas/searchmapframes.php>

Early Ontario Records: transcriptions of many church records for Eastern Lake Ontario area, and some St Lawrence Region: <http://my.tbaytel.net/bmartin/earlyont.htm>

Randy Saylor: Family & Bay of Quinte Records
<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~saylormowbray/genealogy/>

Library and Archive Canada, go to Genealogy, to Land Records, or directly to Upper Canada Land Petitions. (I have written a text-tutorial of how to navigate these. If you'd like it, ask me! Anne Redish, ar11@queensu.ca) <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-petitions-upper-canada-1763-1865/pages/land-petitions-upper-canada.aspx>

Upper Canada Sundries on Heritage Canadiana..... 'Lots' of reading since the searching just gives you the related page, maybe. If you have a surname like my family LOTT, you get every page with the word "lot" on it! And that's lots! A.R.)
http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_mikan_125539

Upper Canada Land Books (Yes this is different than Sundries.)
http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_mikan_205068

Heir and Devisee Commission
<http://heritage.canadiana.ca/heir-devisee>

Second Heir & Devisee Commission
<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/db/deviseedb.aspx>
http://ao.minisisinc.com/scripts/mwimain.dll/144/ARCH_HEIRS?DIRECTSEARCH



BRANCH DONATIONS

In March the executive approved our usual donations to local groups which we support for their Loyalist-related activities. Here are some of the thank-you notes we received:

From Cataraqui United Church Cemetery Board, who received \$100 from our branch toward maintaining the cemetery which provides the last resting place of numerous Loyalist families:

"... grateful for the continuing support. Your recent donation will definitely help us to meet our goal to keep the cemetery neat and the stones in good order."

From the Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society, who received \$100 from your branch:

"We will soon begin an exciting new project, "Under the Church Hall – the lost burial ground." Sue Bazely, licensed archeologist, will lead a team to document and explore the graves under the [St. Paul's Anglican] hall. ... We would very much appreciate any further donations from your members and will keep you informed about the project as it develops." [see notice of your opportunity to participate, page 8]

The other donations made by Kingston and District Branch were to the Collins Bay Horticultural Society, \$100 towards maintaining the lovely flower gardens at the Loyalist Gates at Amherstview; the Friends of Fairfield House Association, \$100 to assist in the upkeep of the 1793 farmhouse of

Loyalists William and Abigail Fairfield, eastern Ontario's best preserved 18th century dwelling (open for tours from July 1 to August 31, Wednesday through Sunday); and \$250 to the Old Hay Bay Church Restoration Project which is seeking \$300,000 to replace the roof and perform other much-needed restoration of the oldest Methodist meeting house in Canada. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the 1819 catastrophic drowning of a boatload of young Hay Bay parishioners while others watched in shock; if you are descended from one of those Loyalist families, <http://www.OLDHAYBAYCHURCH.ca/1819-drowning/>, the trustees would like to hear from you.

DONATION RECEIVED: We were pleased to receive a donation in March 2019 from Mark Trumpour, a close friend of our late member Philip Smart UE. Mark wanted to honour Phil, and thought a donation to the branch for which Phil worked so hard would be appropriate. Thank you, Mr. Trumpour.

We gratefully acknowledge a Heritage Organization Development Grant from the Ontario government which has assisted in the production of this newsletter.

LIBRARY RE-OPENED

The Central Branch of Kingston Frontenac Public Library officially re-opened on March 23rd after more than two years of extensive renovation.



Photo by Anne Redish UE

Our UELAC Library is once again available there, on the second floor at 130 Johnson Street. Our non-circulating collection is shelved with the Kingston collection amassed by KFPL, adjacent to the holdings of the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. You can access these books any time Central

Branch is open: check the KFPL website <https://www.kfpl.ca/> for current hours. When you're searching the KFPL online catalogue, our books show the locator "UELAC". They are also identifiable on the shelves by their label with the Loyalist flag.



YOUR LUNCH MONEY AT WORK

Every time you contribute \$4.00 to the basket when you come for a sandwich 'n squares lunch prior to a meeting, or when you pop \$0.50 into the Coffee and Tea donation tin, you're contributing to the education of Kingston's youth about United Empire Loyalists.

At the March 23rd meeting, Hospitality Chair Maureen Long presented one hundred dollars that has been raised through meals over the past year, to go towards our Branch donation to the Heritage Fair. (We do not have to pay for our display table on May 10th, but the Fair does have expenses and relies on the participants for donations.)

Since we have been blessed with additional funds from the John Chard Trust, your executive agreed that this year we will give the Fair \$150.00. So thanks to hungry Loyalists and our late member John Chard, Kingston students will once again have the opportunity to learn about UELs.



IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened to report the passing of two valued members of Kingston and District Branch.

Audrey Bailey UE, a descendant of Loyalist Henry Merkley, passed away on April 26, 2019. Audrey served the Branch in a number of positions over the years – Secretary and Merchandise Chair, to name just two. She quietly stepped up to assist whenever needed.

In June, 2017 the Branch nominated Audrey to receive the Ontario Volunteer Service Award in recognition of 30 years of service to the Branch.

In accordance with Audrey's wishes, there will be no funeral.



Audrey Bailey, left, with then-MPP Sophie Kiwala at OVS Award Ceremony, 2017. photo by Joyce Fingland



Clara Snook UE, descended from Loyalists Daniel Fraser and Abraham Wartman, was the Hospitality Chair for a number of years, efficiently coordinating the meals before meetings. Clara passed away on April 12, 2019, just over a month past her 87th birthday. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Glenn, also a member of our Branch and a descendant of Loyalist Tunis Snook.

A full obituary for Clara can be found at <http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oId=1111212>

REPORTS, MOTIONS AND MEMBER ACCESS FOR UELAC AGM

All current – i.e. paid-up - members of the Association and their proxies have the right to see the reports and motions being presented at UELAC's AGM on 1 June at the annual conference.

The items which have been submitted to date have been posted on the [Member's AGM package](#).

To access this material you will need: userid = member; password = atlantic

This access information should NOT be made available to non-members.

At this point, all items are individually posted. On or about 1 May, all items available at that time will be assembled into one document which will also be posted there, making it easier to download, file, print etc. NOTE: For those of you who have access to the Executive Information part of the UELAC website, this information is NOT being posted there as it has been in prior years.

PROXY VOTES FOR AGM

If you will not be attending the AGM at Conference, you can give your proxy vote to someone you know will be attending. You can access the proxy information and form at <http://www.uelac.org/AGM-2019/AGM-2019-Proxy-form.pdf> or copy the form on page 10 of this newsletter.



CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Left to right: Brian John Hunt, Sandra Torgerson Hunt (now deceased), Kimberley Torgerson and her daughter Avaya Cairns. They were helped in their research by our member Ron Cairns UE. All are descended from Loyalist Christopher German.



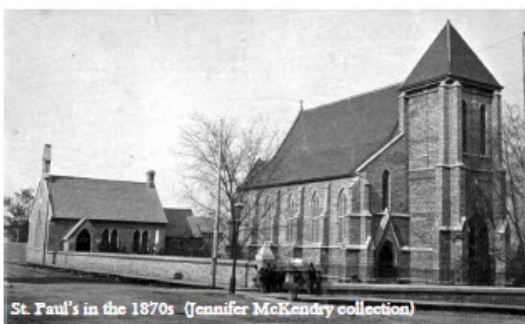
UPCOMING EVENTS – LOYALIST AND HISTORICAL

Friday, May 10, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Heritage Fair at McArthur Hall, Queen's West Campus: Volunteers are needed, when possible please wear Loyalist clothing items. Contact below if you would like to attend. ar11@queensu.ca or cutwaynancy@gmail.com

Wednesday May 15th: Kingston Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Military Communications and Electronics Museum, Highway 2 at the east end of CFB Kingston. Bill Patterson will talk on "The 1st Battalion, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, 1940-1945: The Kingston Connection".

We invite you to join us on

An Historical Adventure



This summer, the Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society (LBGRS) is sponsoring a cleaning, and the completion of an inventory, of the Material Culture under the Church Hall of St. Paul's Church on Montreal Street at Queen Street, Kingston under the supervision of Project Co-ordinator Susan Bazely. The Church Hall was built on part of the Lower Burial Ground.

We are looking for volunteers to work with Susan and her Assistant, Paulina Marczak.

(An apology to those who receive the newsletter as a printed item: in order to fit in things like this notice, we've had to shrink them. If you want the ability to enlarge pages as you read them, consider switching to the PDF version delivered to your email Inbox: it can then be enlarged as much as you want.)

Volunteers will attend a one hour training session in late May, covering topics such as:

- an historical overview
- a cemetery and gravestone overview
- procedures, methods and recording
- a health and safety briefing
- an orientation tour.

No commitment will be expected from volunteers until after this training, and some volunteers may wish to withdraw after the volunteer training session. Volunteer activities will be scheduled in June, July and August, in 3-hour sessions with breaks each hour, between 1 and 4.30, for no more than 3 days a week.

Interested? Contact Susan Bazely at s.bazely@queensu.ca



Friday, May 17, 2019: UEL Heritage Centre and Park at Adolphustown opens for the season. Send any email inquiries to 1784@uel.ca or read more at their site: <http://uel.ca/>

Saturday, May 18: meeting of **Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society**, 9:30 a.m. at Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street. Speaker: John Reid, "Researching Early 20th Century British Immigrants to Canada". Visitors always welcome.

Thursday, May 30 – Sunday, June 2: UEL Conference hosted by the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, "The Capital Calls". Details can be found at <http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/conference19.php>. There may be opportunities for car-pooling from Kingston to Ottawa. Held in Gatineau/Aylmer. It's still not too late to register for the full conference, or just for the festive Banquet on Saturday night.

Please note - we have decided to cancel our Spring Banquet, due to the close proximity to the UEL Conference and Banquet in Ottawa. We hope to see you in September.

Re-Imagining Places of Faith
June 1, 2019 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Spire at Sydenham Street United Church
82 Sydenham Street, Kingston, ON



A Workshop for Eastern Ontario in Kingston, ON Workshop organized by Frontenac Heritage Foundation in cooperation with an ecumenical team and with the assistance of The National Trust and Faith & the Common Good.

Places of faith anchor and shape our communities. Yet many congregations are facing declining attendance and insufficient funding to maintain and operate their historic buildings. These important community assets are in a period of transition, and the Eastern Ontario area is no exception.

Join us at this unique event where local faith groups, heritage and community organizations will share their experience, concerns, creative solutions and hope to the challenges confronting places of faith in *Eastern Ontario* in an interactive and engaging format.

Cost: \$25.00 per person Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

To register online, visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/re-imagining-places-of-faith-tickets-57529514326>. For those who wish to register by mail or for more information: Contact Penny Sharman PSharman@cogeco.ca 613-766-2599

Thursday June 6th: Kingston Historical Society, Annual Gravesite Service: 1:30 p.m. at the gravesite of Sir John A. Macdonald in Cataraqi cemetery. The annual graveside speech will be given by noted Canadian historian Christopher Moore.

Sunday, June 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Hay Bay Church Fundraiser: Happy Harmony Women's Choir, \$10, South Fredericksburgh Community Centre, 2456 County Rd 8, Napanee, Ontario K7R 3K7 johnsonue@bell.net for more info.

Wednesday, June 12 - Loyalist Day in Kingston (Flag Day): Watch for the Proclamation in the *Whig-Standard*, and meet just before noon at City Hall. We're led across the street by Fort Henry Fife and Drums, the Loyalist Flag is raised for the day, and usually the Mayor says a few words. Please wear **Loyalist Attire** if possible, or other Loyalist items, pins, or crest-items.

Canada Day BATH PARADE (Monday, July 1), featuring members of our Kingston and District Branch, and Bay of Quinte Branch members in **Loyalist Garments**. **Sign up to participate**, decorate, loan items or other support! Contact Anne Redish for info. ar11@queensu.ca. This is a KINGSTON BRANCH event with Bay of Quinte Branch! Please participate if you possibly can!

Also Canada Day, beginning at 10am at the corner of Church Street (County Road 7) and the east side of Academy Street in Bath, there will be a dedication of the St. John's Anglican Cemetery by the Bay of Quinte Branch of United Empire Loyalists and St. John's Anglican Church, followed by the Grave Marking of the War of 1812 Veterans buried at St. John's. Following the ceremony at St. John's, the Canadian Fencibles will march to Bath United Church for a dedication 1812 Grave Marking at 10:45am. Help honour the Loyalists who helped to build the Village of Bath and protect the Country during her hour of need. The Dedications and War of 1812 Veteran Grave marking Ceremonies are being hosted by United Empire Loyalists / Bay of Quinte Branch, St. John's Anglican Church, Bath United Church, Loyalist Parkway Museum Coalition and Canadian Fencibles re-enactors. Once you've attended the two grave site ceremonies, it will be time for the Parade to start, including our members ... and hopefully YOU on the float or walking in the Parade.

Fairfield House, built in 1793, preserves the building skills of the Loyalist settlers who arrived in 1784. Visit for guided tour, **July 1 to August 31**, Wednesday to Sunday each week, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The park on the lakeshore is a pleasant picnic area. At 4574 Bath Road in Amherstview.

Hay Bay Church Annual Pilgrimage Service August 25 and Opening Saturday May 18, Closing Sept 22 (open weekends until Oct 13) Hours of operation 9-5:00, 7 days a week. Also: August 25 - **Annual Pilgrimage Service** with guest preacher Rev. Mike Putnam. 200th Anniversary of the 1819 Hay Bay Drowning. The Restoration Project is accepting donations to raise \$300,000 – \$20 gets you a tax receipt. <http://www.oldhaybaychurch.ca/>. A potential 2019 Sunset service is also in the works. Look for details soon.

Re Loyalist Attire: With a bit of lead time, Anne can dress many of you in something Loyalist-esque. See the three-page info sheet that is available at <http://www.uelac.org/Kingston-Branch/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-Your-Loyalist-garment-for-web.pdf>. Perhaps you have items to use! I have some outfits ready to go for some sizes. To 'book' an outfit, or to get something prepared, get in touch ASAP. ar11@queensu.ca / 613-483-3245 and perhaps leave a message if I am busy.

UELAC RENEWAL DATE: Dominion Office has informed us that recent procedural changes are going to mean that the ideal cut-off for renewal will now be the end of December each year, not providing "grace" until the end of February as has been the case. This means that we'll have to start accepting renewals earlier in the Fall, i.e. at our September meeting, and we'll be quite insistent by the time of our November meeting. That won't mean that late renewals will not be accepted, but it may mean delayed receipt of your copy of the *Loyalist Gazette*, if your name has to be added individually to the computer run sent to the printing company early in January.

So don't send us anything over the summer, but do look for a 2020 renewal form in the Fall, rather than next winter.

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Appointment of Proxy holder

The undersigned UELAC Member appoints _____ or, failing him/her, the following individual _____ as the proxy holder of the undersigned, to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of the undersigned (with all powers which the undersigned would possess). The proxy holder shall be entitled to exercise discretion in respect of voting on any matters that may properly come before the Meeting. The undersigned may revoke this proxy by written submission which must be received by the Dominion Secretary **no later than** the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or with the Credentials Committee on the day of the Meeting.

MATTER	VOTING INSTRUCTIONS
Appointment of Auditors	<input type="checkbox"/> VOTE <input type="checkbox"/> WITHHOLD VOTE [Note: Member to indicate whether the proxyholder should vote or withhold their vote.]
Election of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> VOTE <input type="checkbox"/> WITHHOLD VOTE [Note: Member to indicate whether the proxyholder should vote or withhold their vote.]

Copies of the Meeting agenda, financial statements, reports, and motions to be brought before the meeting will be available on the UELAC website by **May 10** (Access instructions will be distributed by that date) or on request at Dominion Office.

The person named above has agreed to hold my proxy.

Member's name: _____

Branch: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Completed forms or submissions revoking a proxy may be submitted by email to dominion.secretary@uelac.org or by post to:

UELAC Dominion Secretary,
J. Tuskin, U E
78 – 24 Fundy Bay Blvd.,
Toronto, ON, M1W 3A4.

****Your completed proxy form must reach the Secretary on or before May 10, 2019.**