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Fall Social
November 18 2017: 11:00am
Best Western Ottawa City Centre
1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa, ON
K1Z 7K8

Speaker : Randy Saylor

Topic : Loyalists and Quakers

Randy Saylor has a keen interest in the history and genealogy of the Bay of Quinte area. Loyalists and Quakers are part of his ancestral background as they were early settlers of the area. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~saylormowbray/>
Quakers and Loyalists both were persecuted by the Patriots during the Revolutionary War. Randy's talk will focus on some individual settlers to demonstrate this complicated relationship.

Cash Bar after 11:30 a.m.; Lunch at 12:15; Café 1274

Meal includes:

Garden salad with buns and butter

Entrée, your choice of :

- Roast beef au jus with potatoes and vegetables
- Chicken breast with white wine sauce with potatoes and vegetables
- Poached salmon with dill sauce and rice
- Dessert

The price is \$30 per person. Please specify your choice of entrée. Send your cheque to Bob Adair, 34 Briardale Crescent, Ottawa, ON K2E 1C2. Phone number is 613-274-3331.

Message from the President

Hello to all our members and readers of the Sir Guy Carleton Newsletter.

Although our New Year officially begins on January first, as a former student and teacher, the beginning of September always feels to me like a new year. I hope you enter the fall season with enthusiasm for a new beginning, and ideas to spark our programs. We need each and every one of you to help us make this a Branch which truly cares for its heritage and is determined to make the story of our Loyalist ancestors meaningful to a new generation.

I had the privilege in June of attending the annual U.E.L.A.C. Conference in London Ontario. It was held in the Delta hotel, a most interesting and attractive venue. The entertainment was splendid as were the meals and our Dominion President conducted an AGM which was a model of productive brevity. I did not take part in any of the tours, but was told that they were very interesting indeed. Altogether a very fine Conference and one which we watched closely as our turn for the annual Conference comes about in 2019.

Welcome to new Branch members Nannette McCormick, Christopher Perry & Warren Peters. I hope all of you will take every opportunity to attend our Branch functions, and if you have any ideas for events, please pass them along to a member of the executive. Warm best wishes to all of you.

Marg Hall U.E.

Loyalist Flag Raising – June 16, 2017

Submitted by Rosemarie Pleasant

Flag raising day is here (finally). The weather is overcast, but not raining or drizzling. So far, so good. The chairs are set up under the overhang to the right of the main doors of City Hall, just in case. The techs are checking the speakers, and there are problems with the left speaker (resolved before speech time. people are slowly drifting in, 3 reenactors to start, with 2 more arriving, 5 reenactors total, (including Marg), 3 female, 2 in military garb. Keith Lindsey (KRRNY) and Bram Blenk (Royal Highland Emigrants) Several people have cameras, so the day will be well documented. Attendees from the OG meeting arrive and introduce themselves. Start time is here, everyone takes their seats. There are about 25-30 people, I can't turn around to count the people behind me.

Marg is giving a backgrounder on 'Canada/North America's first refugees', the Loyalists, and a brief history of why we are marking the June 16, 1794 landing at Adolphustown as part of the Sesquicentennial. The original Loyalists spread out all across Upper and Lower Canada, founding many communities. One third of Canadians have Loyalist DNA, they just don't know it. The title UE is the only title in Canada that can be inherited. I didn't know that.

Deputy Mayor, Bob Monette (replacing Mayor Watson who had other duties come up), thanked Marg, and stated that it was educational to learn the history behind the flag, and its relevance today (refugees), and the presence of the reenactors showed the dedication of the descendants. Mr Monette thanked Sir Guy Carleton, on behalf of the City Council, for the invitation. He then asked Councillor Marianne Wilkinson to say a few words.



Branch President Marg Hall; Deputy Mayor Bob Monette and Councillor Marianne Wilkinson

Marianne Wilkinson has a history of loyalists in her family, on the paternal side, coming from Long Island, and settling in New Brunswick. She is happy that Canada is still welcoming refugees, and when she meets with current refugees she often shows them her family bible with the names, dates, etc

Mr Monette led the way to the flagpole. The flag was on the pole, ready to be raised, and starting with Mr Monette, followed by Marg, Barry, and a couple of others, took turns cranking the flag up to the top. We sang O Canada, a group picture was taken by Mr Monette's assistant.



Reenactors Keith Lindsey, Bram Blenk, Marg Hall, Sylvia Powers & Sue Moss with Helen McCuaig



The flag will fly all day, and Sherry Ruch volunteered to pick it up at the protocol office. The ceremony was over by 11:15, and we didn't get rained on. Win all around.



Members of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch and guests

Conference 2017 – Discover your Roots – hosted by the London & Western Ontario Branch

Submitted by Sylvia Powers, U.E.

I arrived at the Delta London Armouries on Thursday Afternoon on 21 June 2017 to register. While the genealogists meeting was having a closed session, Jean Rae Baxter was conducting a workshop on How to write a Loyalist Family History to an enthusiastic group of people who had accompanied the membership and genealogist chairs to the hotel. Jean had been contacted to lead a workshop a few days previously and therefore it wasn't advertised. Unfortunately, I came too late to attend this meeting but we are having her repeat it at our conference in 2019. With my registration I received a complimentary bus pass for the London Transit which I used once. A small bottle of maple syrup, a UEL cup, and a pen, were among the gifts the participants received as well as brochures of tourist places. Parking was only available on site for people staying in the hotel and I was staying at Econo Lodge.

The welcoming reception took place in the gunnery ballroom in the hotel. A Scottish bagpiper entertained us. A town counsellor gave us a very interesting history of London. It apparently was one of the first capitals. It had the first oil wells in the country until an explosion destroyed them. It was the home of a well-known Canadian beer.

On Friday, the 22th, we had the choice of touring London with our bus passes or St. Thomas by chartered bus. I choose the former as did about 30 others. Because it was raining, a smaller bus was rented and one man brought his own van to drive us around. Each group took turns showing us the London Museum, the First Hussars museum, the RCR Museum and the Eldon House. A tour guide in each location made it very interesting. At lunch we had lunch at various spots in the market place. That evening, we met in the armoury ballroom. A cash bar was available by 4:30 pm and a lovely buffet was served after the entertainment. The character of Reverend Major Canon Frederick kept us spell bound for almost an hour as he relived his life culminating in the loss of his son on the battlefield. The flags of the provinces, territories, and Mohawk nation were paraded up to the front. The AGM on Saturday took place in the same room with most of the tables filled. A big item of controversy was whether to ask Her Highness the Duchess Camilla who has Loyalist ancestors to be our honorary patron. It was decided that since the governor-general has been our patron, we should continue this tradition.

I left to drive the 5 hours back to the farm as soon as the AGM was over. I brought back lots of ideas of how to make our own conference successful.



Past Branch President Sylvia Powers touring the military barracks. Photo by Jim Stewart

Recent Additions to the Library

Submitted by Dorothy Meyerhof

971.317 FRE French, Gary E.

Men of Colour: An Historical Account of the Black Settlement on Wilberforce Street and in Oro Township, Simcoe County, Ontario. 1819-1949

971.3 BOY Boyle, Terry

Ontario Memories

973.33?? WAT Watt, Gavin K.

Fire & Desolation: The Revolutionary War's 1778 Campaign as Waged from Quebec and Niagara Against the American Frontiers

929.2 SMI (1983) Beitz, Edith G. Douglas Smith Conant

Descendants of the Hon. Ernest D'Istaeli Smith

929.2 SMI (ca. 1960) Powell, R. Janet & Gertrude Smith
027.53252071 QUE Queens's University Archives

Silas Smith, U. E. L., And His Descendants

A Selected List of United Empire Loyalist and Genealogical Resources in the Queen's University Archives

Loyalist ancestors

A selection of proven Loyalist ancestors represented by current and past members within Sir Guy Carleton Branch. Names are published in no particular order.

John Barnhart; Alexander Cameron; Peter Clinch; Valentine Detlor; William Empey Sr.; George Hainer; Jacob Huffman; Nicholas Luke; Richard Markell; Samuel Moore; William Ruttan; David Shorey; Aaron Swayze; Ephraim Tisdale; Peter Wintermute

Interesting websites / resources

<http://www.canadiana.ca/en/home>

Canadiana.org is a coalition of memory institutions dedicated to providing broad access to Canada's documentary heritage.

<http://search.ourontario.ca/search>

Digital collections from across Ontario - government, libraries, historical societies, museums, etc. Searchable and free. Images, text, videos, sound recordings with links to originating institute for copying/copyright info

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mwi/britmil.txt>

"A List of General and Staff Officers on the Establishment in North America, 1775-1782". Produced by the British War Office. A microfilm copy of the book is available through the Family History Library at Salt Lake City and the associated Family History Centres.

Conference 2019 update – The Capital Calls – May 30-June 2

By Sylvia Powers U.E.

Jean Baxter is confirmed as a speaker at our 2019 conference.

Biography:

Jean Rae Baxter UE was born in Toronto, but grew up in Hamilton. She holds a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Toronto and a B.Ed. from Queen's. She taught Secondary School English in Lennox & Addington County, Loyalist country west of Kingston.

Although she grew up in Hamilton, "down home" was Essex and Kent Counties, where her ancestors had settled, some as Loyalists in the 1780's following the American Revolution and some a century earlier, in the days of New France.

Jean wrote *The Way Lies North* (2007) in response to the need for responsible historical fiction to tell the story of the Loyalists from a Canadian point of view. In this novel she focused upon the plight of ordinary white Loyalists driven from their homes by the violence of the American Revolution.

This book was followed by *Broken Trail* (2011), which tells of the native people's struggle. The third novel, *Freedom Bound* (2012), deals with the Black Loyalists. In *The White Oneida* (2014) Baxter examines the issues facing the native people following the American War of Independence as they strove to form a confederacy of their own. The fifth novel, *Hope's Journey* (2015), in what has become known as the "Forging a Nation" series, is set in 1791, the year the new province of Upper Canada came into being. It is a story of family reunification and of healing from the wounds of war.

She is now working on the sixth and last novel in the series, tentatively titled, *Ska-Noh*. This Mohawk word means "Be Strong" and is used in sense of "Farewell."

Jean is also the author of a literary murder mystery, *Looking for Cardenio*, and two collections of short stories, *A Twist of Malice* and *Scattered Light*.

As a teacher of creative writing, she has held numerous workshops. Those most interesting have been on writing personal memoir and on using the tools of fiction to bring family history to life.

Jean formerly belonged to the Hamilton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada and was a member of the Education Committee, making presentations in schools. Since October 2016 she has lived in Kingston, where she is active in the Kingston Branch UELAC and has recently taken on the position of Programme Committee chair.

For more information about Jean's writing, including reviews and awards, please look up her website. www.jeanraebaxter.ca.

To make the conference a success volunteers are required to help with the tours, registration, displays, web design, marketing & ticket sales. If you or someone you know is interested in helping out, please contact the Conference Chair, Sylvia Powers at Sylvia.powers@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

BIFHSGO Fall 2017 Conference: 29 Sep - 1 Oct, 2017 <https://bifhsgo.ca/>

Ontario Genealogical Society Conference : Jun 1-3, 2018, "Upper Canada to Ontario – The Birth of a Nation", University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

Conference 2018 : Jun 7-10, 2018, "Loyalist Ties Under Living Skies", at the Temple Gardens Hotel and Spa, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, hosted by Saskatchewan Branch

Conference 2019 : May 30-Jun 2, 2019, "The Capital Calls", hosted by Sir Guy Carleton Branch
<http://www.uelac.org/Carletonuel/>

Last Post : COOPER, UE, Frank

On May 25, 2017 Albert Franklyn Cooper passed away peacefully in hospital with family at his side at the great age of 90. Predeceased by his wife Evelyn and younger brother Ted. Loving father to Kevin, Scott, Maureen (Franco Bernabo) and Heather (David Kelly). Proud grandfather of Ashley (Josh Seale) of Florida, Michael, Alexa, and Lindsay. Great-grandfather to Riley and Mackenzie of Florida. Fondly remembered by sisters/brothers-in-law Lois (Kyle Graham), Jean (Gordon Burke) and Betty Cooper as well as cousins, nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank Billings Lodge and in the last couple of years Alta Vista Manor who provided a supportive and comfortable environment during Frank's retirement years. The family is also in gratitude to the staff of the Ottawa Hospital – General campus (4th and 5th floor) for their professionalism and patience during Frank's extended stay. Visitation from 3-4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at McEvoy-Shields Funeral Home (Hunt Club at Albion Rd) followed by a Service of Remembrance at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. All are invited to join the family for refreshments following the service.

As President of UELAC 1988 – 90, Frank would have been front and centre when HRH Prince Philip in 1989 participated in the UELAC Conference (May 18-22) organized by Heritage and Sir John Johnson Centennial Branches and held at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec.

Reprinted from Loyalist Trails, UELAC Newsletter, 2017-23, June 4, 2017

“Lt.-Col Albert Frank Cooper UE”

Gary Cooper, February 1990, vol. 2 No. 1, Pages 13-14

Lieutenant Colonel Frank Cooper is an eighth generation United Empire Loyalist, a descendant of the “Empey’s” of Stormont County, in what is now Ontario, who were granted land in the Royal Township in 1783. Philip Empey and seven of his eight sons has served in the 1st Battalion of the King’s Royal Rangers of New York between 1776 and 1783.

Born, raised and educated in Ottawa, Colonel Cooper has lived most of his life in the National Capital. Over the years he has been involved with many local organizations of the city such as the Historical Society of Ottawa, The Friends of the Canadian War Museum and the Hospitaller Order of St. John. He serves on the Executive Committee of his church. The Province of Ontario has recognized his involvement in the community with a service award.

Colonel Cooper joined the Militia in 1943 as a Private soldier and retires in 1978 in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, having commanded 29 service Battalion and served as the Deputy Commander of Ottawa Militia District. He is still active in the Canadian Airborne Association, having qualified as a military parachutist just after the war. He holds the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal and the Canadian Forces Decoration with two clasps. For his significant contribution to the Militia, he was awarded the Mobile Command Certificate for Outstanding Meritorious Service.

In civilian life, and concurrent with his Reserve military service, Colonel Cooper was employed for forty years by the Department of National Defence in the Directorate of Operations, Training and Resources. He retired from the Public Service in September, 1988, and was awarded the Public Service Meritorious and Long Service Medal.

Colonel Cooper has been involved with The United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada for the past eighteen years. He has served in various executive positions in the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, his local branch in Ottawa, and held the position of Branch President 1978-1979. At the national level he has served on Dominion Council as a Councillor and Chairman of the Finance Committee. He was elected Dominion President in June of 1988. The Association has awarded him its Bicentennial Award and the Order of Meritorious Heritage.

Lieutenant Colonel Cooper is married to the former Evelyn Yule of Perth, Ontario, and they have two sons and two daughters. Recently the Coopers have become first time grandparents.

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Last Post – FRANK, UE, Commander (E), Retd. John Frederick

Former Branch member, John Frederick Frank passed away June 29, 2017. Born in Picton, Ontario he grew up in Peterborough and joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1942. Mr. Frank retired from the Navy in 1963, but, continued working for many years. An avid sportsman, his passion was golf. Mr. Frank received his UE certificate in 2016 for his Loyalist ancestor William Frank.

Editor’s Note

Please consider receiving the newsletter electronically rather than a paper copy. If you would like to change your mailing preferences, please contact the Membership Chair, Gary Bagley at gary-bagley@sympatico.ca

Newsletter submissions gratefully accepted. Do you have interesting articles about your Loyalist ancestor? Have you read a new work on the Loyalists and would like to submit a review? Please feel free to send me any suggestions that you might have at keziah1@rogers.com

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