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**Spring Social/Annual General Meeting**

**April 6, 2019**

**1:00 pm (Meeting at 1:30)**

**Carlingwood Branch Meeting Room, Ottawa Public Library**

**281 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 3W4**

**613-580-2940**

**(OC Transpo Routes 11, 16, 87)**

***Come join your fellow Branch members for an afternoon of information and conversation. After a brief Annual General Meeting, our guest speaker will be Mags Gauden. <http://grandmasgenes.com/> Light refreshments will be served. To help with cleanup, please consider bringing your own coffee mug!***

***Please confirm your attendance by April 3, 2019 at the Branch email - [carletonuel@hotmail.com](mailto:carletonuel@hotmail.com) or by calling the Branch Secretary at 613-824-0980.***

***Guests are welcome!***



**Topic : The Power of DNA**

***Mags is a Professional Genealogist specializing in Genetic Genealogy as founder of Grandma's Genes in Ottawa. Growing up in a family full of family historians, Mags was primed to become a Genealogist.***

***After earning her Bachelors Degree from Columbia College, she began to work her own Genealogy as a "hobby". This 30 year "hobby" eventually lead her to a Leader role with WikiTree, where she currently leads: the The DNA Project, The United Empire Loyalist Project and the British Home Children***

***Project. She also leads the Templeton and McElmoyle Name Studies and the McElmoyle DNA Project. Work with WikiTree led to Mags starting Grandma's Genes in 2016.***

***Mags is a Genetic Genealogy Lecturer, Blogger and a Social Media Maven. She serves as Admin for Facebook groups including the ISOOG FaceBook Group. She is also a member of the Canadian Casualty Identification Team.***

## ***Message from the President***

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Hello, and all the best for the New Year. I hope 2019 will be good for everyone. Last year was challenging for the Branch, due to several vacancies on the Executive, and the cancellation of the November Social. We were fortunate in 2018 to not have lost any current members, and gained several new ones. Unfortunately 2 of our long time members, Nancy Richards and Shirley Charbonneau lost their partners. Our condolences to both of them and their families.

A survey was sent to members in November. Unfortunately, there were few responses. Your input is important and will help the Executive plan future events. Emails can be sent directly to the Branch or any member of the Executive.

This year will be equally challenging, with Sir Guy Carleton hosting the 2019 Dominion Conference, May 30-June 2 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, in Gatineau, Quebec. Please check the web-site for the site information (the location is beautiful), speakers, and the talks and tours.

<http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/conference19.php>

Sylvia Powers and her committee have put a lot of time and effort to make the Conference happen, and there will be many interesting activities. Volunteers will be required to help make the conference a success. If you would like to help please contact Sylvia at [sylvia.powers@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.powers@gmail.com).

The Spring Social/AGM will be held at the Carlingwood Branch of the Ottawa Public Library on Saturday, April 6, 2019, 1-4 PM. Please check the web-site for further details. This is your opportunity to express your views on the Branch and what direction you believe it should be moving in.

The Executive has an urgent requirement to fill several positions: Vice-President; Treasurer; Social Convenor, and a backup for the Librarian. Please consider volunteering to be part of the Executive. Your Branch depends on you. A description of the Vice-President, Treasurer, Librarian and Social Convenor positions are at the end of this newsletter.

The Executive wishes to thank Bob Adair, Treasurer and Nancy Richards, Social Convenor – their work has been invaluable to the Branch, and I am sure their successors will be easily able to fill their roles. We wish them all the best on whichever path their future takes them.

## ***Message of thanks to departing members***

By Marg Hall, UE

Our Executive is the poorer for the loss these past months of two of our most stalwart workers. After the death of her husband Ron; **Nancy Richards** made the decision to move to Halifax to be closer to her children. We will miss her smiling competence as she set up flags, handed out tags and generally organised our Social events.

**Bob Adair** our Treasurer is also leaving as soon as a replacement can be found. Bob's way with finances has certainly helped our Branch remain financially solvent. Bob and the delightful social events for the executive held at his home will be sorely missed.

We want to express thanks for their services and regrets for their departures, but to both Nancy and Bob we tender our heartiest best wishes for their future endeavours.

## **Library Report**

By Dorothy Meyerhof

The following books have been added to the Sir Guy Carleton Branch Library since the Fall 2018 Newsletter. The Library also received a second, generous donations of books from Ed Kipp. These are in the process of being catalogued and will be listed in the Spring 2019 Newsletter.

<b>Call Number</b>	<b>Authors</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Donation</b>
929.1072 STR (2014)	Stratton, Penelope L. and Henry B. Hoff	Guide to Genealogical Writing: How to Write and Publish Your Family History	D. Meyerhof
929.1072 TUT	Tuttle, Craig A.	Ounce of Preservation: A Guide to the Care of Papers and Photographs	D. Meyerhof
973.372 JON	Jones, T. Cole	"The rage of tory-hunting": Loyalist Prisoners, Civil War, and the Violence of American Independence	G. Bagley
971.533 HOL (1992)	Holmes, Theodore C.	Loyalists to Canada: The 1783 Settlement of Quakers and Others at Passamaquoddy	Ontario Genealogical Society
920.71384 MEY	Meyerhof, Dorothy and Sylvia Powers	Desdendants of Loyalists in Beechwood Cemetery Alphabetical Index to the Land	D. Meyerhof
971.402 QUE	Quebec Family History Society	Grants by the Crown in the Province of Quebec from 1763 to 31st December 1890	E. Kipp

**The Sir Guy Carleton Branch announces the sale of a new book on Loyalists, "Threads in the Tapestry of Canada: Some Loyalist Descendants Buried in Beechwood Cemetery", by Dorothy Meyerhof.**

Pre-ordered and prepaid copies of the book will be available for pick-up at UELAC Dominion Conference 2019 at a cost of \$15. Copies may be ordered from the Branch. Make cheque payable to Dorothy Meyerhof and send to Sir Guy Carleton Branch, Attn: Dorothy Meyerhof, PO Box 5104, 19 Colonnade Rd, Nepean, ON K2C 3H5 Canada. For pick-up at the Conference, orders must be received by 15 May 2019. Those not planning to attend the conference may order a copy to be sent to them, but will also be charged shipping and handling (\$5.00) Total \$20.00.

*"Threads in the Tapestry of Canada is not a particularly large nor a long book, but the degree of scholarship which has gone into its production is impressive indeed. The author is Dorothy Meyerhof. Dorothy, the archivist and librarian for the Sir Guy Carleton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, has produced a most interesting and informative book. For each of the individuals or families involved she has done a thorough background research study with a complete bibliography of the resources used. At least one of the bibliographies runs to nine pages, so one can appreciate the work involved creating the meticulously investigated context of each Loyalist descendant. The information in*

*the book also includes a condensed biography of the Loyalist ancestor of each of the case studies presented.*

*This book is a glimpse into the lives of 18 Loyalists, whose descendants and families have their final resting place in Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa. Beechwood is the National Cemetery of Canada, and the official National burial place of the R.C.M.P. It is the cemetery of Governor General Ray Hatyshyn, of premiers, a Prime Minister, and at least 2 Fathers of Confederation. Therein also lie judges, doctors, lawyers, soldiers, sports heroes, poets, and prelates, and thousands of very ordinary people. It is 160 acres of gardens, ponds and tree-shaded areas, and has been declared a National Historic site.*

*It is in this hallowed place that the individuals, whose ancestors were Loyalists, and who are the subjects of the 18 studies, were laid to rest. As Dorothy has indicated in her introduction, this is but a random sampling of the many individuals buried at Beechwood, whose ancestors, because of their support of the British cause in the Revolutionary war, were known as Loyalists.*

*The entities and their kinfolk showcased in this work provide an examination of the society of their times and cover a period of burials from the late 19th to the early 21st century. To quote from the book's introduction, "These are men and women; judges and messengers; engineers and hotel keepers; a visionary and an educator...all contributed to the rich social, business, legal, religious, structural, and military life of Ottawa and Canada."*

*Threads in the Tapestry of Canada is an absorbing and worthwhile addition to the body of scholarship portraying Loyalist lives." Review by Marg Hall, December 2018.*

## **Conference 2019**

By Sylvia Powers, UE

Almost all of the pieces are in place for the UELAC conference "The Capital Calls" which our branch is hosting this May 30 to June 2, 2019. I am impressed at all the wonderful events that will be happening. There is something for everyone. Best of all for people from the Ottawa area, there will be no need for air or train travel.

We have presentations on Loyalist land grants along the Ottawa River; the historical significance of statues in the area; Chief Justice of Quebec, Jonathan Sewell, UE; Loyalist Spies; and Finding Loyalist Resources through Ancestry. A workshop by author, Jean Baxter, will get you started on your own Loyalist Family history.

The Thursday evening reception features a presentation by Albert Dumont, Algonquin elder, who will welcome us to the Land of the Anishinaabeg. Included will be a buffet featuring Québec cuisine in the restaurant in the hotel. Buffets on Friday and Saturday evenings will cater to every taste and allergy. If you are unable to come early to the dinner on Friday, you could come at 8 pm to the musical evening with Carolynne Davy and Edith Troup and listen to their concert of songs heard by the early settlers to this area. Check with [sylvia.powers@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.powers@gmail.com) or phone 613-329-0437 to get tickets at \$20 each. Glenn Wright, well-known speaker and author, will entertain us on Saturday with his talk on the controversies and compromises around the origins of Canada's National Flag.

We expect our Friday tours to be very popular and to quickly fill up. History buffs will enjoy looking at historical sites along the Rideau Canal from Manotick to Merrickville presented by the entertaining tour guide, Brian Tackaberry. There are so many places to visit in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. We have selected the War Museum, Rideau Hall, and the Museum of History as the main features of our Ottawa tour to be led by Craig Sweetnam. For serious researchers, the trip to the City of Ottawa Archives, 100 Tallwood, may produce some surprising treasures since so many organizations have their material there.

The Sunday church service will be held in the oldest surviving English church in Aylmer, built in 1845. Its rector, Reverend Canon Mary Ellen Berry, will be happy to point out the many historical features of the church. You could drive there yourself to 101 rue Symmes, Gatineau rather than take the bus although parking might be limited.

A well-run conference requires a lot of volunteer time. The committee members have been working for four years to organize this. We still need volunteers to assist with checking over name tags for events, directing visitors to events, etc. To volunteer, contact [sylvia.powers@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.powers@gmail.com)

Penny Minter has offered to run the silent auction. We will have UEL mugs, books, ski passes, commemorative plates, donations from the Mint, the museums, etc. Anything you would like to donate of at least a \$25 value would be appreciated. There will be vendors' tables where you could pick up something interesting.

For registration forms, schedule, and more information check out our website:  
<http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/index.php>

### ***Certificates issued in 2018***

Penny Minter for her ancestor Martin Alguire; Catherine Bastedo Boileau for her ancestor Jacob Bastedo; William Leach for his ancestor Benjamin Eastman

### ***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.

Martin Alguire; George Brooks; John Brown; Hendrick Bulyea; William Davis; Asa Landon; Peter McGregor; Robert Melvin; Anthony Rogers; George Rutter

### ***Interesting websites / resources***

Questia : This is a pay/subscription service. Their services are geared to academic researchers, and paid access includes some major publishers including Wiley, Oxford, Elsevier, etc. The library is interesting. I searched Loyalists+Canada. A selection of free and paid access e-titles appear. You can preview/overview titles, and some go back to the early 1900s.

<http://conferencekeeper.org/>

A collection of genealogy events online.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Upcoming\\_Conferences](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Upcoming_Conferences)

Family Search Wiki for upcoming conferences

<https://blog.eogn.com/>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter  
<http://globalgenealogy.com/news/index.htm>

Over a 22 year period, Global Genealogy published thousands of articles. Some of these articles are now available online and more will be added as time permits.

<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/>

An extensive list of articles dealing with searching for your ancestor.

### ***Last Post***

It is with regret that the Executive reports the death of Irene June Forgie. June was a previous secretary and invaluable member of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch. Our sincere condolences to her family.



May 26, 1921 - October 27, 2018

Peacefully on Saturday October 27, 2018 in her 97th year.

Predeceased by her parents John and Inez Forgie of Toronto, June is survived by her brother Donald John Forgie (Madeleine deceased); her nieces and nephews Pat McGahey (Joyce); Jane Donohue (Patrick); Heather Campbell (John); Kim Forgie (Lauren); the late John Forgie and 26 great and great great nieces and nephews.

June served in the WRCNS during WWII. After the war, she earned a degree in Economics and Political Science and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Toronto and went on to a distinguished career as a Statistician with Statistics Canada.

A lover of the arts, June was an avid painter and loved chamber music. She was actively involved in many professional and community organizations and at her church Grace Presbyterian.

Special thanks to the staff of the Elisabeth Bruyere palliative care ward at the Bruyere Continuing Care and the Ottawa General Hospital.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 2 PM at Grace Church, 1220 Old Tenth Line Road Orleans, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Elisabeth Bruyere Continuing Care; or Grace Presbyterian.

### ***Upcoming Events***

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

Ontario Genealogical Society Annual Conference, June 21-23, 2019, "Breaking Down Genealogical Barriers", London, Ontario

Conference 2020 : Jun 24-28, 2020, “Eyes on the Heart of the Continent”, Delta Marriott Hotel, Winnipeg, MB, hosted by Winnipeg Branch

Conference 2021 : May 27-31, 2021, “Join the Revolution : Building on our Past, Safeguarding our Future”, Cornwall, Ontario

**Duties of the Vice-President:**

- Assist and act on behalf of the president wherever possible.
- In the absence of the President perform the duties of the President and any other duties assigned by the Executive.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Executive.
- Succeed President.

**Duties of the Treasurer:**

- The Treasurer shall be responsible to the executive and members of the branch for all financial matters affecting the Branch. The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving all monies owed to or given to the Branch. The Treasurer shall be responsible for paying all debts incurred by the branch.
- The Treasurer shall be responsible to deposit all monies received by the branch to an account in a Canadian bank or trust company.
- The Treasurer shall be responsible for issuing cheques from the branch bank account, in payment for all expenses incurred by the branch. Such cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and co-signed by one other person approved by the executive. (Includes, but is not limited to reimbursements for Newsletter expenses, purchases of Library material)
- The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate and up to date record of all income and expenses and any other financial transaction realized by the Branch
- The Treasurer shall present to the members of the Branch at each Annual general meeting a final annual statement of income and expenses, for the most recent fiscal year, to be approved and accepted by those members of the Branch present and voting. The Treasurer shall present to the executive for approval at each executive meeting an up to date statement of the current income and expenses.
- All current financial records of the Branch shall be made available for auditing by the Branch, at a reasonable time, if requested by the Executive.

**Duties of the Librarian/Historian:**

- To catalogue and label new and donated material according to Branch procedures. To ensure that incoming material is triaged according to City of Ottawa Archives procedures and requirements.
- To mark Sir Guy Carleton books with a label on the spine with “UEL” above the Dewey Decimal number and a red dot placed below the number, and to repair any damaged books or material in the Library.
- To request an allotment of funds for the purchase of new books or material for the Library in the annual budget, and to account to the Branch Executive for the expenditure of these funds.
- To select and purchase material to enhance the Library holdings.
- To maintain a master catalogue of all the holdings of the Library, give this to the Web-master to post on the Branch web-site, and maintain the Finding Aid to the collection in the Reference Room of the City of Ottawa Archives.
- To supply the Newsletter Editor with a list of current acquisitions.
- To provide volunteer services to the City of Ottawa Archives on a regular basis to maintain the right of the Library to keep its collection at that site.
- Collect and preserve the history of the Branch by maintaining historical records, newsletters and minutes of Branch meetings. Make paper copies of the e-newsletter and minutes for preservation in the Branch Library.

**Duties of the Social Convenor:**

- Convene social events and workshops, with the help of others when required. Normally there will be two social events annually.
- Organize supplies for meetings, social events and workshops when necessary.
- Distribute announcements of meetings and events to all members. Place announcements in newspapers and public places when the public is invited.
- Help select speakers for events when required. Arrange to have the speaker introduced, thanked, and given an honorarium/gift as chosen by the Executive.
- Organize and maintain name tags. Record names of expected attendees at events and work with Treasurer when payment is required.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:keziah1@rogers.com)

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