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## United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

### Chilliwack Branch

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for 2021

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## President's Message



The months of October, but mostly November, have proven to be quite eventful. First is the passing of a favorite branch member, Jerry Brown UE. He was one of the very first people I met when I joined Chilliwack Branch. Jerry always greeted me with a hug. Even as his hearing failed him, he always came to meetings with his daughter Delaine. He so enjoyed the company of his many friends. Good-bye, dear Jerry. You will be missed.

Events continue to be cancelled. And while your management team has met twice, we have not been able to secure a venue for any kind of in-person meeting. December 4th has also been cancelled.

So we continue to keep in touch via emails and our newsletter. Thank you for your kind words, emails and continued support. It means a lot to us.

We were advised that Remembrance Day would again be limited to a small group of invited participants. The Legion kindly placed our wreaths for us at both the Garrison and Museum Cenotaphs. I was able to attend at the Museum service, across the street. It was very well done and surprisingly well attended. It was a cold, grey day with the sun trying to peek through.

Pictures were taken and appear on page 5. We shall remember them.

A special nod goes to Glenn Smith UE, the BC Co-Ordinator of the Last Post Fund Unmarked Grave Program. We salute you and the great job you are doing. See the special write up on page 6. Had anyone heard of a weather system called an "Atmospheric River" before? Was it the "Pineapple Express" of yesteryear? I have a rain gauge in my yard that is a glass vial that holds 12 inches of water. Who needs one that large? Well, apparently we do. We empty it each morning noting the measure. The rain started and just didn't stop. We had recorded 11.5 inches before severe winds blew it over and we lost track. The resulting mud slides, wash outs and highway closures were something to behold. And the Hwy 1 flooding between Abbotsford and Hope isolated Chilliwack in the middle. I am sure you saw the pictures on the news. But with people stepping up, helping each other and doing anything to assist, it made us all proud. The Barrowtown Pumping Station was sandbagged by 300 volunteers showing up late one night to keep it operational. Animals were being rescued by volunteers in boats of all kinds. The Sumas River dyke, that was breeched, has been repaired and is now waiting on the next weather system.



But there is good news as well: a new great-granddaughter for Judy, and the Phillip Leith Memorial Volunteer Award going to a very deserving branch member, Jan Duelllet. She shares this award with two Victoria Branch members Frans and Betty UE Compeer. We still need to wear our masks and my husband and I have had our booster shots.

So life carries on. Take care. Stay safe and well. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to see you in 2022.

Loyally yours, Marlene Dance UE

# Calendar of Events for 2021

Print and save with your calendar



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall, 7258 Vedder Road, Chilliwack BC  
Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch - then a planned program.

**2021** December 4 Christmas Social **Cancelled**

**2022** We are putting together our schedule right now.

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about guest speakers  
will be sent via email and/or included in each edition of this newsletter.

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Keeping the Past Present!

[www.heritagechilliwack.org/](http://www.heritagechilliwack.org/)



On the Porch video series. Click here and enjoy: [On the Porch With Heritage Chilliwack Society Episode 4 - YouTube](#)  
More episodes on the right of your screen.

[www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-societys-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/](http://www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-societys-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/)



## LAST POST: Jerimiah William 'Jerry' Brown UE

1928 – 2021

From the Chilliwack Progress 10/16/21

Jerimiah William Brown (Jerry) passed away on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 in Chilliwack, BC at 93 years.

He was born June 8, 1928 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Jerry is survived by his son Dan (Sue), and daughter Deleine Perrie. He leaves behind 6 wonderful grandchildren, Carissa, Tyler, Shantelle, Justin, Adam and Curtis as well as 8 Great Grandchildren and his twin sister Joan Brown. Jerry was predeceased by the love of his life, wife Jean, his infant daughter Geraldine, his parents and his sister Nancy.

Jerry grew up in Lethbridge and joined the Air Force where he received his training as a mechanic. He met Jean in Cranbrook and married a short time later. They packed up their belongings and headed West, settling in Chilliwack. Chilliwack would become his home for the next sixty-seven years. Sixty-six of them in the same home until his death.

After his time in the Air Force, Jerry was a highly-respected mechanic in the Chilliwack area until his retirement. Many repeat customers received a top-notch tune-up from him.

Jerry was a founding member of the Chilliwack Kiwanis Club since 1961, and continued as a member with perfect attendance until his death. He spent many hours volunteering his time with the Kiwanis Housing and enjoyed the many friendships he formed along the way. He was also a member of the United Empire Loyalists and received his UEL certificate in 1997.

Jerry took pride in his family, his yard and was proud to live in the same home for sixty-six years. He enjoyed his many visits with his good friends and his daily visits with his neighbour.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date when family can attend.

Online condolences may be left at:

[www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/chilliwack-bc/jerimiah-brown-10390597](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/chilliwack-bc/jerimiah-brown-10390597)





**Welcome to the world little one!**  
**An email message from Judy Scholz UE:**  
**Hi.....meet my newest great-granddaughter**  
**Harley Becca Lee born October 14th,**  
**in the afternoon, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz.**  
**With 4 little girls, there will be lots of tea parties happening.**  
**A happy lady I am,**  
**love from Judy**  
**The happy parents are**  
**Sydney UE and Curtis Brennan.**  
**Proud grandparents are**  
**Rebecca UE and Kelly Heibner.**  
**This is our newest little Loyalist!**

### **Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Volunteer Award for 2021**

**We are proud and pleased to announce that long time member Jan Ouellet is this year's recipient of the above volunteer award. She shares this honour with Frans and Betty Compeer of Victoria Branch. A few members of the management team arranged a surprise luncheon at the home of Judy Scholz UE to present the trophy, certificate and medal to Jan. The honours were done by Carl Stymiest UE, Vice President of UELAC, and Diane Ferris UE, Chair of the Leith Committee.**

**L-r: Judy Scholz UE; Cindy Lyftogt UE; Jan Ouellet, Marlene Dance UE; Carl Stymiest UE; Diane Faris UE; Carole Lefler UE; Margaret Strocel UE. Picture taken by Arnold Fast.**



**Jan joined the Chilliwack Branch about 1997, and immediately threw herself into supervising the refreshments at all events. From menus, décor, buffets or sit down dinners, Jan was there. She also loved to attend the conferences across the country as it gave her a chance to visit her military family. In 2014 she looked after the catering for over 80 people and again in 2016 she oversaw the service for over 60 people. Jan provided the "Haggis" for our Robbie Burns luncheon in 2019 to rave reviews. She also chaired the Hospitality Suite at the 2015 UELAC Convention in Victoria and will again serve in that roll for 2023 in Richmond. Thank you so much, Jan. We appreciate you. This award is well deserved. And a special nod to Frans and Betty UE Compeer, who were surprised at the Victoria Branch Zoom meeting on November 20th. We all share such dedicated volunteers. Congratulations, everyone!**

## Remembrance Day, November 11, 2021 We Will Remember them!

For the second year in a row, we could not place our own wreaths at the services at the cenotaphs at the Museum and Garrison locations in Chilliwack. However, we are grateful to the members of the local Legion Branch, who did the honours for us. I was able to attend (from across the street) the ceremony at the Museum location and then drove to the Garrison location for pictures. There were many people at both locations which was heart warming. It was a cold, grey day, but the sun was trying to peek through again this year. At both locations I noted lovely painted rocks with the poppy symbol and some handmade wreaths.



In addition, I learned of the  
Aboriginal Veterans Memorial site  
at Coqualeetza, 7355 Vedder Road, and  
wanted to include it. The link to the site:  
[www.cfbchs.com/history/hist30.html](http://www.cfbchs.com/history/hist30.html)

The picture (right) is courtesy of  
Arnold Nicholas.



## Unmarked Grave Program aims to give all deceased veterans a proper resting place.

From North Shore News: by Andy Prest

**Left: Glenn Smith UE, the B.C. co-ordinator of the Last Post Fund's Unmarked Grave Program, visits graves at North Vancouver Cemetery on Monday, November 1, 2021.**

**Photo: Paul McGrath, North Shore News**

**Excerpt from the North Shore News:**

Glenn Smith UE volunteered with the Last Post Fund earlier this year and quickly jumped into his role with the Unmarked Grave Program, which was added to the Last Post Fund's list of services in 1996. He's a veteran himself, having served as a military policeman for three years in the mid-1980s. While some may think that looking for unmarked graves is a macabre job, Smith says it is important work that is rewarding for him.

"It's a great volunteer role to be doing in my retirement time," he says. And there's much more to it than poking around cemeteries. Many cases come from family members contacting the Unmarked Grave Program to inquire about getting a military grave marker for a deceased relative. A number of veterans died decades ago, or even more than a century ago.

There are many ways in which someone can end up in an unmarked grave, says Smith.

"There could be any number of situations where that individual died alone ... and they were just put in the ground in an unmarked grave," he says. "It's kind of a cold reality, but sometimes that's how it happens. Or there's times where family members just didn't have the financial means to give that person a proper burial – at a funeral home or have a headstone made for them – and they just have them resting in an unmarked grave.

"The headstones provided by the Last Post Fund can come in different styles, but the most common is a standard three-foot-high granite military headstone marked with the veteran's name, regiment crest, where they served and date of death. Typically, the words

"Lest we Forget" are inscribed on the bottom of the gravestone.

The Unmarked Grave Program is on target to place more than 1,000 headstones across Canada this year. Anyone who knows of a deceased veteran who may qualify for the program is encouraged to go to [the program's website](#) for more information or [contact Smith directly by email](#). There is also an [Indigenous Veterans Initiative](#), introduced in 2019, that provides grave markers for deceased Indigenous veterans in unmarked graves and also adds traditional Indigenous names to existing military grave markers.

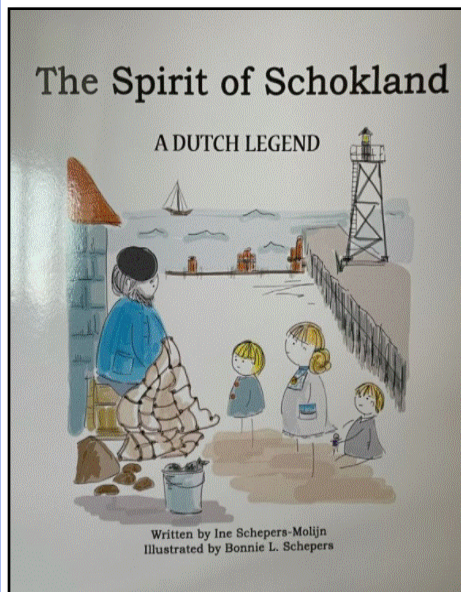
It's all meaningful work, says Smith. "Being a past military member myself many years ago, it's important to recognize the contributions that these veterans provided for those of us in the rest of society that perhaps weren't military people," he says. "The veterans sacrificed an awful lot, as we all know, and I would just like to do what I can to recognize and pay tribute to those veterans who made my life a little bit better than it could have turned out to be".

The above article, in a modified version, appeared in the Chilliwack Progress on November 5th.

It also appeared in many other publications across the province including the front page of the Abbotsford News on November 11, 2021. [www.abbynews.com/e-editions/](http://www.abbynews.com/e-editions/)

**We shall remember them.**

Glenn Smith UE is Membership Chair of Vancouver Branch as well as an Additional member of Chilliwack Branch. As well, Chilliwack Branch member Carole Lefler UE has been working with Glenn on the Indigenous Veterans Initiative. This is very important work and we are proud of the efforts of both these friends. Thank you from all of us!



## On the Bookshelf #1 sent from Bonnie L. Schepers UE

Welcome to the world, Marietje!

And welcome to 'The Spirit of Schokland'. Bonnie and Nancy Schepers hope that you enjoy this book as much as we enjoyed bringing it to life.

In 1972, this story won first prize in the Dorothy Shoemaker Literary Competition. At that time Ine Schepers-Molijn handcrafted a limited number of copies of the book and gifted them to family and friends.

In 2021, it was my pleasure to create illustrations for this newly published edition.

'The Spirit of Schokland' is now available for purchase on Amazon:

[www.amazon.ca/Spirit.../dp/B09KNGJ49B/ref=sr\\_1\\_5...](http://www.amazon.ca/Spirit.../dp/B09KNGJ49B/ref=sr_1_5...)

In this book you will meet seven-year-old Marietje and learn of the age-old struggle of the people of the Netherlands against the rising Zuider Sea. Today Schokland is a popular archaeological site and host to **Museum Schokland**. Schokland is recognized as the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Netherlands.

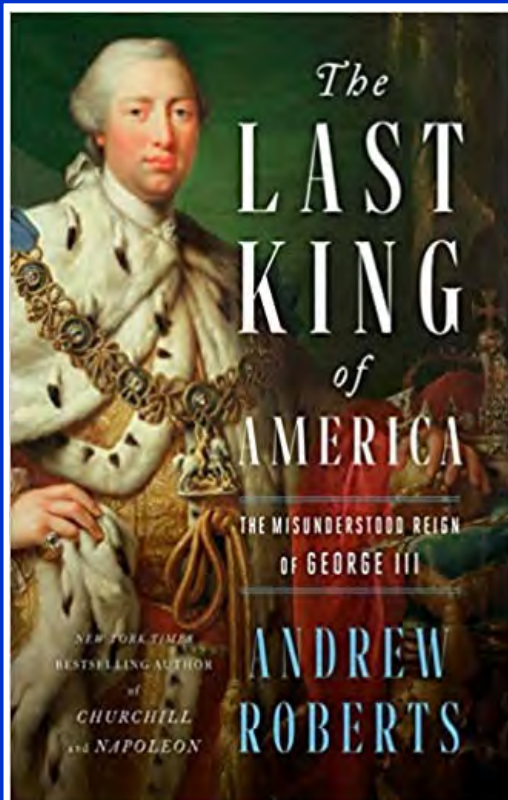
We look forward to your comments and we welcome customer reviews on the Amazon page.

You can search Amazon using either the title of the book or my full name.

Thank you all for your interest.

Bonnie Schepers UE

Just in time for Christmas. A nice opportunity to read to our grandchildren or for young people to read themselves. Please enjoy.



## On the Bookshelf #2

From the Smithsonian Magazine November issue:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/in-defense-of-king-george-180978852/?fbclid=IwAR1q8AFAYCFiPPPrpgGqo9wZcSnLm6q6xFJz3>

### In Defense of King George

The author of a new biography shines a humane light on the monarch despised by the colonists

Since 2015, Queen Elizabeth II has released more than 100,000 pages of documents in the Royal Archives relating to King George III. They reveal a startlingly new picture of the last king of America - one about as far removed as possible from the description of George in the Declaration of Independence: "A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

Go to the link above for an interesting read and then check at your library to borrow a copy. Also available on Amazon.ca with a preview read and a good number of wonderful colour prints of prominent people of the age.

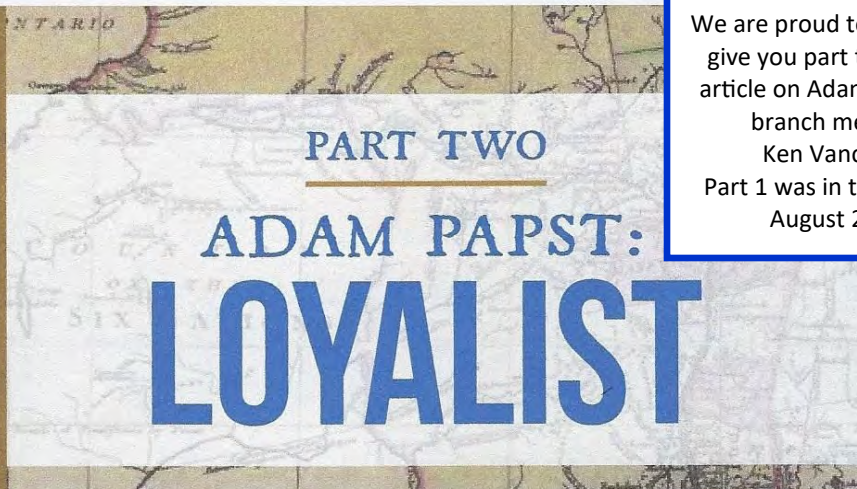


KEN VANCE UE,  
MEMBER OF THE  
CHILLIWACK BRANCH UELAC

Ken Vance UE worked as a senior policy advisor for the local government in British Columbia for over thirty years. He is retired and is currently pursuing his interest in historical research. He earned a Master's degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Victoria. He is a Member of the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC and is adding depth to the research into the Vance family and its links to the Loyalists, first undertaken by Gordon Vance, a second cousin and longstanding member of the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC, until his recent death.

His lineage to two Loyalist ancestors has been proven: Johann 'Adam' Papst UE and Michael Johannes Warner UE, both of whom lived in the Mohawk Valley, New York, and settled in Stormont County, Upper Canada. He is currently researching links to other Loyalist ancestors.

He has recently discovered while undertaking research into his wife's family that she has two Patriot ancestors: John Hayes, a member John McGowan's Company, who fought for the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania, and Thomas Blades Wildgoose, a member of Captain David Vaughan's Company, who fought for the Delaware Regiment. Neither of these regiments were involved in the fighting in the Mohawk Valley.



## PART TWO

# ADAM PAPST: LOYALIST

At the end of the American Revolution, Adam Papst responded to the summons that members of Butler's Rangers return to Niagara to be formally discharged. His name appears in the Niagara Census of 1783, having fought in the company of Lewis Genervay, - Adam Papes. He is listed by himself and having been issued one ration.

The census indicates that a total of "469 men, 111 women and 257 children" returned to Niagara. Some soldiers had arrived with their families and had nothing to return to in the United States, while other soldiers had left their families in the United States and needed to return to them at some point. Adam Papst was part of this latter group.

The British did not know what to do with the Loyalist soldiers after the war. In the early stages, the decision-making process was confused and uncertain. The soldiers raised concerns about early decisions concerning the tenure of the land and the viability of the farms in the Niagara area in 1783 and 1784. This is outlined in the following petition in March 1784:

*"To John Butler, Esq., Lt. Col. Commandant of the Corps of Rangers,  
"The humble address of farmers*

*residing on lands on the west side  
the river Niagara:*

*"On our first settling, you were pleased to read to us His Excellency General Haldimand's proposals, on which we settled, and expecting one year's provisions and a blacksmith to work for us, which we have not had as yet. Part only of the provisions has been given us. We shall regard it as a singular favour to lay this before Brig. Gen. Maclean. We should be forever obliged to His Excellency if he will be pleased to grant us leases, or some other security for our farms, as our present uncertain situation is very discouraging, as we are obliged to sell our produce, what little we raise, at such price as the commanding officer thinks proper. We have no objection to furnish the garrison at a reasonable price what quantity they may want fixed by the commanding officer, at the same time beg leave to sell to merchants and others at the price we can agree, from being obliged to pay merchants their own prices for everything we want. We should be very willing to subject ourselves to a rent for our farms after a term of eight years, as the footing we are on at present we are liable to be turned off our places when the commanding officer pleases. We are happy for the present, being not under the slightest apprehension, but the Commandant often changes, which*

We are proud to be able to give you part two of the article on Adam Papst, by branch member Ken Vance UE. Part 1 was in the Link Up August 2021



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*makes our stay uncertain.*"(The Story of Butler's Rangers and the Settlement of Niagara, Ernest Alexander Cruikshank (1854-1939), Toronto, 1893.) <https://gutenberg.ca/ebooks/cruikshank-butlers/cruikshank-butlers-00-h-dir/cruikshank-butlers-00-h.html>

Adam Papst was released from his regiment on 24 June 1784 and is included in the list of soldiers discharged. He did not claim land as a "Loyalist soldier" and settle in the Niagara area like other soldiers from Butler's Rangers. Colonel De Peyster, on 28 June 1784 reported that "*The people sign to their desire for cultivating Crown Lands but slowly. We have not above 100 on the list. They seem to dislike the tenure of the lands, and many wish to fetch their relations from the States by the shortest route. I have permitted some of the most decent people to wait Your Excellency's pleasure on that head, but last night seventy of the people who refused to sign went off without leave, with the intent never to return.*"

Adam Papst was one of the soldiers who left. Several factors, besides those outlined above, may have played a role in his decision. One is that the land selection process had been delayed as the engineers had not completed surveying the land and the soldiers were asked to wait, which was problematic for those who did not have their families with them. Two, he may have wanted to live close to other family members who were looking to settle in Upper Canada. Adam Papst's son, Rudolph Papst, claimed land in Stormont County. Rudolph Papst drew land in the area in 1785: Lot 12, Concession 2, Township 3. He had fought in the King's Royal Regiment of New York under Archibald McDonell during the American Revolution. (Index to the 1786 McNiff Maps, <http://uelac.org/st-lawrence/wp-content/>

[uploads/2014/07/McNiffIndex.pdf](http://uploads/2014/07/McNiffIndex.pdf))

Adam Papst, after he was discharged from Butler's Rangers, returned to his family, who were living in the Helleburgh area on or near the Manor Rennesselaerswyck. There is a note in his son's records, Frederick's Papst family, that Adam Papst did not move his family to Canada until sometime between 1788 and 1790.

The borders between Canada and the United States were somewhat fluid after the War and he may have visited family members who lived in the United States. In the first United States census in 1790 the names Adam Babst and Rudolph Babst are listed as living in Watervliet, Helleburgh area, New York State. The first United States census began in August 1790 and took eighteen months to complete. The name Adam Babst later appears on a Will prepared for Johan Adam Papst on 07 July 1803, Probate Granted on 07 June 1819, in Upper Canada. The Will is signed Adam Babst. It is not known why the name Adam Babst was used in signing the Will.

There is evidence that Rudolph Papst made a claim on behalf of his father to the Commission on Claims and Losses in 1786. The name Adam Poppis is listed in the records. In the claim, he estimates Adam Poppis (Papst) total losses from the war were \$560 £. The largest portion of the claim is for \$400 £ for "*improvement on his farm on which there are 200 apple trees.*" The second largest portion is for \$40 £ "*Paid fine for refusing to serve in the militia.*" The remainder of the claim is for livestock and personal effects.

The claim provides no indication of where he lived and provides no direct reference to any loss of '*land or buildings*' and it does not mention the \$200£ in fines he paid during the war to the Board of Commissioners

for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies. A record of what the Commission did with the claim was not found. It is highly unlikely it was approved, given the narrow grounds on which the Commission granted compensation for losses. In most cases it did not provide any compensation for personal losses. (*Claim of Adam Poppis to the Honourable Commissioners*, A.O to the Honourable Commissioners, 13/80 of American Claims at Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1786 (p. 403); Adam Poppis - Bundle 80; Ref: C-9821 p.698- Archives Canada [http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/occihm.lac\\_reel\\_c9821/698?r=0&s=5](http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/occihm.lac_reel_c9821/698?r=0&s=5))



➤ Butlers Rangers in the American Revolution.

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➤ Chilliwack Branch Certificate presentation.

It is not known exactly when the Papst family moved from the United States to Canada, although family records suggest that it was around 1790. The timing of the move, and the exact reasons, remain a mystery.

A number of factors may have played a role in this decision. One: there was a great deal of tension at the community level after the War between those who supported the Revolution and those who supported the British. These tensions were heightened by the fact that New York State confiscated the land held by known Loyalists and either gave it to individuals who had supported it during the War or sold it to pay off its war debts. While it does appear that Adam Papst was identified as a Loyalist at the time, it may have prompted his decision to move.

Two: the economic conditions in the Mohawk Valley and the surrounding area were difficult as the valley had been destroyed by the war. An excerpt from the biography of Colonel Marinus Willett, who was in charge of the American forces in the Mohawk Valley at the time, describes the destruction of the valley as

follows:

*“The County of Tryon during the first six years of the war, suffered more severely than any other extent of territory the thirteen colonies. Within its borders more campaigns were performed, more battles fought, more people murdered and more dwellings burned than in any other section. The Board of Supervisors of that county, reported to the Legislature in December, 1780, that during the war 700 buildings had been burned, 354 families had abandoned their homes and removed from the country, 613 persons had deserted to the enemy, 197 had been killed, 121 taken captives, and 1,200 farms were uncultivated by reasons of the enemy, and this did not include some five or six other settlements. Other statistics show that thousands of horses and cattle had been killed or stolen, millions of bushels of grain destroyed, and that 300 women had been made widows, and 2,000 children made orphans. These ravages and misfortunes, earned for the valley of the Mohawk, the title of ‘the dark and bloody ground,’ and well nigh extinguished the hopes and crushed the spirit of the people.”* (Daniel Elbridge

Wager (1891). Col. Marinus Willett, the Hero of Mohawk Valley)

A third factor may have been the poor harvest in 1788. The crops failed throughout the region and many of the farmers were forced to eat their seed for the following year or face starvation. The British in Canada were forced to provide the farmers with additional assistance to avoid a major catastrophe.

A fourth factor may have been the resolution issued by Lord Dorchester in 1789 that recognized the important role that the Loyalists had played in the American Revolution and announced that they and their sons and daughters would be given free land allotments, clarifying the land tenure issue that had arisen at Niagara. What ultimately triggered the decision to move is unknown. However, historical records suggest that a number of Loyalist families moved out of the Mohawk Valley around this time.

At some point between 1788 and the early 1790s, Adam Papst, now in his late fifties, settled with his family in Osnabruck Township, Stormont County, close to where his son, Rudolph Papst, lived. He bought the West ½ of Lot 1 and the East ½ of Lot 2, Concession 3, in Osnabruck Township, Stormont County, near Lunenburg. At the time of his death in 1807, he owned all of Lot 1, Concession 3, in Osnabruck Township, Stormont County.

Adam Papst of the Township of Osnabruck in 1797 petitioned for a land grant “as a private soldier in the late American War as appears by his discharge and not having drawn any bounty land wither for himself or his wife.” The request for a land grant was considered in 1798. However, there is a note on the Petition that suggests there was a problem. The

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Petition indicates that “*family land insufficient*”, meaning that there was not enough land in Stormont County to meet the request, or that the information in the petition was “*insufficient*,” meaning that more research was needed to meet the request (i.e. there is no affidavit from his commanding officer or the request was not from one of the standard regiments in the area and required further investigation to ensure it was valid). The exact issue is not known. Whatever the problem, it was resolved, and the land grant was approved.

In 1803, Adam Papst was given a land grant of 300 acres in Winchester Township, Dundas County, Upper Canada, adjacent to Stormont County:

### Land Petition and Approval:

Concession 10, Lot 23, 200 acres,  
14 July 1803 (to Adam Papst);  
Concession 10, Lot 24, 100 acres,  
14 July 1803 (to Adam Papst)  
(*Upper Canada Land Petitions, Bundle 4, 1797-1799, C-2489 - List of Petitions, p. 740; Adam Papst, pp. 959-961*)

A number of Adam Papst’s family petitioned for a land grant around the same time and were granted land in Winchester Township, Dundas County. For example, Frederick Papst of Osnabruck, “*Loyalist, Son of Adam Paps Loyalist*”, petitioned for a land grant in 1797 and was awarded a patent for 200 acres in 1798. He was given the land grant on 03 September 1803 for Concession 9, Lot 22, in Winchester Township, Dundas County, Upper Canada. Mary Wereley, the wife of Frederick Papst, also applied for a land grant of two hundred acres in 1797, as “*the daughter of Peter Wardly*

(Wereley), a *Loyalist and wife of Frederick Papst, of the Township of Osnabruck*”. A note on the Petition indicates that “*Peter Wardley is not on the U.E. List*”. She was awarded a patent for 200 acres in 1798 in Winchester Township, Dundas County, Upper Canada.

(*Upper Canada Land Petitions, Bundle 4, 1797-1799, C-2489 - List of Petitions, p. 740; Frederick Paps, pp. 928-930; Upper Canada Land Books, Vol. D, 22 December 1797 to 22 June 1802, C-101, image 503*)

It does not appear that Adam Papst, who died in 1807, nor any member of his immediate family moved to Winchester Township, Dundas County, to live on the land they were given, although some of his relations may have lived on the land for a time.

### FOOTNOTE:

The Census of Niagara, 1783 shows the following: Return of persons dated November 30, 1783, Private; Captain

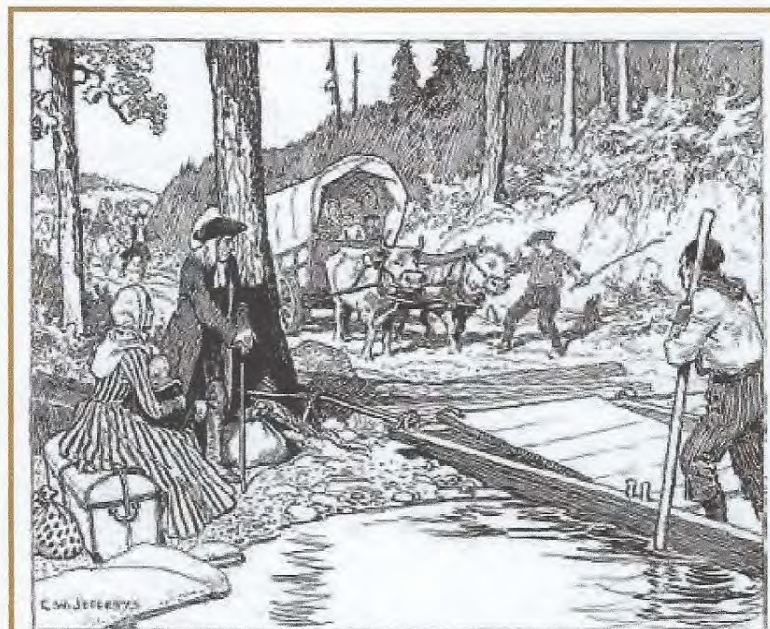
Lewis Genevay’s Co., Butler’s Rangers (release from Butler’s Rangers).

In “Return of Persons under the description of Loyalists, Specifying the Number Age & Sexes of each family in Captain Lewis Genevys Company in the Corps of Rangers Niagara, November 30, 1783”. Adam Papes is listed by himself and issued 1 ration.

The Old United Empire Loyalist List shows the following: Paps, Adam, E District, Soldier; Butler’s Rangers, p. affidavit R.P.

The reference is from The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists, 1784-1884. The Celebrations at Adolphustown, Toronto and Niagara, with An Appendix, containing a copy of the U. E. List Preserved in the Crown Lands Department at Toronto, published in 1885. Copy of the Old U. E. List; Loyalist Lists: Executive Council RG I, L7, vol. 52A, C-2222, C-1476, Library and Archives Canada.

An Annotated Nominal Roll of Butler’s Rangers, 1777-1784, with Documentary Sources, by Lieutenant Colonel William A. Smy, lists Adam Papes; Haldimand Collection, Census of Niagara, list of soldiers and family. -



Loyalists on the Way to Canada

Loyalists on the Way to Canada. IAC C.W. Jefferys Collection, 1934

## Bridge Annex unveils the Life of John Baker memorial plaque

Connor McLaughlin, Special to Seaway News

CORNWALL, Ontario – The installation of the John Baker memorial was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Baker was a Loyalist, born into slavery in the 1780's. In 1804, he was released along with his family, later going on to fight in the war of 1812 and the battle at Waterloo, who later died as a general labourer in 1871.

Bridge Annex is the first virtual branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC), an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of others through knowledge of the past, particularly the history of the United Empire Loyalists and their contribution to the development of Canada.

Bridge Annex chose to honour John Baker's life by installing a memorial storyboard during the UELAC's annual conference they hosted virtually, May 2021, featuring the history of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG).

They stated that the life experience of John Baker and other early Black citizens of Cornwall and SDG is an important historical interpretation. Bridge Annex had spoken with Natasha Henry, President of Ontario Black History Society, to ensure the memorial truly paid homage to the life of John Baker. Henry then wrote the text seen on the memorial.

Bridge Annex assisted in proving John Baker's service during the War of 1812, allowing them a memorial stone from the Graveside Project which was mounted beneath the memorial.

"John's story, and the story of so many of our early Black citizens of Cornwall and Area, and so many other places, have lingered for too long in the shadows of history. We are proud to be able to come to know John Baker and his experience and that of his family and are proud to now share this life of the remarkable man we have before us with others," said Jennifer DeBruin, UELAC Public Relations Chair.

Local Artist, Tracy-Lynn Chisolm was commissioned to create an original oil painting of John Baker, which was then donated by Bridge Annex to the Cornwall Community Museum, to be displayed in future exhibits.

"At the museum, very soon we are going to have a new exhibit. It is going to be called the History of Racism in the SDG, part of it is going to be enslavement, slavery from 1760 to 1834, and after that it is going to be the history of the Indian Act and the Residential School System," said Jean-Yves Lemoine, Senior Curator of the Cornwall Community Museum. "For the slavery period, John Baker is going to be the cornerstone, the center of our story."



The memorial can be found in front of the Cornwall Community Museum, located at 160 Water Street West.

Pictured from left-to-right:

Archdeacon Peter Crosby, Jennifer DeBruin UELAC Public Relations Chair, Jean-Yves Lemoine Senior Curator for the Cornwall Community Museum, Local artist Tracy-Lynn Chisolm, and Patricia Groom president of UELAC (Connor McLaughlin/Seaway News).

[www.uelbridgeannex.com/discover-your-loyalist-roots/](http://www.uelbridgeannex.com/discover-your-loyalist-roots/)

The first announcement of this memorial took place on Saturday, May 29th as part of the Schedule of Events during the virtual UELAC Conference. We are so proud to see the placement and dedication of the memorial to John Baker.



## UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH NEW/RENEW MEMBERSHIP 2022

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