

Trip to St. Lawrence Branch, Adolphustown, 28 April 2013



27 April turned out to be an unseasonably warm spring day when we met with members of the St. Lawrence Branch in Morrisburg, Ontario. The meeting was held in the rustic MacIntosh Inn with about thirty members and four guests attending from nearby Col. Edward Jessup Branch. After I brought greetings from the Association, my wife, Grietje McBride UE, and I presented our skit about the adventures of Adam Young UE and his wife,

Catherine Elizabeth Schremling, as they fled from their homes in America in 1783. Carol Goddard UE presented us with a collection of regionally significant items such as a large jug of maple syrup from Sharbot Lake, a plaque commemorating the Battle of Crysler's Farm, 11 November 1813, and the Battle of Hoople Creek on 10 November 1813, along with several hasty-notes depicting the same scenes of war on this



peaceful farm landscape in the Eastern Townships of Ontario. The package also included a copy of the book, Defending Our Home: Loyalist Families of Dundas County and the Battle of Chrysler's Farm, a War of 1812 novel by Ronald L. Doering, an Ottawa lawyer, raised in Dundas County.

Lorraine Reoch UE gave a short history of Old Morrisburg as it was affected by the flooding of many metres of water during the creation of the St. Lawrence Seaway during the 1950s. All of the members could relate to the experiences, people, places and events mentioned during Lorraine's welcome and our skit.



Afterward, we had the opportunity to look up the Lost Village along the Heritage Parkway between Morrisburg and Cornwall. This collection of homes and businesses affected by the flooding is maintained by volunteers and is well worth a visit!



The St. Lawrence Branch is greatly involved with several War of 1812 events as battles raged at Chrysler's farm and Hoople's Creek.

We came away feeling that there is so much to learn about the times and stories that our Loyalist ancestors could tell if we, the following generations, could listen!!!



Teamwork assuredly encourages active members!

Sincerely and loyally yours,
Robert C. McBride UE,
UELAC Dominion President 2011 – 2013.