

CATARAQUI LOYALIST TOWN CRIER



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Next meeting **Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** in St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 137 Queen Street (at Montreal). Speakers **ANGELA and PETER JOHNSON** (Dominion Co-Genealogists) will present "How to Document Your Loyalist Ancestor". Join us for a 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 other Loyalist descendants! Do bring a friend, visitors are always welcome.

Kingston & District Branch UELAC 2019

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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.

REPORT ON JAN. 26 MEETING



Dr. Leigh Smith, a member of Kingston and District Branch UELAC, spoke on "Pack Up Your House and Sail!"

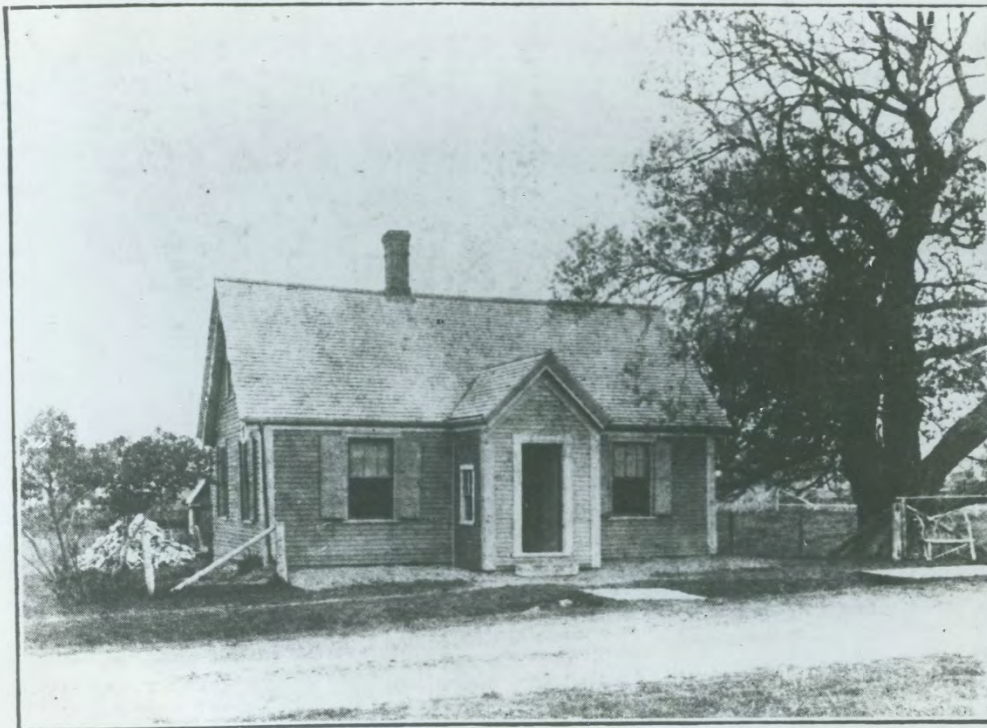
Photo by Nancy Cutway

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PACK UP YOUR HOUSE AND SAIL! *Continued from page 1:*

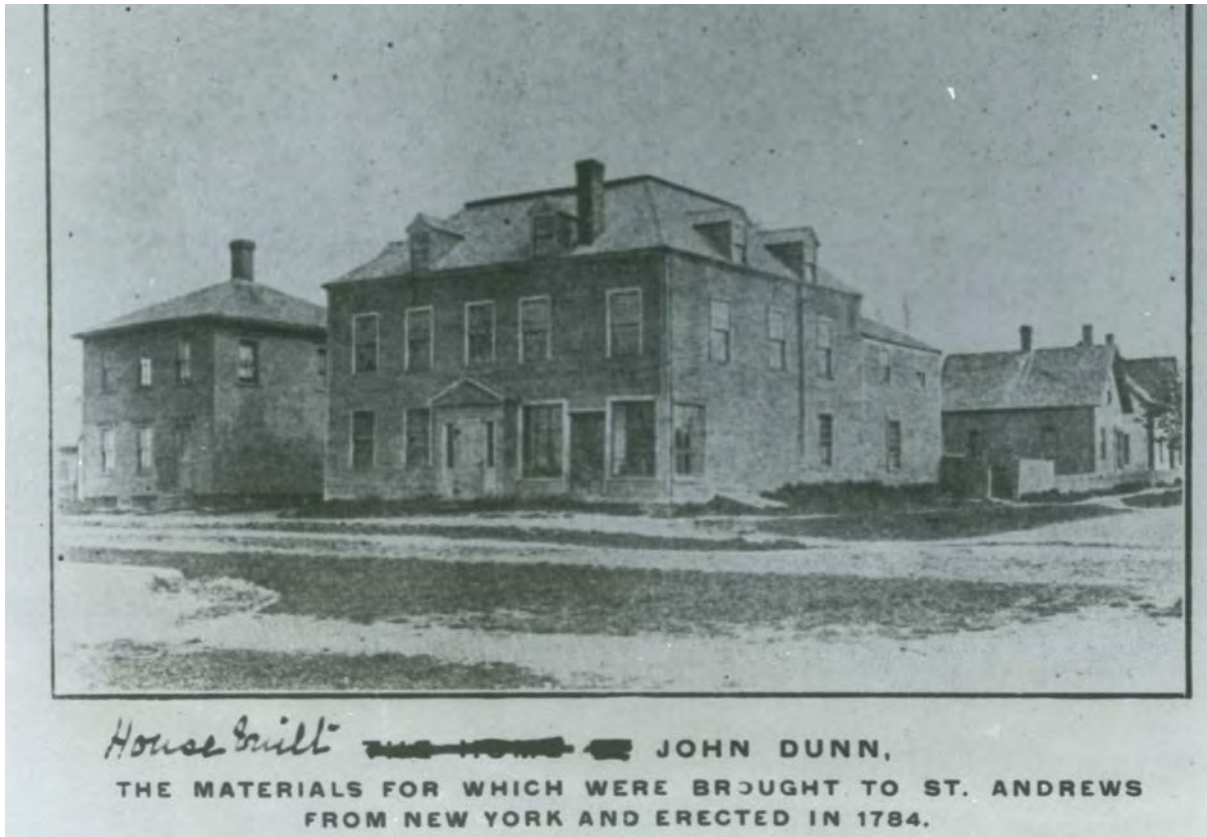
When the Maine/Nova Scotia boundary was finalized after the Treaty of Paris (1783), it turned out that the town of Castine was to remain in the State of Maine, instead of the Province of Nova Scotia. (New Brunswick had not yet been carved out of Nova Scotia: that came in 1784.) This decision came despite petitions from the citizens of Castine to the government in London: they even paid to send a small delegation to plead their case, that the Penobscot River should be the natural boundary between Maine and Nova Scotia, rather than the St. Croix River. Fort George, the British fort at Castine, was the last fort ceded to the USA in 1784, when the 74th Highland Regiment abandoned it.

About 40 Loyalist families from Castine who absolutely refused to remain in the USA carefully took apart their wooden houses, laid the walls and roofs onto barges, and floated them down the Penobscot River, eastward along the coast to Passamaquoddy Bay, and then to the peninsula where St. Andrew's took shape.



**HIS BUILDING WAS FORMERLY THE STORE OF ROBERT PAGAN,
THE MATERIALS FOR WHICH WERE BROUGHT TO ST. ANDREWS
BY THE LOYALISTS IN 1784.**

Dr. Smith was able to show photographs of several buildings still existing in St. Andrews which originated in Castine. He pointed out that these were not log cabins, but were houses built of horizontal planks of wood, so it was easier to take down each side of the house as a unit. As one member of the audience pointed out, based on the construction methods of the times, they would have been held together with wooden pegs rather than nails, so tapping out the dowels was probably easier than removing nails would have been. All glass was carefully removed from the windows and packed for transport. Leigh's photos of the re-assembled houses showed that the windows frequently consisted of about a dozen small panes rather than one large pane, as glass window panes were difficult to make and thus very expensive.



Given the tides in the Bay of Fundy, safely moving the barges and their loads behind a sailing boat was probably the hardest part of the enterprise.

This was a very interesting story of Loyalists from another part of the country, which most of us had never heard before. Dean Taylor, who introduced Leigh as speaker, has a special knowledge of the area, since he descends from a Castine Loyalist – and he'll speak about them in September.



OUR DISAPPEARING HERITAGE

Isaac Ferriss - Veteran of War of 1812
& son of Loyalist Joseph Ferriss



At our November 2018 meeting, speaker Ruth Nicholson showed her Loyalist certificate through Joseph Ferriss UEL and her War of 1812 certificate based on Isaac Ferriss's service. This raised a question from an audience member: was there a connection to the Ferris Loyalist family from Cataraqui?

Member John Lynn Bell has frequently shown us photo displays that he has compiled: his female ancestors, photos of children in clothing from 150 years ago, an assembly of his ancestors' signatures compiled from various documents, and others. He recalled that in 1990 he took a photo of the Ferris house, then standing abandoned and windowless just before the stone building that housed a family of Loyalists was demolished to make way for a tire store and service centre.



Ferris House: 1800-1990. Formerly located at Cataraqui on northwest corner of Sydenham Rd. and Highway 2 (well back from main road). Demolished to make way for a car dealership. Photographed as it appeared in 1990.

The Ferris House is just one of the buildings Lynn showed in his latest photo montage, Our Disappearing Heritage:



LOYALIST TRAVEL ROUTES

The following item is reprinted with permission from Ontario Genealogical Society Kingston Branch Newsletter, Vol. 13, No. 3, May/June 1986, pp. 28-29.

The Lorne Pierce Collection at Queen's library contains many rare local histories and Canadian books of use to genealogists. Dorothy Stewart passes on the following hint from one such book: Do you know the route your Loyalist ancestors took to travel from New York state to Ontario? Perhaps they made stops along the way -- living here or there for a few weeks or months. Perhaps at one of those stops there was a death and burial, or birth and baptism.

According to Estelle Clark Watson in her book, *Loyalist Clarks, Badgleys, and Allied Families* (in the Lorne Pierce Collection, Douglas Library), Loyalists usually took one of the following seven routes:

1. By way of the Hudson to Albany, thence up the Mohawk, Wood Creek, Lake Oneida, and the Oswego to Lake Ontario.
2. Up the Hudson, Mohawk, W. Canada Creek, and Black River to Sackett's Harbor on Lake Ontario (this was a favourite route).
3. Up the Hudson, across the Mohegan Mts, down the Moose and Black Rivers to Sackett's Harbor or down the Oswegatchie to Ogdensburg.
4. Up the Hudson, over the mountains, and down the Racket River to the St. Lawrence.
5. Up the Hudson, down Lake George, Lake Champlain & Sorel River to Montreal.
6. By way of the Atlantic and the St. Lawrence.

7. Across western N.Y.

“Sometimes whole neighborhoods united to make the journey in winter by sleighs.... There was a military highway from Oswego to Ogdensburg, and some took this for the last lap of the long journey if they had chosen the Oswego route; others crossed the lake from there by schooner. It was a long and difficult journey to reach their place of exile, no matter how they went. It took a month even by ship to reach Quebec from New York City, and after arriving at Sorel, which is up the St. Lawrence from Quebec, many had to spend the cold Canadian winter there in canvas tents” (p. 144).



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At time of printing, our membership renewals for 2019 are at 53, including two Branch members (those who join us in addition to their primary branch), which is ahead of last year at this time. For those who have not yet renewed, we would encourage you to do one of the following easy steps:

- (1) Retrieve the 2019 Renewal form printed at the back of the January newsletter, and send it in with your cheque or money order;
- (2) Go to our web site and complete the fillable Renewal Form, print it and send it in with your cheque or money order;
- (3) Bring your completed form and payment with you to our next meeting.

So far in 2019 we have welcomed 3 new members: Catherine Gold, Joan Miller and Jim Tremain.

Have you brought a visitor to a meeting? Why not? Your guests do not need to be proven Loyalists – anyone with an interest in Canadian history is always welcome. I look forward to greeting all at the next meeting.

Loyally yours, Lorraine Sherren, UE, Membership & Welcome



OUR BRANCH LIBRARY BOOKS

In the last issue, we thought that our Branch’s collection of printed books and bound copies of past volumes of *The Loyalist Gazette* and our own newsletter, *Cataraqui Loyalist Town Crier*, now housed with Kingston Frontenac Public Library’s own Kingston Collection, and the holdings of Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, would be available in the newly-renovated Central Branch by mid-February. However, delays happened.

The **Central Branch at 130 Johnson Street** has now announced that the official opening will be on **Saturday, March 23rd**. That’s the date of our upcoming meeting, so since you will be just four blocks away for our meeting, you can go to Central Branch before or after our meeting to take advantage of their open house with tours. We will now be situated on the second floor, in a larger space than previously, with tables and chairs so you can easily do your research and reading.

Remember, you can always check <https://www.kfpl.ca/> for branch hours and to explore the online catalogue. All our books have the location or shelfmark “UELAC” in the catalogue. They also have a Loyalist flag label on the spine.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON 2018: corrected

Bank account January 1, 2018 **1,537.72**

INCOME	Banquet ticket sales	2,160.00	
	Certificate fee received	360.00	
	Chard Trust interest	5,324.40	
	HODG Grant	1,545.00	
	Interest Income (Wood Gundy savings)	347.70	
	Lunch Receipts	100.00	
	Membership dues received - Canadian dollars	3,347.22	
	Membership dues received - USD to CDN	110.76	
	Membership dues received - total	3,457.98	
	Merchandise Sales	160.00	
	Other Income (transfer from Wood-Gundy savings)	1,774.38	
	TOTAL INCOME	15,229.46	15,229.46

EXPENSES	Banquet	2,184.21	
	Donations	500.00	
	Fees & Charges: Bank of Montreal	30.50	**
	Genealogist Expenses and certificates	402.76	
	Hall rent (incl 2017 and 2018)	660.00	
	Insurance	648.00	
	Library	58.50	
	Membership expenses	49.27	
	Newsletter	448.25	
	Office Expenses	179.27	
	Per-Capita Dues	2,930.00	
	Postal box	270.38	
	Programme	631.48	
	Projects (Heritage Fair)	100.00	
	Publicity (Flag-raising 2017 and 2018)	655.12	
	Sundry	35.21	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	9,782.95	(9,782.95)

Bank account on 31 December 2018 **6,984.33**

****In preparing the statement on January 1st for the January newsletter, I had assumed the usual \$2.50 banking charge would appear after the end of December. However, we were not charged that fee because the infusion of interest in November from the John Chard Trust made our balance temporarily high enough to avoid that fee.**

Nancy Cutway UE, Branch Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 16th – Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street. There is a Short Session at 9:30 prior to the meeting, which begins at 10:00 a.m. The room is open by 9:00 a.m. with coffee available shortly after. Speaker: Ruth Blair, “**Calling All Irish Ancestors: Researching Irish Records**”. Ruth says that things are changing rapidly in the amount of Irish genealogical material available online since she last spoke to Kingston Branch OGS in 2016.

The Kingston OGS April meeting moves from the usual third Saturday to **Saturday, April 13** at 9:30 a.m. because the Seniors Centre was not available on the 20th. Speaker will be Randy Saylor of Picton on “**Quaker Records**”. A good number of Loyalists were Quakers. Visitors are always welcome.



Kingston Historical Society meets **Wednesday, March 20th, 2019**: 7.30 p.m. at the Seniors Centre. Cameron Willis will talk on “WW1 and Kingston Penitentiary, through the experience of one convict”. Also, on **Wednesday April 17th**: 7.30 at the Seniors Centre, Brent Raycroft will talk on “Lord Sydenham: Our last Governor General and our first Prime Minister”.



Kingston Heritage Fair – Friday, May 10 at Duncan McArthur Hall, Queen’s West Campus. We will have a table, and the opportunity to interact with Grade 3-6 students, teachers and parents. Once again we hope that several local members will offer to help. This is our opportunity to educate a lot of young people about who the Loyalists were and why we honour them. Please email the Branch at Kingston.uelac@gmail.com to volunteer or speak to Anne Redish at the March meeting.



May 30 – June 2, 2019: UELAC Annual Conference in Ottawa (Aylmer, Quebec) -- see pages 9 and 10. <http://www.uelac.org/conference/conference.php>



Wednesday, June 12, 12:00 pm. Annual Raising of the Loyalist Flag at City Hall, Kingston. Join us for this brief ceremony to mark “Loyalist Day in Kingston”. Please wear Loyalist attire if possible. It seems likely this will be our last Branch activity before the summer: indications are that since the conference is nearby, this year members want to focus their energies and dollars on attending and enjoy THAT banquet with our friends from across the country rather than holding a banquet here in roughly the same timeframe.

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

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THE CAPITAL CALLS

Please print clearly

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____ City _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Name Badge (*executive or committee position*) _____

Loyalist Ancestors _____

By filling in your Loyalist Ancestor, you are giving permission to publish this information in the Conference handout.

Specific Dietary Requirements: Yes _____ No _____ If yes, check appropriate spaces

Diabetic _____ Gluten-free _____ Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____ Lactose-free _____

Other _____

Emergency contact person _____ Phone _____

Please complete this page and the events page (it includes payment instructions) and mail to:

Beth Sweetnam
117 Covered Bridge Way,
Carp, ON, K0A 1L0

You are responsible for hotel reservations.

Phone Doubletree by Hilton at 819-778-0000 or 1-800-807-1088. E-mail: reservations@doubletreegatineau.com. Refer to The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada or quote code CDTUAE. The special rate for rooms is \$159 plus 14.975% taxes and \$3 accommodation tax per night.

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Indicate your event choices by circling the amounts below.

Registration Received	by April 30th	after April 30th
Registration (<i>waived if attending only one event</i>)	\$30	\$35
Thurs. 9 - 11:30 am: Branch Membership chairs	no charge	no charge
Thurs. 1 - 4 pm: Branch Genealogists' meeting	no charge	no charge
Thurs. 2 - 4 pm: Presentations	\$25	\$30
Thurs. 5:30 - 9 pm: Reception	\$30	\$35
Fri. 3 - 4 pm: Presentation	\$20	\$25
Fri. 9 am - 4 pm: Tour A Rideau Valley (lunch incl.)	\$60	\$65
Fri. 9 am - 4 pm: Tour B Ottawa Sites (lunch extra)	\$60	\$65
Fri. 9 am - 1 pm: Tour C Ottawa City Archives (lunch incl.)	\$20	\$25
Fri. evening 5:30 - 9 pm buffet	\$60	\$65
Sat. Buffet breakfast	\$15	\$20
Sat. 9:30 - 12 noon: AGM	no charge	no charge
Sat. 12:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch	\$30	\$35
Sat. 2 - 4 pm: Presentations	\$25	\$30
Sat. 5:30 - 9 pm: Gala Dinner	\$65	\$70
Sun. 9:30 am - 12pm: bus to church	\$15	\$20
Full conference pkg. no tour (with \$15 discount)	\$300	\$350
Totals if taking Tour A or B (with \$15 discount)	\$360	\$415
Totals if taking Tour C (with \$15 discount)	\$320	\$375
Total amount remitted by participant for chosen Conference Activities	\$ _____	

Make cheques payable to **Ottawa Loyalist Conference.**

Mail to:

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Payment may also be made by e-transfer to Beth Sweetnam at accounting@pbcsweetnam.com

Note: please email a password separately and identify it as an Ottawa Loyalist Conference payment.