



Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada



Newsletter

December 2022

Winter has arrived; this is a good time to look back on our Branch different activities in 2022.

Branch Reports

Activities Report:

- Member of the Branch Board of Directors, Edwina Jenne Bougie UE, represented the Branch at the Commemoration of the Battle of Eccles Hill, organized by the Missisquoi Historical Society and held on site on 27 May 2022. A part of a raid into Canadian territory from the United States by the Fenians in 1870, the Battle of Eccles Hill was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1923.
- The 53rd Annual General Meeting and Luncheon was held on Saturday, 11 June 2022, at la Salle de reception du Dépanneur Rouge in Knowlton, QC. About 23 members and guests participated. The Annual General Meeting was held after an delicious meal. The meeting adjourned at 3h30 p.m.
- Members of the Board of Directors, Adelaide Lanktree UE, Jo-Ann Savage UE and Michel Racicot, represented the Branch at the E. John Chard Plaque Unveiling Ceremony that took place at the UEL Heritage Centre & Park, in Adolphustown, Ontario, on 19 June 2022. Guests of the Bay of Quinte Branch, the 5 Branches who inherited from the estate of the late John Chard, patron of our Branch, were represented: Bicentennial – Kawartha – Kingston – St. Lawrence – Sir John Johnson Centennial. Also present at the ceremony were Patricia Groom UE, UELAC President and Bill Russell UE. There was a very good participation along with re-enactors and many participants were dressed in UEL outfits including Adelaide and Jo-Ann. There was also a flag raising ceremony and wreaths were laid by each of the Branches at the cenotaph. Adelaide and Jo-Ann laid the wreath for our Branch. This ceremony was followed by a minute of silence, a musket volley and cannon firing. Following the ceremonies, a UEL church service was held at the St. Albans Church across the street from the park. After the church service, we all gathered at the UEL Heritage Centre and Park- Adolphustown Hall for tea, punch, cake and cookies. A very beautiful day.

- Wednesday 10 August 2022, a visit and picnic took place on the site of Sir John Johnson Burial Vault at Mont-Saint-Grégoire. Fifteen members accepted the invitation. A short presentation on the history and restoration of the burial vault was given by Michel Racicot. The weather cooperated with us.

Membership Report:

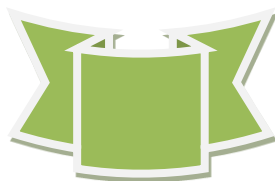
- In 2022, Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch had a total of 56 members: 48 regular members and 8 second-branch members

Genealogist Report:

- Murray Savage UE certificate application was approved on 23 April 2022, proving his line to Loyalist Edward Savage.
- Ian Thomas UE certificate application was approved on 19 June 2022, proving his line to Loyalist John Fordice.
- Lesley Taylor UE certificate application was approved on 19 June 2022, proving her line to Loyalist John Ruiter.

Branch Projects:

- The reprint of the book published by the Branch in 1984, *The Loyalists of Eastern Townships of Quebec*.
- An ongoing project is the upkeep of Sir John Johnson Burial Vault and site at Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Québec.



*As the New Year approaches us, we wish all of you a Wonderful 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and friendship over the years.
Happy New Year!*

In Memoriam

This year we lost dear friends, let us not forget them.

■ Louise Hall UE (1924-2022)

On 10 February 2022, at the age of 97, we lost our dear friend Louise Hall, a descendant of Loyalists Edward Savage and Jeremiah Spencer. A branch member since 1993, Louise was always very active in all the activities of the Branch, especially the education program. For years, she was also our treasurer.

<https://desourdy.ca/avis-de-deces/louise-hall/2977>

■ Phyllis Buchanan Hamilton UE (1925-2022)

A descendant of Loyalists Daniel Scott, Peter Miller and Garret Sixby, Phyllis Buchanan Hamilton died on 21 March 2022, at 96 years of age. Long time members, Phyllis and her late husband Ken were very involved with the executive of the Branch. Phyllis was our secretary from 1989 to 1997 and from 2001 to 2011. She was also our genealogist in 1998 and 1999.

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/sherbrookerecord/name/phyllis-hamilton-obituary?pid=202077751>

■ Roderick Charles Riordon UE (1932-2022)

Roderick Charles Riordon passed away on 11 April 2022, age 90. A descendant of Loyalist Lieutenant John Robinson, Rod became a member of our Branch in 2000 and always played an important role in our Branch. In a certain way, he was followed the footsteps of his mother, Ernestine, who was a charter member of the Branch in 1967-68 and our recording secretary in the early 1970s. Rod was vice-president of the Branch for 4 years, before taking the position of president for 5 years.

<https://complexebm.com/fiche-de-necrologie?ID=1279>

■ Evelyn Beban Lewis (1921-2022)

Recently, we were also saddened to hear the death of Evelyn Beban Lewis, a very active member of our Branch for more than 30 years. She served as a member of our Board of Directors for 15 years, mainly as secretary and responsible of publicity. Evelyn had to step down as secretary in 2019, due to her health. passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 15 November 2022, at the age of 101.

<https://voluntas.ca/obituaries/lewis-evelyn-nee-beban/>

Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch
UELAC
2022-2023

Honorary President: **Sir Guy Johnson UE** Winchester, England

Executive Committee:

Past President: **Michel Racicot**

President: **Vacant**

1st Vice President: **Fred Wallet**

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Secretary: **Vacant**

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Directors: **Edwina Jenne Bougie UE, Adelaide Lanktree, John Taylor,
Jill Hodgson-Heyligen**

Other Officers:

Flag Bearer: **Wesley Larocque UE**

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Michel Racicot,**

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Newsletter: **Michel Racicot**

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Jo-Ann Savage UE**

Website: **James Riordon UE**



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