

# CATARAQUI LOYALIST TOWN CRIER



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## **OUR NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021, 2:00 P.M. EDT:**

We anticipate that we will still not be able to meet in person for some considerable time yet. A fourth wave of COVID-19 seems to be growing – certainly numbers of new cases in Ontario are rising, although those within the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Health Unit jurisdiction are thankfully staying low. Accordingly, until further notice, you can be assured that our branch meetings will be held safely and distanced, via Zoom.

At our September meeting, award-winning author – and our own Programme Chair – **Jean Rae Baxter** will speak on "**WHEREAS it is Unjust**" - **Upper Canada's Role in the Fight to End Slavery**. More Loyalists than you might think arrived in Canada with Black "servants." Jean has been preparing a new book on the subject. She writes, "WHEREAS it is Unjust . . ."

As the title of this presentation I have used the opening words of the Preamble to "An Act to prevent the further introduction of SLAVES and to limit the Term of Contracts for SERVITUDE within the Province." The focus of my talk is this legislation, introduced on the initiative of Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe to the Upper Canada House of Assembly on May 31, 1793. This involves a critical look at a time when individuals from almost all levels of society in Upper Canada owned slaves. Finally, it points ahead to the role which the people of Canada would play during the last decades of slavery in the United States.

The session is open to anyone interested in Canadian history – feel free to share the link here to your friends and family. You need to pre-register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUldOuprj0vH9CK-CqPToos9pDbQ25LwOH2>. (If clicking the link does not work, then highlight and copy the entire link and paste it into the address field of your web browser.) You'll receive a confirmation email that can serve as a reminder and will contain the link to use a few minutes before the start time of 2:00 p.m. EDT. And, if you maintain an electronic calendar in Google Calendar or Outlook Calendar, you can add the meeting

to your personal calendar when you pre-register, so you can have a reminder from your calendar as well. (When you enter the meeting, you'll be placed in a Waiting Room for a minute or two.) You can use Zoom on a desktop computer, or on a smart phone or tablet. If you have not used Zoom before, you will need to download the free app from the app store appropriate to your device.



## THE UELAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 28, 2021

UELAC held its first, and much-delayed, AGM on Zoom in September 2020. The technology was new to most attendees, and there were a few little glitches.

By comparison, this year's meeting flowed smoothly and easily. People are now fairly used to conducting business on the Zoom platform from their computer, tablet or smartphone.

UELAC members had been asked to indicate ahead of time that they planned to attend the virtual meeting, or else that they were assigning a proxy vote to some other member. The executive had worked out a method for those holding proxy votes to cast them when each motion was voted on, since the electronic polling that is part of Zoom only allows one vote from each attendee, each time.

The agenda and all reports had been posted on the UELAC website ahead of time, which made it super easy for members to follow along. Technology was well used: we were able to watch video presentations of two Dorchester Award Ceremonies. (The Dorchester Award was established in October 2007 by Dominion Council, to exemplify Volunteer Excellence and Participation by conferring recognition on recipients for their lengthy and significant contributions to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada – people who have “gone that extra mile” with their contributions to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.)

**Robert C. McBride UE** of Kawartha Branch won the Dorchester Award in 2020 but it could not be presented at that time due to the pandemic – see <https://youtu.be/yWfllaFR-2o>. **Bonnie L Schepers UE** of Vancouver Branch was awarded the Dorchester Award in 2021 – <https://youtu.be/9tniEg4J22w>. Their citations may be read at <https://uelac.ca/honours-recognition/#dorchester>. It is inspiring to see how much some volunteers can accomplish for UELAC.

Among the reports, some highlights were:

- Conferences: 2022 will be held in Winnipeg and will be virtual; 2023 will be held in Vancouver, June 1-4, and will be an in-person conference.
- Loyalist Directory: a new version is coming and will be on the new website [uelac.ca](http://uelac.ca). Material from the original website is gradually being migrated to the new site.
- The Last Post listed the names of 47 UELAC members who passed away during 2020.
- Due in part to the pandemic curtailing travel, in-person meetings and other expenses, UELAC ended 2020 with a net gain of \$7,808.34, instead of the loss of \$59,725 which had been budgeted.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MILES O'REILLY

Miles O'Reilly, Q.C., is a relatively new member of Kingston and District Branch but has not been hesitant to step forward and devote some of his time in retirement to serving as our branch Vice-President. As of the UELAC AGM noted above, Miles is now, additionally, the **Central Region East Regional Councillor**. Miles will be working with Bill Russell, President of the Kawartha Branch, who has become Regional Vice President of the Central Region East, after serving in the Regional Councillor position for the past two years.

If you have any issues or concerns involving UELAC, or want to volunteer or suggest new activities, you can contact Bill at [billrussell10@gmail.com](mailto:billrussell10@gmail.com) or by phone 705-991-3070. Miles can be reached at [moreilly@insolaw.com](mailto:moreilly@insolaw.com) or 613-546-0778. Just remember, we're all volunteers, so people may not always be able to respond immediately.

## THANK YOU TO ANNE REDISH, OUTGOING REGIONAL VP

Thanks are due from us all to Anne Redish. Anne has served as the Central Region East Vice-President of UELAC for the past five years. In that role she was the liaison between Dominion Council and the nine branches within the Region. She resurrected the idea of Regional Meetings that brought together representatives from all the Branches, to discuss common issues and share new ideas for recruiting members and other activities. She travelled the length and breadth of the Region to meet with branch leadership, from Bay of Quinte Branch and Kawartha Branch to the west, up to Ottawa, and east to the three branches in the Province of Quebec.

At least with the pandemic teaching us all how to meet virtually, Bill and Miles may be spared a lot of travel in the future! We wish them well over the next year of their term.



## FROM OUR BRANCH GENEALOGIST...

Five certificate applications have been approved since our last newsletter went out in early May.

Congratulations to member Brenda Stygall of Enterprise, ON, who has successfully proven her descent from Loyalist **John YOUREX, UEL**.

And descent from **Nathaniel HOEG, UEL**, who settled in Remsheg, Nova Scotia, has been proven by a number of his descendants (presumably all are cousins of some degree):

Avaya Cairns of Sydenham, ON

Jamie Cairns of Sydenham, ON

Gary Hoeg of Whitby, ON

Kevin Hoeg of Kingston, ON

*Anne Redish UE, Branch Genealogist*

## FAREWELL TO LONGTIME MEMBERS

**LIN GOOD**, former Librarian at Queen's University, and an active participant in many organizations in Kingston, was born in England and came to Canada in the 1950s with her late husband Harold Elliott. She was definitely not a descendant of United Empire Loyalists, but she was passionately interested in history. Her second husband, Donald Good, was a descendant of **Loyalist Benjamin Babcock**. His ancestry went back through Franklin Good and his wife Sarah Jerusha Babcock, to Chester Babcock, to Israel Babcock, to John Prince Babcock, to Benjamin Babcock and his wife Rachael Decker. Don's late sister Marguerite Good Colpitts also attended some branch meetings although she never completed her Loyalist certification. Lin attended meetings with Don and began taking an active part in branch activities, even though she was only an Associate member.

(In the past, there were three classes of membership, tied to whether or not a person had proven their Loyalist descent. This was changed a number of years ago, so that now anyone interested in UELAC's goals of raising awareness of Canadian history and the role of Loyalists within it is welcome to join. Obtaining certification as a Loyalist descendant is now a separate activity.)

Lin maintained Kingston and District Branch membership long after Don passed away. She stepped forward to take the position of branch president at a time when no one else was willing to do so, and helped the branch to find a place to meet. Lin was an active member of St. Paul's Anglican Church on Queen Street, Kingston, where the branch has held its meetings for a number of years.

Unfortunately, a few falls helped contribute to Lin's deteriorating health and independence. She moved to Ottawa several years ago in order to be closer to family members. Lin passed peacefully in Ottawa on June 18, 2021, six weeks shy of her 100th birthday. There is an online obituary, with a wonderful photo that captures the Lin we knew, at <https://thewhig.remembering.ca/obituary/eleanor-may-lin-good-1082639620>



**ROSS LONG U.E.** passed away on July 3, 2021, in his 103<sup>rd</sup> year. Ross was a member of Kingston and District Branch for thirty years. He was the father of Jim Long, a former branch president who has also filled numerous other positions in the branch, and of Edwin Long, who resides in the USA but has attended meetings when he could. Ross was father-in-law of our former Hospitality chair Maureen Long, and grandfather of Annette Long, also a branch member. Our sincere condolences go to them all.

The family provided an informative obituary that was published in the *Whig Standard* and mentions Ross's varied interests including his beloved Model "A" Ford. You can read it at <https://thewhig.remembering.ca/obituary/ross-long-1082742909>.



*It does seem that Loyalists are long-lived people! Probably the best way to extend your life is to remain a member of Kingston and District Branch UELAC and participate actively in the Branch administration!*

## NEW WEB PAGE FOR ONLINE UELAC MERCHANDISE

You may want to visit the page <https://uelbridgeannex.com/uelac-store/> and then bookmark it in your browser: you'll have an easy way to view all the UELAC promotional merchandise that is currently available, and to order items for yourself or for giving as gifts to your family members.



## ONLINE LOYALIST ANCESTOR INFORMATION

Are you aware that we have a page on our website where you can list your Loyalist ancestors and solicit possible cousins to contact you? You'll find it if you go to <http://www.uelac.org/Kingston-Branch/a-homepage-section/> and scroll down to the link "Click here for the list."

Unfortunately, as you can see below, the list has not been updated since 2016: probably because newer members have not known about it. Our Webmaster can give it a higher profile on our site, but before she does, it would be wonderful if every member would submit all of their proven Loyalists, and the number of the certificate you've received for each. (We ask for the MC number so that anyone coming to the page can be confident that your information has been well researched and approved.)

By submitting names for this listing, you are agreeing to publication of this information on the website. You are also agreeing that you're willing to be contacted by someone who may be a distant relative. They might not be seeking information, but in fact may be willing to share things like family photos ... you just never know. We heard a few years ago of a local family historian who made contact with some distant cousins out west. After a year or two of correspondence, the two elderly ladies wrote that they felt it was time they passed along to her a bundle of letters that her great-grandfather had written to their great-grandfather, the writer's uncle: would she like them? We can't guarantee such a find for everyone, but it can't hurt to connect with distant relations.

LOYALIST ANCESTORS OF MEMBERS OF KINGSTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH UELAC				
Loyalist Ancestor	Birth & Death Years	Member Name	Member E-mail	Member Certificate
ASSELSTINE, John	1748 - 1822	James Long	<a href="mailto:jmlong@cogeco.ca">jmlong@cogeco.ca</a>	MC 7171-92
AUSTIN, Solomon	c1744 - 1826	Nancy Cutway	<a href="mailto:cutwaynancy@gmail.com">cutwaynancy@gmail.com</a>	MC 2014-80
CHRYSLER, Geronimus	1768 - 1859	Lorraine Sharren	<a href="mailto:sharren@csolve.net">sharren@csolve.net</a>	MC 9565-02
ETTINGER, Lewis		William Morrison	<a href="mailto:piperwilly@hotmail.com">piperwilly@hotmail.com</a>	MC 14335-15
HICKS, Edward		Barbara Carson	<a href="mailto:deperfun@kingston.net">deperfun@kingston.net</a>	MC 13037-12
HICKS, Joseph		Barbara Carson	<a href="mailto:deperfun@kingston.net">deperfun@kingston.net</a>	MC 11187-08
LLOYD, George Henry	1765 - 1834	Paul Caverly	<a href="mailto:pcaverly@rogers.com">pcaverly@rogers.com</a>	MC 10751-07
LOCKWOOD, Joseph	1730 - 1780	Anne Redish	<a href="mailto:ar11@queensu.ca">ar11@queensu.ca</a>	MC 12854-12
MARCELLUS, John (KRRNY)	1741 - 1801	William Morrison	<a href="mailto:piperwilly@hotmail.com">piperwilly@hotmail.com</a>	MC 13827-14
MILLER, John		Barbara Carson	<a href="mailto:deperfun@kingston.net">deperfun@kingston.net</a>	MC 13050-12
SERVISS/SERVICE, John W	settled at Iroquois	William Morrison	<a href="mailto:piperwilly@hotmail.com">piperwilly@hotmail.com</a>	MC 14462-16
ULMAN, Francis	settled Williamsburg	William Morrison	<a href="mailto:piperwilly@hotmail.com">piperwilly@hotmail.com</a>	MC 14463-16
WEAVER, Peter (KRRNY)	1765 - c1834	William Morrison	<a href="mailto:piperwilly@hotmail.com">piperwilly@hotmail.com</a>	MC 13169-12
YOUNG, Lt. Henry		Barbara Carson	<a href="mailto:deperfun@kingston.net">deperfun@kingston.net</a>	MC 13044-12
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To submit your information, please provide the data that can fill the columns shown, and send it to [kingston.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.uelac@gmail.com). Once the list is revised, Corrine can probably find it a more prominent

location and who knows, you may be contacted by the fifth cousin once removed who inherited the family Bible!



## FACEBOOK FOR LOYALISTS

Are you a member yet of any Facebook group about Loyalists?

You hear a lot about negative aspects of Facebook: misinformation, conspiracy theories, unkind comments, etc. But used judiciously and carefully, Facebook provides an excellent way to communicate with others who share your interests.

If you set the privacy on your account properly, then only your “friends” can see what you post on your account. And if you join closed groups, then only group members can read and respond to what you post.

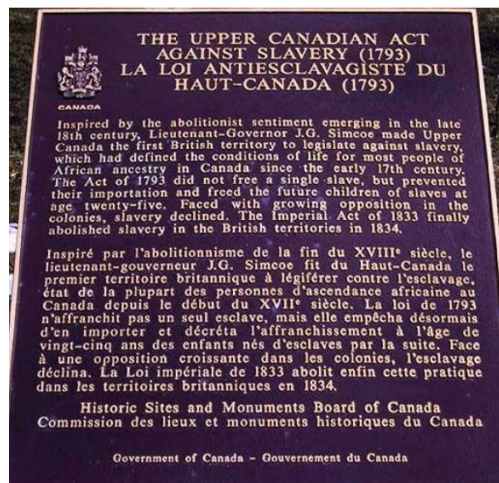
There are two groups of particular interest for members of our Branch:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KingstonUELAC>

and

the group for the UELAC overall, found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2303178326>.

### What will you read on Facebook posts?



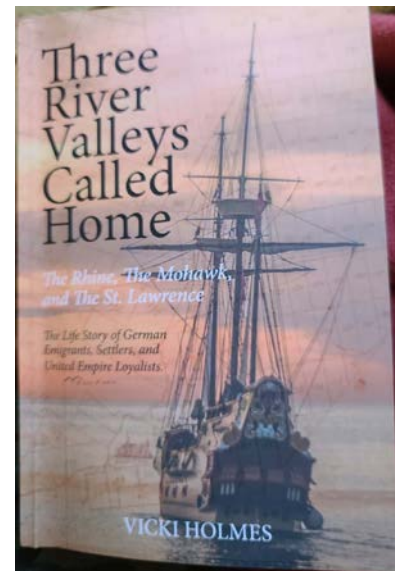
Sometimes a post relates to a specific date. For example, on August 1<sup>st</sup> our Genealogist Anne Redish shared to the Kingston group a post from Michael who included a photo of this plaque and wrote, “*August 1 is Emancipation Day recognizing the abolishing of slavery in Canada and other British colonies in 1834. In July 1793 Governor John Graves Simcoe got through limited legislation banning the importation of enslaved Africans into Upper Canada and guaranteeing freedom for the children of enslaved Africans born from then on when they reached the age of 25. His wider reforms were stymied, in particular, by slave owners in the Executive Council.*” (We’ll hear more about this at our September Branch meeting.)

Among the recent posts in the UELAC group was mention of a book someone had just ordered. He shared a photo of the cover (see next page), and other members added comments stating they had already read it, it was a great book, etc. Facebook provides a great way to share such info – and there are over 2,500 members of the UELAC Facebook Group, so there is a lot of information.

Another way people have used the group is to post an image of a difficult document and ask for help interpreting the handwriting. Or to ask if anyone else is working on descent from a certain Loyalist family. Or any other of the myriad questions that can often be answered by someone who’s been researching Loyalists longer than you have.

How can you join such groups? Go to Facebook.com in your web browser. Create an account for yourself. Then go to one of the links above and ask to join the Group. You can also “Search” for a name of a possible friend (or your grandchild, your cousin, etc.) and send them a Friend Request – as long as you’re certain you have found the correct individual. After all, there are a lot of John Smiths!

Take your time – and remember, you can always stop using Facebook any time you wish, remove Friends or at least stop viewing their posts. You can stay in control, and you can ignore the “Suggested for you” posts from companies and others. And you can read a lot of interesting things about Loyalists and their descendants.



## SHOWING MY LOYALIST COLOURS

*Written by Annette Long, U.E.*

When my partner Brad and I moved into our current home, I already had a unique connection to the area and the cemetery right beside our property. Within the Big Creek cemetery, my great-great-great-grandparents are both buried, **Isaac Asselstine** and **Barbra Fralick**. Having grown up and lived in Kingston, I moved not very far, to North Fredericksburg, which is an area where my ancestors are deeply rooted.

Isaac Asselstine was born in Hillsdale, New York province in April 1777. He was the son of John Asselstine and Catherine Cole. Isaac arrived in what was known as Mecklenburg District, Upper Canada, with his mother and some other family members. Isaac married Barbra Fralick, whose father was Jacob Fralick. They were married at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Concession #3, Lot 24, South Fredericksburg. Isaac purchased 48.5 acres from Jacob around 1811, which was adjoining to property he already owned at Concession #3 Lot 14 & 15, South Fredericksburg Township. The land which Isaac had already obtained was with help from his father, John Asselstine, as he was a U.E. Loyalist.

Together Isaac and Barbra had seven children: Jacob, Nicholas, Katy, Benjamin, Cyril, Anne and William.

In an 1818 Militia list of men from the 2nd Lennox Regiment, #59 lists private Isaac Asselstine. It is believed he was a private during the war of 1812 when the Americans declared war on Upper Canada.

Barbra Fralick Asselstine died April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1849. Isaac Asselstine died June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1860. The cemetery was originally part of the St. Warburgh's Anglican Church dating back to the early 1800s. In 1998, the cemetery was re-dedicated as the Big Creek Cemetery and

gravestones were restored. My grandfather Ross Long was in attendance for the re-dedication. It is very interesting that after all these years I would end up settling so close to my ancestors.

Part of our property includes a large barn down by the creek. On this barn we have installed a "barn quilt" painting.

Barn quilts were brought over from the Rhineland in the 17th century and became very popular in Pennsylvania among Pennsylvania Dutch ["Deutsch" – German] farmers.

Our barn quilt is a Loyalist flag, hanging high on the peak of our barn. I felt this was fitting as it represents my Loyalist ancestors who resided in this area.

I look forward to sharing these stories of the past and helping my son, Samuel, understand the United Empire Loyalist heritage and how it is a part of our family history.

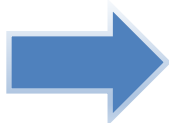
If you are heading south on county road 8 just before Big Creek Road, you can catch a glimpse of our barn quilt. For a closer look, proceed to 3231 Big Creek Road, and head to the back of property, and take a better look at the barn quilt hanging high and proud on the barn.



*Annette Long with her family and their Loyalist Barn Quilt, before it was mounted high on the barn. Supplied photos.*



## COMING EVENTS



**Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society** welcome all visitors to their meetings, currently taking place via Zoom. Anyone is invited to pre-register for free, and you can pass the link along to your friends if you think they'd be interested.

**Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m.** – Jane MacNamara: “Records of Migration and Settlement at the Archives of Ontario.” Pre-register at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrceGtrDkiE9ISdA68wI8xi7xoKU33Qk\\_U](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrceGtrDkiE9ISdA68wI8xi7xoKU33Qk_U)

**Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.** – Elise Cole: “Copyright and the Family Historian.” Pre-register at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpduippz4oGNIBekjKCMRCG2tLWLL\\_bcy8](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpduippz4oGNIBekjKCMRCG2tLWLL_bcy8)

You'll receive a separate Confirmation email for each meeting you register for. Keep that and use the link in the confirmation email to join the meeting on the correct day just before 10:00 a.m. EDT.



**“Writing your Family History”** workshop, Saturday, Oct. 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the St. Alban's Centre, Adolphustown. Presented by Jean Rae Baxter. It will be “live” and “in person” with safe distancing of participants at small tables. Email [info@stalbanscentre.ca](mailto:info@stalbanscentre.ca) for details on cost and to register. This is a fundraiser for St. Albans.

### **KINGSTON & DISTRICT BRANCH UELAC AGM:**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2:00 P.M. EST.** This meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting**. Our very special speaker will be a former recipient (2007) of a three-year UELAC Scholarship. **Dr. Tim Compeau** completed his Ph.D. thesis on *Dishonoured Americans: Loyalist Manhood and Political Death in Revolutionary America*. He presently teaches in the Department of History at Huron University College, part of Western University. In May 2021 he earned the **HUCSC Teaching Award**, presented annually to a faculty member who goes above and beyond for their students to create an exceptional learning experience.

One of Tim Compeau's ongoing projects is development of a Loyalist immigration map, illustrating the various routes that groups of Loyalists took to arrive in Canada. His topic for us will be “The Triumph of Villainy: The Loyalist search for Honour in Defeat.”

Pre-register (free) at any time at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtdGuqzgoEtVNaX25tgJIYynKYcZZBSbo>

and you'll receive a confirmation email that can serve as a reminder – and, if you keep an electronic calendar in Google or Outlook, you can add the date to your calendar as you register. That way, your calendar will remind you too! The confirmation email will contain the link to use to join the meeting, shortly before 2:00 p.m. You will be admitted to the waiting room, and then to the meeting.

Kingston and District Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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To contact any member of the Branch executive, email [kingston.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.uelac@gmail.com) (particularly if you would like to volunteer for any position, vacant or presently occupied; elections will take place at the November AGM).

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