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Remembrance Day November 11, 2021.

South Burnaby Branch of the Canadian Legion, No. 83 has been directed by RCL, BC/Yukon Command that there will be no Parade and minimal gathering at the Cenotaph near Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby again this year. The UELAC Vancouver Branch wreath will be laid on our behalf.

Acknowledgements of all the placed wreaths will be on the Branch 83 website on November 11th.

<http://www.rclbr83.ca/news.html>

The Vancouver Branch treasurer sent the donation toward the Poppy campaign as allowed for in our 2021 budget.



Plan for the Vancouver Branch Zoom meeting with special speaker **Sue Hines UE** presenting on **Lady Simcoe**. Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 7:30pm.

The 2020 and 2021 **Phillip E. M. Leith Memorial Award** presentations will be made at an all-branch UELAC Pacific Region Zoom meeting hosted by the Victoria Branch. **Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10am.** Everyone welcome.

Watch for the Zoom links to be shared via email closer to each date.

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Letters from 1940 help Vancouver Branch member Hafina Allen UE document Loyalist lineage for herself and her aunt, Jeanne Johnson UE

Author: Hafina Allen. For permission to reprint this material and the black & white photo on page 6 please contact the author.

The following was converted from copies of letters written in the late 1940's by my great-grandaunt Ida Mary McMartin (21 JAN 1872 • Quebec - 25 MAY 1953) sent to my granduncle Donald Cherry McMartin 13 JULY 1923 - • Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada - death 1979 • Toronto, York, Ontario, Canada). Ida seems to have been the genealogist of her generation, and in her twilight years, she passed on her knowledge. I was very lucky and her letters were copied and passed down.

As we all know family lore, even when written down, often contains errors. It took me decades and help to find documentation to back up Ida's letters. But I got lucky and Ida turned out to be a very accurate reporter of our history.

The Story of the McMartin Family

The McMartin family came from Inverness in the Highlands of Scotland. They belonged to the Cameron Clan. A clan is composed of several families, each bearing its own surname, and believing themselves to be descended from the same stock. Each clan has its own chief, but owed allegiance to the head chief of the clan.

It is said the McMartins were the oldest branch, but the Camerons gained the leadership & gave their name to the clan. They were always "bonnie fighters", which no doubt account for it, for if the McMartins of old were like the McMartins of today, they were peace loving people.



Jeanne Johnson UE and Hafina Allen UE at the BC Loyalist Day picnic in July 2017 where they received their UE Certificates for Loyalist John McMartin.

One of the most famous of all the Highland Chiefs was Sir Ewan Cameron of Lochiel, and in all the Highlands there was no clan more famous for bravery than Clan Cameron. They, were always loyal to the House of Stuart and supporters of "Prince Charlie", renowned in song and story, and in 1745 their men were as brave as the bravest of his soldiers.

When the Jacobite cause was finally lost at the Battle of Culloden in 1745. The Highlanders were in great distress - neglected by their chiefs, humiliated by their conquerors, the limit of their endurance was reached and a wholesale emigration

began. Between 1765 and 1775, 20,000 Highlanders who were not allowed to live in peace among their own hills, sought new homes across the Atlantic, where so many had already gone.

They were induced to go by Sir Wm. Johnson who, at that time, was the most influential man in the colonies. He had been British Indian Commissioner for years, and had great influence over the canny Indian tribes. (1)

The McMartin families with many others, settled in the beautiful Mohawk Valley, near Johnstown, in what is now New York State. As far as is known they were farmers. and lived in peace & comfort until the Colonies revolted against the British Gov't and the War of Independence began.

Although they fought against the king in 1745, in the new country they were "King's Men", even fighting against the rebels, and were ready to give their homes and all they had rather than take up arms against their homeland. Sir Wm. Johnson had died &: he was succeeded by his son, Sir John, then a young man of 26 years.

He headed the Highlanders in a Loyalist movement that brought them under such suspicion that they were forced to withdraw to Canada. For the second time they were on their way to new homes, this time in the wilderness.

It was a long and difficult journey through swamps and almost impenetrable forests, in constant fear of wandering, hostile Indians.

Sir John was not a competent leader, and lost the way. They all doubtless have perished but for his Indian half-brother who guided them to safety. They reached the end of their journey in a pitiable condition.

The Loyalists had been forced to leave all behind them & their lands were confiscated by the state.

Several McMartin families came to Canada with the United Empire Loyalists, among them John McMartin and John Cameron who became our great great grandfather. They were given grants in what was known as Charlottenburg, on the St. Lawrence

River. As many had come from Glengarry, Scotland, they gave the new settlement the same name, now a county in Ontario.

The Gov't. dealt generously with the Loyalists, for three years supplying them with the necessities of life, and with implements & what was needed to clear the land, and build their rude log houses and enable them to make a living. (2)

Around where a few McMartin families settled, in time, a little village grew up and was called Martintown, perhaps for Lieutenant McMartin of the Royal Yorkers (3), who may have been a brother of John (4). He lived and died there & there may be two or three of his descendants there still.

Martintown is a lovely little country village today, five miles from a railroad. A little sluggish river runs through the center of it, slips over a little dam beside an old stone mill (5). A covered bridge, in use for many years, had been declared unsafe not many years ago, and has been replaced by a modern bridge, which takes away the old-world look, but is more suitable for these days.

John McMartin married Nellie Cameron (6), daughter of John Cameron and his wife Nancy Grant (7). He died of the ague in 1789 & was buried in Lancaster, the nearest, perhaps the only cemetery at that time (8). His wife died in 1820. John McMartin & Nellie, his wife, had a family of seven sons and three daughters. Two of the sons married daughters of other branches of the McMartin family - very few, if any, of their descendants there now.

One of John's sons gave the land for the building of the Presbyterian Church and manse. It was opened for worship in 1837, and the old bell (9) in the belfry still calls the worshippers to service on Sunday mornings. The cemetery is around the old stone church and your great grandfather & his wife & some members of his family lie close to the east corner. Some of the other sons settled in the district on their own farms.

In the beginning the land was not sold outright, but was given "for as lang as grass grows

& water runs". Rent was collected by the former owners (the laird), a small fee, and that was still the custom a very few years ago & may still be. McMarins collected some. (10)

Another son, Malcolm, 1797 - 1871 and Catherine Huggatt 1808- 1881, were married July 25th, 1825 (11). He was a large man & six feet tall. He made friends with the French thereabouts learned to speak their language & as he was a kindly man, they came to him with their troubles and to show their regard for him, they called him "cousin". He was known by that time all over the district & even to the present day. It was attached to the names of his children, so they became "Peter Cousin" & so on even to the third generation, as in "Ernest Dan Cousin", that would mean, Earnest, son of Dan, son of Malcolm Cousin. Now put your name in front of that and see what you get.

Nick-names were very common in all families, some laughable, some foolish as Willie the widow" - Willie, son of the Widow. Nick-names did not originate in this country as one of the old Cameron chiefs was called "Crooked Nose".

Malcolm McMartin and his wife Catherine had four sons and four daughters. Two of the sons went to the western states when quite young-, married & lived there the rest of their lives, coming home on rare occasions - travel wasn't so easy in those days. Two daughters Margaret & Elizabeth died while young, one having been burned to death in an outdoor fire. The youngest son remained on the old farm, where the family had lived for many years and where a grandson is now owner of the place. It is a nice old home, about two miles from the village and with rural mail delivery, telephone, radio, hardwood floors, nice old furniture. One needs to tumble into a feather bed before being sure he is in the country & there is a car in the garage, to go where you please.

This was your grandfathers old home as he was Daniel, son of Malcolm, but very different in those days, about, or more than a hundred years ago. Your grandfather was born in 1832 and died suddenly of a heart attack in 1907 (12) as his father Malcolm had before him.

Your grandfather left home when he was a young man & went a few miles away to Williamstown, where he learned cabinet- making & dealt in furniture for many years, during his later life he lived in Ottawa. In March 19, 1864, he married Ann Mccredie of Bristol, Quebec (13). She was born on June 15, 1845, and died April 19th, 1892. There were seven in the family, two died while young. Your father was the second youngest, born in 1880.

The McMartin, as far as we are concerned, have been quite inconspicuous, like millions of other Canadians, law abiding citizens brought up in Christian homes, loyal to king and country, and thankful to God for all the benefits & blessings we have enjoyed in this Canada of ours.

See page 5 and 6 for the footnotes and research links Hafina has provided.

Below: Ida Mary McMartin reading in her tent on a camping trip in Norway Bay in 1904.



Notes:

(1) Sir. William Johnson was a prolific letter writer, but his rent rolls contain minimal information. I have found the names John McMartin and John Cameron (2 of my Loyalist ancestors) in his rent rolls. Unfortunately, only their names were recorded, with no mention of specifics about the land. That each of my ancestors had cleared 10 acres of land cleared and had livestock was later documented in their Loyalist claims.

(2) Like many other members of UELAC, I have accessed the land grants in a variety of ways including Ancestry.com (I live in New York), Library and Archives Canada (LAC) <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-petitions-upper-canada-1763-1865/Pages/search-petitions-upper-canada.aspx> and confirmed that my family lived on these lands via microfiche and microfilm looks up in-person at Ontario Archives (the staff at the archives are very helpful with searches)

(3) After being tipped off that Lieutenant McMartin of the Royal Yorkers did not settle in Charlottenburg, later Martintown, I searched for Loyalist claims for Malcolm McMartin and was able to confirm that there were two different Malcolm McMartins. One was Lieutenant McMartin of the Royal Yorkers, who settled elsewhere in Upper Canada, and signed his claim. The other Malcolm McMartin settled in Charlottenburg and was illiterate, signing his name "X" on his claim. This is an example of sourcing original sources, not relying on published works. There are numerous published works that reference Lieutenant McMartin of the Royal Yorkers settling in Charlottenburg, despite there being no evidence of this.

(4) I have searched for decades and I cannot prove if Malcolm McMartin was a brother of John McMartin. But they did immigrate to Sir Johnson's lands together and they witnessed each other's Loyalist Claims.

(5) Ledged has it that the Martintown is named after McMartin's Mill <http://martintownmill.org> The

mill was originally built by Malcolm McMartin's son Alexander McMartin. I can attest that the description of Martintown is still accurate, having visited the town as recently as 2017. If anyone has roots in Martintown, there is a book *The Story of Martintown A Pioneer Village* by Rhodes C M Grant, which was re-issued in 2017.

(6) I was able to confirm the marriage of John McMartin & Nellie Cameron on 18 Oct 1779, via several sources. First, I got an Ancestry leaf pointing me to their records. I was also able to get copies of the marriage record from the Fulton County Historian, who for a fee did a search for me <http://www.fultoncountyny.gov/fulton-county-historian> Their records are also accessible in person, I just had limited time and choose to spend that time exploring the area, including many historic sites.

(7) I have no documentation proving that Nellie Cameron was the daughter of John Cameron and his wife Nancy Grant. However, *The Loyalists in Ontario* confirms this information.

(8) There is no evidence of John Cameron's death. However, via Ancestry I found a claim she made in 1780, with witnesses saying that her husband John Cameron died since submitting his claim and being granted Lot 1, concession 1 in New Johnstown (now Cornwall ON), adding that by 1780 she was living "on the River Raisin", a description often used for what is now Martintown. In this claim the witnesses say John McMartin was in the 1st battalion of Sir John Johnson's Regiment, he arrived in New York from Scotland in 1773. I have never found any records of his grave, but suspect that he may be interred at Falkner's Settlement burying ground in Lancaster. I have searched for a marker, but many head stones are unreadable and prior to 1780, it may not have been a stone, leaving nothing remaining now.

There is no record of Nancy/Ann's death. The local baptismal and burial records were destroyed by fire. I have not been able to locate a marked grave for her. There are very few grave markers from that time in any local cemeteries.

(9) It is the second church on the property, the first having burned down. The bell predates the current

building. This church was featured at the 2021 UELAC conference.

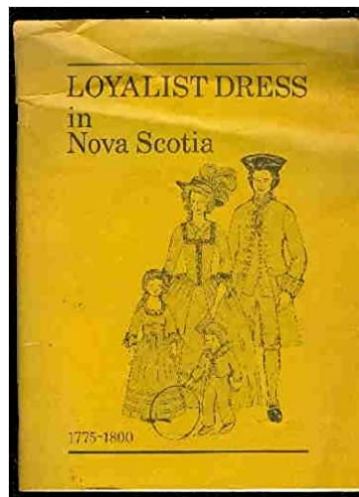
(10) At the Ontario Archives I was able to confirm that John McMartin's land was transferred for many generations. But I have heard of cases of land being "sold" well into the 20th century without there being any transfer of deeds. It seems that people in town took for granted that such sales were legal. At some point people had to track down who legally held title/deeds to the various properties and legally sold them for \$1 a lot.

(11) Malcolm McMartin & Catherine Haggart were by 3rd great grandparents. For years I gave up on finding any marriage record, knowing that many records had been lost in a fire. However after hearing that the marriage records may have been saved by someone who ran into a burning building to try to save records, I keep looking. I eventually found the one on <https://heritage.canadiana.ca>. These resources later became instrumental in proving John Haggart, another Loyalist.

(12) Daniel Charles McMartin, 1832–1907, took a while to track down. Various family members were able to find a death certificate for him dated 17 August 1907, in Camrose, Alberta. For a very long time this didn't make sense, but another family member was able to piece together that he was visiting family, living in Camrose when he died.

(13) Daniel Charles McMartin married Ann Jane McCredie. For many years I could not find a marriage record. In 2017, a living relative, whom I found via my on-going research, shared with me their marriage license, which she inherited along with the family Bible. The lesson here is never give up. By tracing researching the collateral branches of your tree you may connect with others who have important information and/or documents.

The editor wishes to thank Hafina for her offer to prepare this article for our Branch newsletter. It is both encouraging and, yes, teaches us to never give up.



Studying period clothing is a much-loved part of our Loyalist experience.

Two Pacific Region UELAC members have taken this interest beyond books to their sewing machine or needle and thread to create dolls. See page 8 for the interview with Thompson- Okanagan Branch president, **Sandy Farynuk UE**.

On page 10 enjoy the article about the work of Vancouver Branch member, **Julie Stephenson UE**. The doll she created represents Elenora Cattarina Crysler.



Sandy often has opportunity to share her Loyalist ancestry including with her dolls - added to this vintage sewing machine display she prepared as part of her volunteer job at The Enderby & District Museum & Archives.

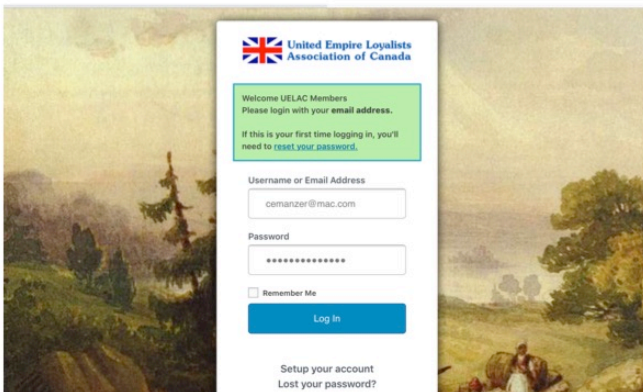


Important message from
Glenn Smith UE,
Membership Chairperson.
Online 2022 renewals
begin November 2nd 2021.
Cheques will be accepted
from Canadian residents
if necessary.
For US members, please renew online (no cheques
will be accepted).



- *Log in at uelac.ca*
- *Go to the Members section*
- *Near the top, follow the link in the "Renewing Your Membership" line to Membership Renewals*
- *Read the page*
- *Follow the link at the bottom to "Your UELAC.ca Account" (or at top right corner "My Account")*
- *Then go to "Member Dashboard"*
- *For the membership you wish to renew click on "Renew Now"*
- *The membership and payment page will show (Note: After November 1, 2021 your current full year membership will be "pre-selected").*

UELAC's membership database often called Civi or CiviCRM. Find this at uelac.ca



Thank you for renewing your Vancouver Branch membership. Your support is much appreciated at this time as the Covid-19 pandemic continues



Dolls in Loyalist attire.

PL: **Sandy**, during a Zoom meeting earlier this year you briefly showed the group the Loyalist dolls you have made. How long have you been sewing and constructing these dolls? I know you have granddaughters with a keen interest in our Loyalist history. Have they picked up your interest and sewing skills?

SF: The Loyalist period costumes have always intrigued me because I know the immense amount of work it would take to construct them. I have been sewing since my Grandmother had me make a summer dress as a 4-H project when I was 8 years old and a seamstress since I was married 54 years ago. I think I first joined the UEL so I could make a fancy dress to go to the Dominion Conference with my sister Linda Drake. Now I have taught my Granddaughter, who now just turned 12, to sew and she has made herself 2 dresses and bonnets that she has worn to two Fall Fleets in Chilliwack.



Looking for projects to do during the original pandemic lockdown, I decided to make Loyalist outfits for my 2 granddaughters' dolls. I found a pattern for the elaborate Barbie doll gowns and started with them. The hoop crinoline only took 3 hours! I just used fabrics from my "stash". The Ken doll's uniform I just designed myself using basic patterns. I found a book in the library for the 18" dolls that included old-fashioned patterns. As you can see in the picture, I designed one to match mine from the leftover fabric!

PL: Do you name your dolls? And if so, do you consider the ethnicity of your own Loyalist ancestor when choosing a name?

SF: We haven't named the dolls but I will give the girls some of the ancestors' names and they can choose what name will suit each one. Probably Stephen for one of the men as we have 4 generations of Stephen Fountains in our family.

PL: Is it easy to find references for the clothing and fabric to represent the look of times gone by?

SF: My best reference book is the "Loyalist Dress in Nova Scotia 1775-1800" by Mary Archibald, Elizabeth Molitor and Cathy Holmes. It was published by the Shelbourne County Museum in 1982. They were preparing for their Bicentennial celebration in 1983. It goes into great authentic detail of each piece of clothing, as well as, shoes and hats. All reference materials are listed. The detailed illustrations are by Finn Bower.

PL: Thank you Sandy for sharing with our readers.

SF: Your welcome. Sewing is my passion so I will probably keep making these outfits. "We may even see dolls and period costumes for sale at our Dominion Conference in 2023".



Period clothing both accurate and tiny – a labour of love for Vancouver Branch member Julie Stephenson UE.

PL: Julie, A few years ago at a Branch Christmas luncheon you brought your doll and showed us the many layers of clothing. Each layer could to be gently removed. It was a wonderful lesson in period clothing. When did you first start researching and sewing these tiny garments?

JS: I had been sewing "old fashioned cloth dolls" as an interest, and decided to make a Loyalist woman as my War of 1812 project in 2012. She took considerably longer. She is entirely hand-stitched.

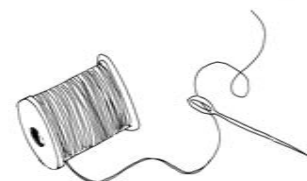
PL: Do you name your dolls? And if so, do you consider the ethnicity of your own Loyalist ancestor when choosing a name?

JS: My lady is Mrs. Warner Casselman, born Eleanora Catherina Crysler on 24 December 1743 in Rhinebeck, New York to Johannes Kreisler and Eva Cattarina Manck. My many-greats grandmother married Warner Casselman in about 1758 and lived in Stone Arabia, Tryon County, New York. Warner joined the First Battalion, Daly's Company of the King's Royal Regiment of New York early in the conflict and served at Oswego in 1777. The family came to Canada to find safety in 1777. Werner would be away for long periods of time, serving in 1777-1778 and 1782-83.

To make Elenora, I started by tea-dying the cotton that I used for her 12" tall body, then cut out the pattern and stitched her body together carefully. I filled her with cotton, packing it in carefully to give her a nice shape. Each piece of clothing required detailed research about its construction and styling. For example, she's not wearing any panties or bloomers, because I learned that late 17th century women did not wear underwear.



Over her shift, she wears a corset to give her a tiny waist and conical torso. She wears hip pads and a padded "rump" under her skirts to emphasize her curvy figure and make her waist look smaller. She has 2 underskirts, one plain and one quilted, and a heavier top skirt, all secured with their own ties on top of her corset and around her waist. Her "pocket", a precursor to the purse, is also tied around her waist under her skirt. She reaches into it by reaching into the opening in the side of her skirts. Her skirts are long, but do not touch the ground when she's standing tall.



To complete the outfit, she's wearing a practical short jacket, pinned closed with a white scarf around her neck to stop drafts and cover her décolletage. This jacket is simpler than her best dress that has an embroidered stomacher (a triangular panel) to close the gap between the sides of her dress.



To stay warm she wears a woolen shawl that she's spun from her own fleece, and a red felted wool cloak with hood. For embellishment, she embroidered her cloak with native strawberries, an Iroquois symbol for new life. On her feet, she wears moccasins to remember the help that her family received en route to safety in Canada.

Learn more about Eleanora Catherina Crysler' husband Warner Casselman and others in an article called [The Montreal Claimants of 1788](#) by Stephen Davidson UE. One sentence in Davidson's article states: "Once in Canada, Casselman served with Sir John Johnson's regiment until 1783. Noted as a "good man" in the liner notes of his transcript, the loyal New Yorker settled in the 4th Township along the St. Lawrence River."

<http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/2018/Loyalist-Trails-2018.php?issue=201820>

Photo to the right contributed by Nancy Fetterly Johnson UE. She is shown with her certificate. The certificate was sent directly to Nancy in Raymond, Washington - south of Olympia by the UELAC Dominion office.

During this time when distance or the Covid-19 pandemic makes it difficult for UE certificates to be presented in person our genealogist, Linda Nygard UE, is always delighted to receive photos of the certificates that arrive safely through the mail.

Congratulations Nancy and to all the others mentioned in Linda's report on the next page.



Report from Linda Nygard UE, Branch Genealogist.

Certificates presented in 2021:



Glenn Smith UE for Loyalists (1) Christian HARTLE; (2) John HARTLE; (3) Valentine Cryderman; (4) William Empey Sr.; (5) Daniel PRENTICE; (6) James CROSS; (6 Loyalist Certificates presented at our Annual BC Loyalist Day picnic - July 2021)

Tom Bobcock UE for Loyalists (1) Francis POWLEY; (2) Jacob POWLEY; (3) Benjamin BABCOCK (Tom sent certificates by mail, July 2021)

Jan Young UE for Loyalist Abial HASKINS (Jan received certificate in mail, August 2021)

Brett Wilson and children Christian and Sophia for Loyalist Joseph FIELDS (son and grandchildren of James Wilson UE - Oregon) (Brett and family received certificates in mail, August 2021)

Cheryl Hillis UE for Loyalist Nathaniel PETTIT (Presented at my home, September 2021)

Nancy Fetterly Johnson UE for Loyalist Peter FETTERLY (Nancy received her certificate by mail in September 2021 - Raymond, Washington)

Certificates waiting for Presentation:

- Christine Williston Wright UE for Loyalist John Bailey WILLISTON
- Carl Stymiest UE for Loyalist William WISHART

Certificates uploaded to Dominion Office: Nancy Fetterly Johnson UE for Loyalist John HANES

* A number of members are very close and working on "finishing touches" - Doug McCallum UE, Liz Williams UE, Glenn Smith UE, Carl Stymiest UE and others

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