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***Sir Guy Carleton Fall Social and Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 14 November 2020, 1:00 – 4:00 pm - CANCELLED***

The Executive of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch hopes that everyone is staying strong and well. The ongoing situation with COVID-19 has resulted in the cancellation of all events scheduled to be held at the City of Ottawa Archives to the end of 2020. The Archives does not expect to re-open until January 2021 at the earliest. This means that the Branch Fall Social/AGM scheduled for 14 November 2020 at the Archives is now cancelled (see President's message concerning the rescheduled Annual General Meeting). The Branch is looking forward to being able to resume regular meetings in 2021. As no volunteers have yet come forward to fill the positions of Vice President and Treasurer, the elections for these positions are also postponed.

***Announcement Regarding Certificate Applications***

To all members of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, and others, who are in the process of applying for a United Empire Loyalist certificate, or who wish to apply for a certificate, the Branch has been experiencing some difficulty processing certificate applications for the past several months. We apologize for the confusion. Please do not contact our Genealogist directly. All questions regarding certificates should be sent directly to the Branch either by mail (address below) or to the Branch e-mail address, <CarletonUEL(at)hotmail(dot)com>. *The email address is formatted for spam protection — to contact us, please remove the spaces and replace "(at)" with "@" and "(dot)" with a "period" .*

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

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Hello Sir Guy Carleton Branch:

Welcome new members Caroline Pestieau, Stephen Fourney and family, and Nathaniel Stone. We are happy that you have joined the Branch despite these tumultuous times and we look forward to meeting you in person, or virtually. Congratulations to Branch secretary/newsletter editor Penny Minter on the successful completion of her certificate application for her Loyalist ancestor Philip Crysler.

We need to have an Annual General Meeting before the end of 2020. Because of the current conditions with the pandemic, that meeting will be online, via Zoom on Saturday, November 14, at 1 o'clock. We will be using a Zoom package provided by the Dominion Office. The log in information will be provided when the details have been finalized. The focus of the meeting will be the future of the Branch, it will last approximately one hour. If you are unable to attend, please let us know of your concerns and send them to the Branch e-mail or Post Office by November 7, 2020. **If you have experience using Zoom and would like to help organize the meeting, please contact the Branch email.**

### ***Message from the Vice-President***

To the members of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, UELAC,

It has been a pleasure to serve as the branch Vice President over the past year. Although I was happy to volunteer when the urgent call for more executive members was put out, and it was my intention to continue to serve for as long as I was able to, life has gotten in the way and I regretfully wish to inform everyone that I will be stepping down as Vice President, effective August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, as I will be moving to Fredericton, New Brunswick in order to pursue a degree in law at the University of New Brunswick. I have been a member of the UELAC and this branch since 2017, and I have enjoyed that time getting to know fellow members who are as interested in Canada and its history as I am. As a rather rare example of the "youth" contingent of the association, I've been happy to learn what I can from the other members in the branch and on the executive, and, I would like to think anyway, provide my own unique perspective. I regret not having more time to make more of an impact on the branch, but I certainly plan on continuing to be an active member of the association when I join the New Brunswick branch. The alarm has been sounding for some time now that the executive is sorely in need of new individuals to step up and take part. I am sorry to be adding to the problem, but now the vice president position will be vacant as well, alongside that of treasurer and social convenor. I did not join the branch expecting to be a member of the executive, and certainly not so soon afterward, but when the call went out and no one else raised their hand, I did what I felt should be done. My hope is that someone will feel the same calling and will step up in my absence, as well as for the other vacancies. It is not a huge commitment, but it is a much-needed effort from our members if we want to keep the branch going in the future.

Yours loyally,  
Warren Peters

## ***A Loyalist Primer***

John Ruch 1994, updated and annotated by D. Meyerhof, 2020

This article is based on material donated to the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, UELAC by John Ruch's wife, Elizabeth Ruch. The donated images appear to have been the basis of a presentation. The original date of the presentation has been inferred from dates on the images. There were no speaking notes accompanying them. The images themselves contain, in a condensed and easily understood form, an overview of Loyalist history, records containing pertinent information, and a summary of Loyalist settlement in parts of Canada. It seemed a worthwhile task to put this material on the Sir Guy Carleton website. The material has been updated by referring to books in the Sir Guy Carleton Branch Library located at the City of Ottawa Archives: Online sources and indexes that would not have existed in 1994 are also highlighted. View this article at <http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/index.php>

## ***OnLand – Historical Abstract Books***

As of June 6, 2020, it is possible to download pages from historical abstract books from OnLand at no charge. It is also possible to order certified copies of the pages. Further information and instructions can be found at <https://help.onland.ca/en/historical-books/> These books are invaluable when searching land registry information for your Loyalist ancestors.

## ***Biography of Liveright Piuze***

Penny Minter, UE

Liveright Piuze was not a Loyalist, however, he did serve in both the Continental and British forces. He led an exceptional life and had many adventures. He was my 4x great-grandfather. Reprinted with permission from the University of Toronto Press.

**PIUZE, LIVERIGHT** (at birth he was named **Traugott Leberecht Behzer**), surgeon and apothecary; b. 5 Feb. 1754 in Warsaw (Poland); m. 14 Nov. 1786 Marie-Anne Aubut in Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière (La Pocatière), Que., and they had 14 children; d. 22 April 1813 at Rivière-Ouelle, Lower Canada.

Liveright Piuze spent part of his childhood in Warsaw and then lived in Dresden (German Democratic Republic), where his family moved around 1763. There, from 1767 to 1772, he trained as a surgeon and apothecary under the guidance of one of his father's close relatives. Having finished his apprenticeship, he decided to seek his fortune in the British colonies, and on 18 Sept. 1773 he arrived in Philadelphia, Pa, after a long crossing in the *Britannia*. He quickly set up an apothecary's shop in that city and bought a small plantation near the Susquehanna River. In December 1776, some months after the War of American Independence had begun, he served as an assistant surgeon, first in the revolutionary militia and later at a hospital in Philadelphia. At the urging of some friends he left the American army and decided to settle in the Mississippi valley. After a number of incidents in which he almost lost his life, he was captured in February 1779 by an Indian tribe from the Delaware valley, who handed him over to Mason Bolton, lieutenant-colonel commanding the British forces at Fort Niagara (near Youngstown, N.Y.). Suspecting Piuze of being in the pay of the Continental Congress, Bolton sent him to Montreal, Que., on 9 May to be locked up. He was imprisoned at Fort Chambly until April 1780; he then went to Quebec, where he received a certificate as a surgeon from Dr Hugh Alexander Kennedy, inspector general of hospitals. After serving for some months as a surgeon on British navy vessels in the St Lawrence, he obtained his discharge on 19 Jan. 1781 and decided to settle in the province of Quebec.

Piuze almost immediately went to live in Rivière-Ouelle – a village without a doctor since 1761 – with the intention of establishing a medical practice. He was able to win the confidence of the local population in short order and had no difficulty fitting into rural society. On 1 Jan. 1786, ten months before his marriage with Marie-Anne Aubut, he renounced Lutheranism to embrace Catholicism; the act of renunciation was signed in the presence of Bernard-Claude Panet\*, parish priest of Notre-Dame-de-Liesse at Rivière-Ouelle. In 1789 his medical competence was recognized by the Quebec Medical Board, which issued him a licence to practise as a surgeon and apothecary. In addition to his doctor's fees Piuze secured income through the purchase and sale of properties at Rivière-Ouelle; in 1788 and 1793 he sold two houses, with grounds and outbuildings, the first for £140 and the second for £228.

Little is known of the rest of his career, except that in the period 1806–8 he sued a merchant and tavern-keeper by the name of Ignace Lassare in the Court of King's Bench of the District of Quebec, accusing him of having practised medicine illegally and of selling medicaments without authorization. After hearing witnesses testify that the accused had attended patients at Kamouraska, Rivière-Ouelle, and Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière in 1806, the court imposed a fine of £20 upon Lassare.

In 1814, a year after the death of Piuze, Dr François Fortier came to take his place. Several of Piuze's children settled in the Rivière-Ouelle region. Rémi, the eldest, served as a notary at Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière from 1808 to 1867; Édouard-Ferdinand remained in his native village where, following in his father's footsteps, he practised medicine.

#### JACQUES MORIN

A copy of Liveright Piuze's account in English of his adventures from the time he left Warsaw until his arrival in Quebec in 1780 is at ANQ-Q, P1000-80-1666. A translation into French by J. R. Piuze was published in *BRH*, 25 (1919): 334–66.

AAQ, 42 CD, I: 46. ANQ-Q, CE3-12, 14 nov. 1786; CN1-178, 16 sept. 1793, 2 juin 1794; CN1-256, 9 Sept. 1788; CN3-11, 13 nov. 1786; T6-1, Cour du banc du roi, 26 sept., 16 oct., 1<sup>er</sup> nov. 1806; 3 févr. 1808. BL, Add. mss 21789: f.41; 21805: f.128; 21843: ff.48, 62 (copies at PAC). *Quebec Gazette*, 6 Nov. 1788, 2 May 1793. Le Jeune, *Dictionnaire*, 2: 446. *Quebec almanac*, 1792: 155. M.-J. et G. Ahern, *Notes pour l'hist. de la médecine*, 444–45. Georges Desjardins, *Antoine Roy, dit Desjardins (1635–1684) et ses descendants* ([Trois-Rivières, Qué.], 1971), 217–37. P.-H. Hudon, *Rivière-Ouelle de la Bouteillerie; 3 siècles de vie* (Ottawa, 1972), 219. Gabriel Nadeau, "L'ancêtre des Piuze," *SGCF Mémoires*, 6 (1954–55): 94.

Jacques Morin, "PIUZE, LIVERIGHT," in *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, vol. 5, University of Toronto/Université Laval, 2003–, accessed September 9, 2020, [http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/piuze\\_liveright\\_5E.html](http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/piuze_liveright_5E.html).

### **Membership benefits**

Membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is managed by its branches and is open to descendants of Loyalists or just those who are interested in the history of Canada. By joining the Sir Guy Carleton Branch you would receive the *Loyalist Gazette*, the official publication of the UELAC (published twice per year) as well as the *Ottawa Loyalist*, the Branch newsletter which is published 3 times per year. Both publications are available either electronically or paper copy.

Branch members receive the latest news on Branch activities (including the spring and fall socials), special events, meetings and projects. Those whose primary branch is Sir Guy Carleton can also be associate members of other branches for a fee.

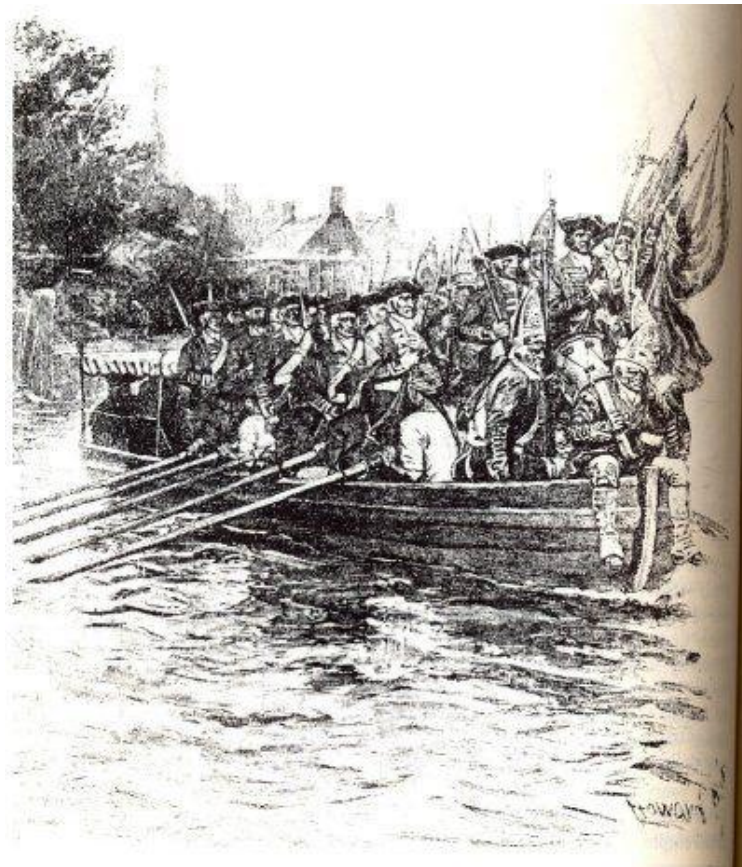
### ***Certificate application***

Descendants of United Empire Loyalists can apply for a certificate after proving their lineage back to the original Loyalist. Applicants are encouraged to work with their branch genealogist who will provide guidance in collecting the proofs required and will provide the certificate application form. On completion of the application and with satisfactory proofs and the fee, the application will be submitted to the Dominion office by the branch genealogist. If accepted, the applicant will receive a certificate which can be presented to them at a branch meeting, or if they prefer, they can receive it by mail. For further information on the application process, see [uelac.org](http://uelac.org).

### ***Upcoming Events***

Conference 2021 : May 27-31, 2021, "Join the Revolution : Building on our Past, Safeguarding our Future", Cornwall, Ontario <https://uelbridgeannex.com/>

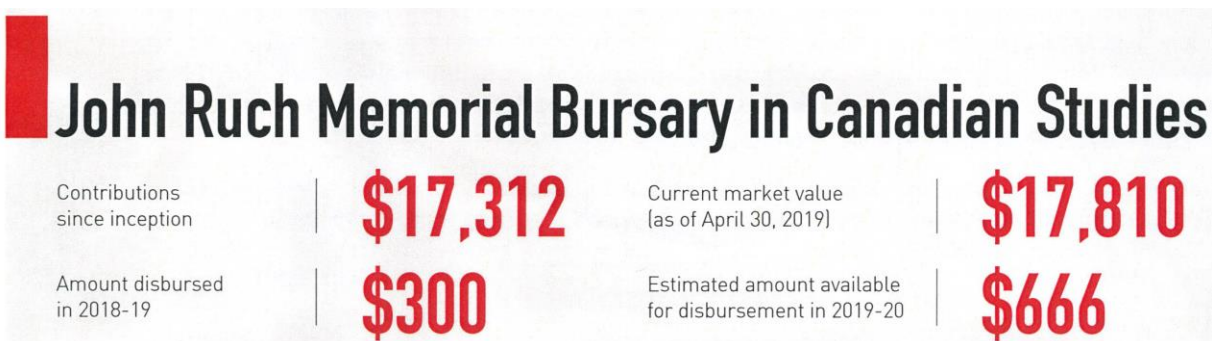
The Fort Plain Museum's American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference – June 9-13, 2021  
<https://fortplainmuseum.org/conference>



Last British soldiers leaving New York, 1783 reprinted from [uppercanadahistory.ca](http://uppercanadahistory.ca)

## Focus on Education

### Sir Guy Carleton Branch John Ruch Memorial Bursary



**Carleton University, Ottawa, ON**

The interest from the endowment is awarded annually to students proceeding from Second to Third year enrolled in the Canadian studies program.

**Goal – Build this Bursary to \$20,000 in 2020!**

Learn how here <http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/education.php>

### UELAC Scholarship



Some UELAC Scholarship Recipients

The UELAC Loyalist Scholarship is available to Masters and PhD students who are undertaking a program in relevant research. The topic should further Canada's understanding of the Loyalists and our appreciation of their, or their immediate descendants, influence on Canada.

Two scholarships of \$2500.00 are available each year.

**Learn how to donate to the UELAC Scholarship here.**

<http://www.uelac.org/scholarship/UELAC-scholarship.php>

Your new UELAC Membership System: First Time for Member Login to Set Up Account (from Doug Grant UE)

#1) Go to uelac.ca note the different web address!

#2) "Click here to set up your account."

#3) Enter your email address (must be same one as is stored in your membership record)

#4) Click on "Get new password"

#5) If an error message appears just below the green box "Error: The email address isn't correct...", make sure you entered your email address correctly. If you did it correctly, send me an email as most likely your email is not correct in the member system, or is missing. Sent me a note with your branch and your correct email address to [loyalist.trails@uelac.org](mailto:loyalist.trails@uelac.org) I will check it and get back to you. )

#6) You will receive an email message from Word press, with a link in it

#7) Click on the link

#8) A page will show in your browser. In the "New password" box a password will show.

#9) Delete that password (unless you like it) and enter the one you wish to use. Record the password somewhere.

#10) Click on "Reset Password" (in blue box)

#11) A smaller box will appear; in the green box, click on "log in"

#12) On this screen, enter your email address and the new password, and "click log-in"

#13) This should then show "My Account" page (in future it will probably show a different first page with a link to "My Account")

### ***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

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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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