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OUR NEXT MEETING: AGM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021

The final meeting of 2021 will be held on Zoom, beginning at 2:00 PM EST. 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 migrations](#) map, illustrating the various routes that groups of Loyalists took to arrive in Canada. He demonstrates a strong interest in making history more appealing to young people: for a number of years he was co-lead on a project to develop an interactive game which is now used in Ontario schools, "Tecumseh Lies Here." He describes it as "used to teach history and historical thinking skills by making the act of historical research the central activity of the game itself." He is co-editor of *Seeing the Past With Computers: Experiments with Augmented Reality and Computer Vision for History*."

Dr. Compeau's 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/tZEtdGuzqgoEtVNaX25tgJIYynKYcZBZSbo> 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 email will contain the link to use to join the meeting, shortly before 2:00 p.m. on the 27th of November. You will be admitted to the waiting room, and then to the meeting.

This meeting will be our Annual General Meeting. Please look NOW at the list of executive positions on page 10 and decide which job you can share or assume entirely. Contact kingston.uelac@gmail.com prior to the AGM to volunteer your skills.

OUR LAST MEETING – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

At our September meeting, award-winning author – and our own Programme Chair – **Jean Rae Baxter** spoke on "**WHEREAS it is Unjust**" - **Upper Canada's Role in the Fight to End Slavery**.

Jean began by stating that today we acknowledge that some Loyalists were slave owners. This was not unusual at the time, or even much earlier in history. What became Upper Canada was part of Quebec, where slavery had existed from the 1600s among the French and much earlier among Indigenous nations themselves. Slaves there included both Indigenous captives, termed "Panis" [a corruption of the word Pawnee], and black slaves imported from New England. Blacks came to be preferred in Quebec, because the *Panis* more frequently ran away into the woods and could use their considerable skills to survive there: Blacks imported from the provinces to the south were less likely to escape.

Slave owners both north and south of the new border believed that slavery was just a part of life: it made their lives easier, it was necessary for the economy, and not even the Bible said anything to condemn it. After all, St. Paul wrote "Slaves, obey your masters."

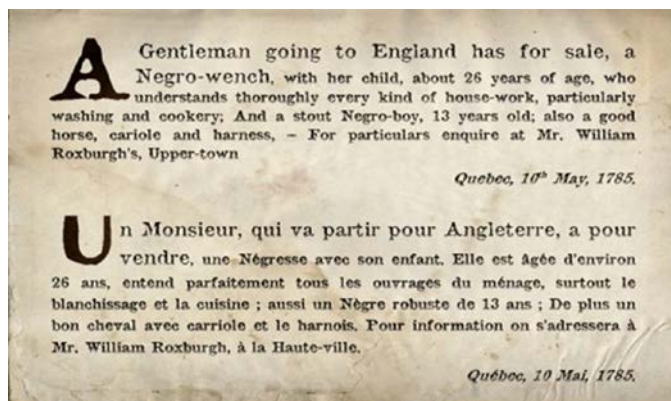
When the British conquered New France, the **Articles of Capitulation** signed at Montreal on 8 September 1760 included a specific clause on enslavement:

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.

The clause made it very clear, said Jean, that slavery was legal under British rule.

Many of those present at the meeting were surprised to hear Jean say, "Twelve years later, in 1772, slavery ended in England. ... The end of slavery in England resulted from a legal judgment in a case called the *Somerset Case*." Abolitionists had brought suit on behalf of James Somerset, a slave who escaped from his owner, was recaptured, and was about to be sent to a plantation in Jamaica by his owner. Jean summarized the 1772 ruling in the Court of King's Bench by Lord Mansfield, that since neither Common Law nor Statute Law nor Natural Law supported the institution of slavery, "the man must be discharged."

No person could henceforth be a slave in England, but the judgment had no effect on slavery in British North America. It was not until 1834 that slavery was actually abolished throughout the British Empire.



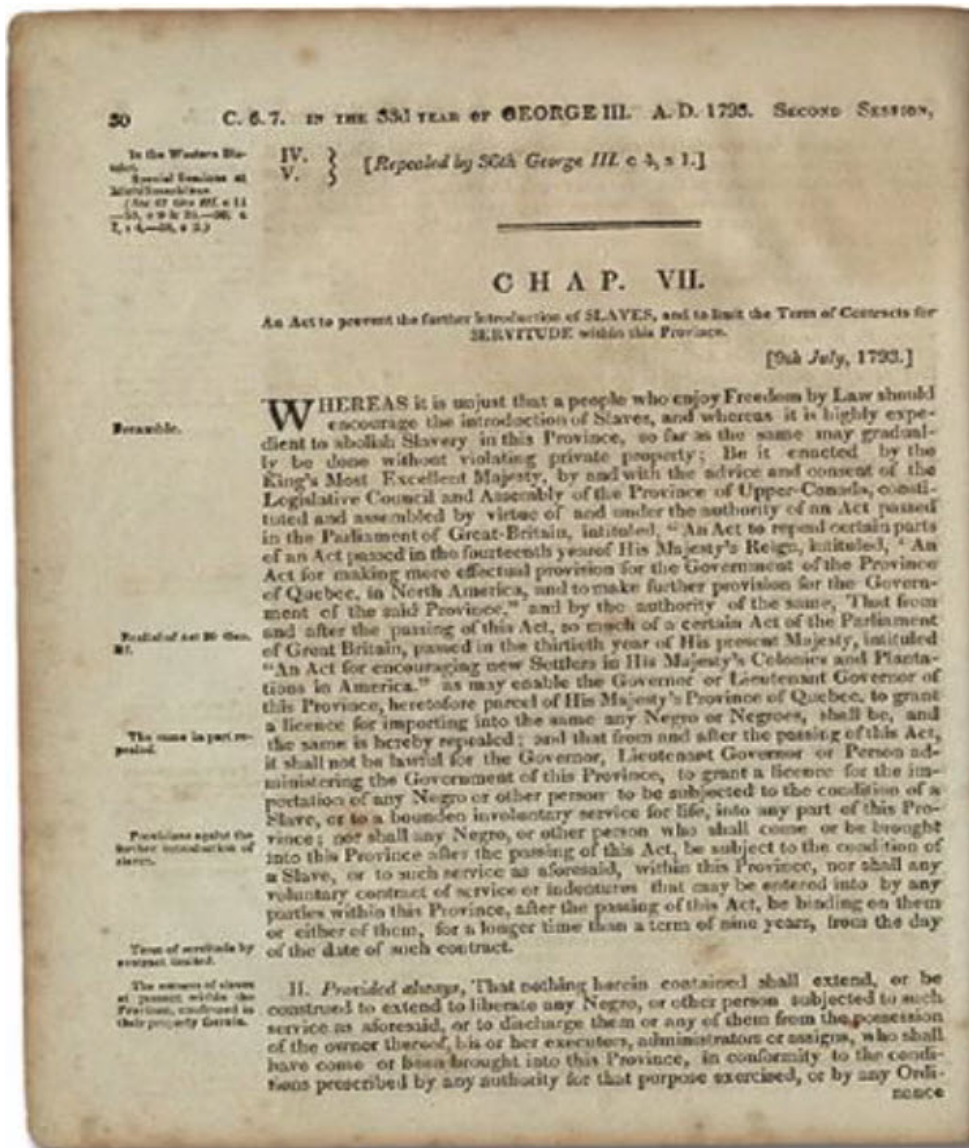
Jean showed this advertisement from a Quebec City newspaper and pointed out that the gentleman would have had to free his slaves once they arrived in England. Evidently he preferred to sell them prior to his departure.

Advertisement found at <https://www.historymuseum.ca/virtual-museum-of-new-france/>

As Loyalists flooded north after the American Revolution, the issue that concerned them was not could they bring their slaves – that was a given – but could they bring them without paying duty?

The Imperial Statute of 1790 expressly allowed immigrants from the United States to bring in “negros [sic], household furniture, utensils of husbandry, or cloathing [sic]” duty free.

Jean found estimates that by 1792, there were about 2,000 slaves in the Maritimes, 300 in Lower Canada and 500-700 in Upper Canada. Among notable Loyalists, the Deputy Superintendent of the Indian Department, Matthew Elliott, owned at least 60 slaves. Sir John Johnson and Rev. John Stuart brought slaves with them; Joseph Brant owned 45. Even Molly Brant had three slaves.



Source: Archives of Ontario

introduce a bill to “prevent the further introduction of slaves” and to “limit the terms of contracts for servitude within the Province.” It would now be illegal to import slaves. Existing slaves would remain the property of their owners, but any children born after the Act was passed would not be slaves. They were entitled to remain with their mothers, supported by the masters, “until such child shall have obtained the age of twenty-five years, at which time such child shall be entitled to demand his or her discharge from, and shall be discharged by such master or mistress from any further service.” Owners were required to register the births of such children in order to facilitate this.

Clearly this was not a popular proposition: if the owner wished to keep his existing slaves, he had to feed and clothe their children for up to 25 years and then watch them walk away. There was much

Jean cited a couple of events in Simcoe’s history showing that he was already against slavery and prejudice. She quoted a letter (found in the *Simcoe Papers*) stating: “From the moment that I assume the government of Upper Canada, under no modification will I assent to a law that discriminates by dishonest policy between the natives of Africa, America or Europe.” (Collection of the Nova Scotia Historical Society for the years 1896-98, Vol X. Halifax, N. S. Nova Scotia Printing Company 1899.)

Thus, during the second session of the first parliament of Upper Canada, which met at Newark (now Niagara-on-the-Lake) on May 31, 1793, Simcoe instructed the Attorney General to

opposition expressed when the bill was discussed, but it did successfully pass both the House of Assembly, where slave owners were in the minority – 6 out of 16 members – and the Legislative Council, where it passed unanimously despite the fact that 6 out of 9 members owned slaves.

This Act did not free any slaves, but as Jean quoted Simcoe, “the enslaved persons now had the satisfaction of looking forward to their descendants being free.”

Jean also discussed how Free Blacks were treated. Some received the same land and supplies as did disbanded white soldiers. One, a former slave named Richard Pierpoint who had escaped from his master and served with Butler’s Rangers during the Revolution, petitioned Simcoe for land to establish an all-black community. Simcoe refused to accept the petition, since the idea of segregated communities went against his belief. (Pierpoint presented another petition to the government in 1812 after war broke out, to create an all-Black militia to fight for the British. This petition was successful. “Captain Robert Runchey’s Corps of Coloured Men” served in many battles, including the Battle of Queenston Heights and the Battle of Stoney Creek. Jean commented wryly that Captain Runchey was of course white.)

Simcoe left Upper Canada in 1798 due to ill health. In his absence, Christopher Robinson tried to partly reverse the Act of July 1793, so that new immigrants coming from the USA or the Caribbean to settle could bring their slaves. It passed in the House of Assembly, but Richard Cartwright of Kingston, despite being a slave-owner himself, stalled the bill in the Legislative Council until it died at the end of the session.

The last recorded sale of a slave in Upper Canada took place in Thurlow, Hastings County, in March 1824. By the time slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire in 1834, there were probably no more than 50 people left enslaved in Upper Canada.

Jean gave a very interesting and informative presentation. I for one look forward to her book which is now supposed to be published on November 30, 2021. It can be pre-ordered right now from Amazon, and no doubt will be available from local booksellers after that date.

~ Nancy Cutway UE

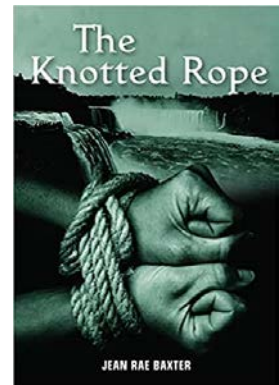


Image of book cover from Amazon.ca



THE KING’S COLOUR – A BROADSIDE OF EARLY UPPER CANADA

Stuart Manson UE of Cornwall, Ontario has begun publishing a two-page “broadside” of Loyalist items and news. It resembles a newsheet which our Loyalist ancestors might have read about 245 years ago – that is, those of our ancestors who could read. Volume 1, No. 2, October 2021 deals with Fort Frontenac, Michael Grass and Kingston.

What a great idea, Stuart: focusing on one topic per month, and dealing with some “It has been said...” Loyalist legends through research citing actual sources. A lot of work, and a good read. Even better, Stuart is making this available for free.

You can find it at www.facebook.com/TheKingsColour, or email Stuart at manson1763@gmail.com to request a copy of the PDF file. The inaugural issue is also available on Stuart’s Facebook page: just scroll down.



FAIRFIELD HOMESTEAD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Our friends at the Association have not been able to open Fairfield House, or the related Fairfield-Gutzeit House, for public tours this past year due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, that does not mean they have been idle.

They prepared a short video entitled **Sharing Loyalist Heritage for 30 Years** to promote virtual Loyalist Days this past June. It was renamed to “Views Into the Past: The Fairfields and Their Homestead” when it was posted to YouTube, where you can watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xX57VMDjLNU>.

You can also watch “Fairfield House: Tour from Cellar to Attic,” “Loyalists Making a New Start, 1784” and “A Summer Walk in Fairfield Park” (which also has a French version). Just Google “YouTube Fairfield Homestead Heritage Association” and links to all four will appear.

And of course, if you want to become a member of their Association and receive their interesting newsletters, you can get all the details by emailing fairfield1793@gmail.com.



FROM OUR BRANCH GENEALOGIST...

Member Cheryl Lowrie has been putting her pandemic “stay at home” time to great use.

Congratulations, Cheryl, on receiving another certificate of descent, this time from Loyalist Asa Richardson.

Anne Redish UE



ANOTHER SOURCE OF LOYALIST PETITIONS

We all know that the Upper Canada Land Petitions at Library and Archives Canada are the place to start researching your Loyalist ancestors. But I recently attended a Zoom meeting of Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and discovered another source of Loyalist petitions.

The speaker, Jane MacNamara of Toronto, spoke on “Records of Migration and Settlement at the Archives of Ontario.” She spoke mostly about the Emigrant Office record sets, which may be of use in researching my Irish immigrants. However, Jane also mentioned the Petitions received by the **Crown Lands Department** for the 1827-1856 period. These are found at the Archives of Ontario (AO) in RG 1-54-2, in alphabetical volumes. They are on microfilm at AO and are also digitized at familysearch.org (FS). A good way to start at FS is to go to Search > Catalog > make sure “All” types selected > enter “Canada, Ontario” > Scroll down to “Canada, Ontario - Land and property

(31)". Click that link and scroll down to "Land Records, ca. 1792-1876. Author: Ontario Crown Lands department". When you click that link, it expands to a 5-page list; go to page 2 and scroll past the listing of microfiche indexes until you see "Petitions." The camera icon means you can view the digitized records online: just click it.

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Family
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United States &
Canada 2nd Floor Film 1316301 8312352



Items are arranged alphabetically on each film, and there is usually a divider page placed before the first page of a person's documentation. Be certain to collect all pertinent pages.

What do land records 1827-1856 have to do with Loyalists? PLENTY! I selected the appropriate digitized film to contain Dulmage, and sure enough, some family members were there. Both Solomon Dulmage (c1800 - 1862) and Peter C. Dulmage (1816-1892), brothers of my 2nd-great-grandfather Jonathan Dulmage (1814 - 1900) submitted petitions in 1850 for land as Sons of a UE Loyalist. Why they waited so long, I'm not sure. ... was there a deadline suddenly and they finally decided to act? Their father Jacob Dulmage (?1768 - 1841) had obviously passed away, and therefore they had to include affidavits from others stating that they knew that Jacob had served in Jessup's Rangers, had seen his discharge letter, etc. I haven't yet determined if the petitions were successful and what land the men acquired, but I am surprised they were so late in time.

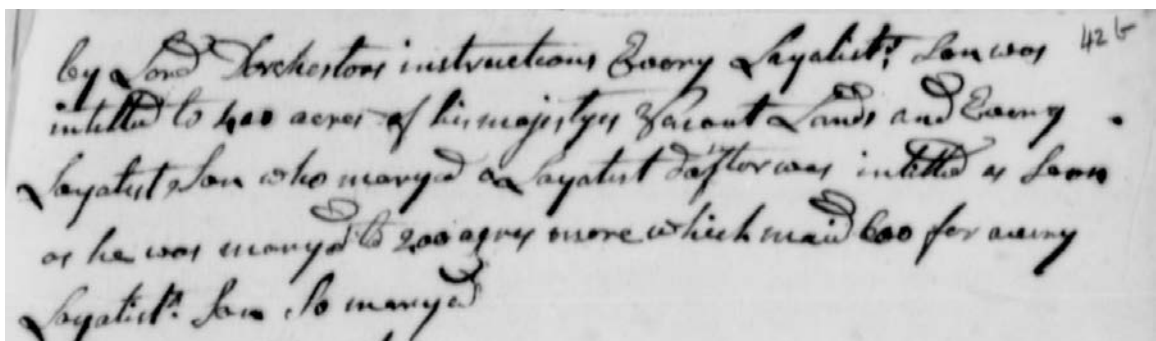
Jacob Dulmage was never on the original UE List, probably because he was not issued rations separately as he still lived with his parents upon discharge: he was only 14 at the time. I was told years ago that it might be problematic to submit a certification claim through Jacob as only a son of David Dulmage UEL, because there is no proof of his birth. However, since last year I found Jacob's discharge paper signed by Edward Jessup at Library and Archives Canada, I've been planning to claim through Jacob. His sons' claims for SUE land will certainly enhance my claim.

Nancy Cutway UE



A REASON TO MARRY A LOYALIST DAUGHTER!

Alex Ross stumbled across the following statement within a Loyalist claim he obtained from Library and Archives Canada:



Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865), Library and Archives Canada, Microfilm C-1609, Page 327, petition of Samuel Adams.

"By Lord Dorchester's instructions Every Loyalist's son was Intitled to 400 acres of his majesty's vacant Lands and Every Loyalist's Son who married a Loyalist daughter was intitled as Soon as he

was married to 200 acres more which makes 600 for every Loyalist's Son So married."

Has anyone ever seen this statement before? Is it accurate? It may explain why so many Loyalist children married other Loyalist children: for the land!



NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED US IN 2021

As we come to the end of our membership year, we are pleased to see that so many joined the branch during the year:

Jamie and Avaya Cairns, Sydenham, ON	Gail Kinnear, Kingston, ON
John Chesebrough, Kingston, ON	Mark Leggett, Kingston, ON
Beverly Frid, Oakville, ON	Jennifer, James, Phelan & Sean McIlreath, Belleville ON
Brian Garrah, Toronto, ON	Karen Simmons, Brampton, ON
Simon Gill, Orono, ON	Carolyn Strong, Prineville, OR
Doreen Heaslip, Napanee, ON	Kimberley Torgerson, Sydenham, ON
Gary Hoeg, Kingston, ON	John Webster, Oshawa, ON
Kevin Hoeg, Whitby, ON	Matthew Whisman, Louisville, KY

A sincere welcome to you all. We sincerely hope that during 2022 the rest of the Branch members will be able to meet some of you in person.



HELP WANTED ON THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE

At its most recent executive meeting (via Zoom), the branch executive lamented that we have not been able to meet our new members for the past two years. We do have executive positions to fill, but the pandemic has prevented us from getting to know you and your abilities and strengths. So we humbly ask you to speak up for yourselves and tell us what you want to do with and for the Branch.


We need a **Secretary**: duties involve making notes during executive meetings and general meetings. As you'll have learned at any meeting you have attended via Zoom, our minutes are quite brief. You do not need to read anything aloud, as the minutes are circulated as part of the meeting reminder. This could be a perfect job for a couple of people to share. And you don't necessarily need to live in Kingston, since it's all on Zoom.

We need a **Newsletter Editor**, and hopefully a team to back up the Editor and work on small articles. We can provide the template we're using for this newsletter (Word). Other positions on the executive provide reports for each issue (5 times a year). This position in particular is easily done remotely from Kingston. When it's ready, you send the file by email to the Publicity Chair, who handles the distribution.

If neither of these positions appeals to you, please do let us know what you'd like to do: make phone calls to members who do not have email? Assist the genealogist or branch historian on some research questions? Proofread certificate applications? Help the Librarian work on an indexing project? Use the branch address kingston.uelac@gmail.com to reach us, and your note will be forwarded to the correct people.

Whenever we can begin in-person meetings again, we will also require a **House** chair and possibly people with technical and A/V skills to assist him/her; also a **Hospitality** chair and helpers. Again, we don't know the abilities of most of our members, so please do reach out to the executive.

GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries	Ministère des Industries du patrimoine, du sport, du tourisme et de la culture	 Ontario
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October 4, 2021

Mr. Peter Milliken
President
United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada - Kingston and District Branch
pasm@rogers.com

Dear Mr. Milliken:

**Re: 2021-22 Heritage Organization Development Grant
Case Number: 2021-06-1-1602462299**

I am pleased to approve a grant of **\$1,545** for your organization under the Heritage Organization Development Grant program for the 2021-22 fiscal year.


The impact of COVID-19 on Ontario's heritage, sport, tourism and culture industries and on the long-term sustainable operations of organizations in the sector has been considerable. We understand that organizations in these sectors are among the hardest hit and will take the longest to recover.

We will continue to work with all of you to ensure that when this pandemic is over, Ontario will be ready to welcome back the world to our province. The Ontario government is committed to a strong culture sector and is pleased to continue its support for heritage organizations.

For further information about your grant, please contact Shannon Khan, Culture Programs Advisor by email: HODG-SSAHC@ontario.ca

Our government values your dedication to the cultural community in Ontario and I wish you a successful year ahead in your activities.

Kindest regards,



Lisa MacLeod
Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

C: Nancy Cutway, Treasurer

Members Only: More Branch Newsletters Now Available

Copies of newsletters published by several branches have been contributed to the Members' Section of the UELAC website uelac.ca. Login and from the landing page go to "Newsletters". Currently twenty-six issues from fifteen branches are available.

This offers a good way to check out what's happening in other areas of the country, to see if you want to add an Additional Branch to your UELAC membership.

There are also videos of presentations to various branches under Members Only.

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, November 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m.** – Paul Van Nest will speak about “Remembering My Cousin and His Family: Bomber Command in WWII.” Pre-register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvfuuqqzsvHdwog0y4qF05pWgw9JXSuP2b> You'll receive a Confirmation email. Keep that and use the link in the confirmation email to join the meeting on November 20th just before 10:00 a.m. EST.

➡ **Kingston Historical Society** will meet on **Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom. Halifax-based archivist and historian Barry Cahill will discuss his upcoming biography of Norman McLeod Rogers, one-time Queen's political economist, policy advisor to Mackenzie King and Kingston MP, with special focus on Rogers' Kingston affiliation. (Non-members of KHS should contact kingstonhs@gmail.com for the link to Zoom.) Incidentally, KHS has compiled a Reading List about Kingston, free to [download](#). And some of their past presentations can be found on YouTube – listing is on their website <https://www.kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca/> under Meetings.

It's not too soon to start planning for Conference 2022!

2022: “Eye on the Heart of the Continent” (May 26-29, 2022)

Conference 2022 will be hosted by Manitoba Branch.

This will be a virtual conference showcasing several heritage tour sites such as the Manitoba Museum, the Museum of Human Rights and the Manitoba Legislature.

Speakers are booked from five universities across the country on a variety of heritage topics.

Manitoba Branch was preparing to host the 2020 Conference, as a live event in Winnipeg, when the COVID-19 pandemic was declared. That Conference was cancelled, but the Branch has adapted – as our Loyalist ancestors had to learn to do, so often – and will provide an interesting opportunity to meet and hear excellent speakers, without the bother or expense of travel. Reserve those dates and watch for details on the UELAC website and in [Loyalist Trails](#).

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

2021 Executive

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2022

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For continuous membership, please renew NO LATER than December 1, 2021.

Renewal Membership Dues for 2022

Individual Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00
Family Membership (all at same address)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60.00
(name(s) of additional family members): _____		

If you belong and pay full dues to another Branch, you may maintain a membership in Kingston Branch for only \$15.00.

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Please indicate your preferences:

I am planning to renew online. [Please complete this form anyway, and send a scan of the signed form to the Membership Chair at sherren69@gmail.com so we know your preferences as shown below.]

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: _____

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