



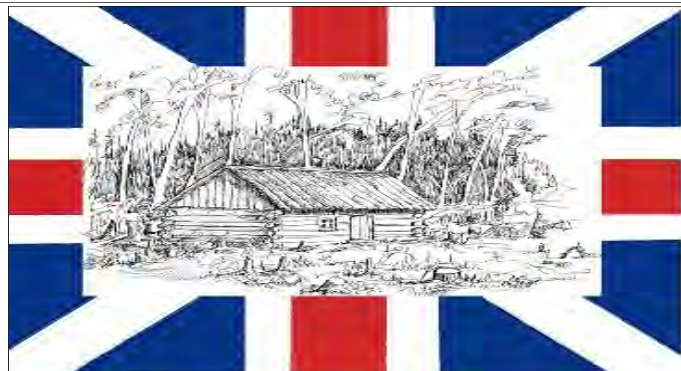
The Kawartha Periodical



Newsletter of the **Kawartha Branch** of the **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada**

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The President's Message

How wonderful photographs are! They record so much more in a small space than words can hope to describe.

Two events kept us busy in November: Remembrance Day and our General Meeting on the 20th with guests, Angela and Peter Johnson UE, Dominion Genealogists. It was a cold but sunny day when Bob and I marched and stood at the cenotaph with Bill and Carol Atkinson, Daphne Rogers Molson UE and her son, George Molson UE, and Frank Lucas. For the first time the large crowd was honoured with a fly-past by Captain Troy White of 436 Squadron flying his CC-130J Hercules over the Cenotaph. It was truly impressive. Our guest speakers for our General Meeting on November 20 gave a power point presentation of the changes in the application form for proving a Loyalist ancestor. This informative talk was well received and raised many questions that Peter or Angela patiently answered.

Between meetings a number of our members are working on other special projects, all leading up to our celebrations for Canada 150. Bill Atkinson UE has let our members know that the colourful UEL mugs are now in and available to order through him. They can be ordered by emailing Bill at xpitco@nexicom.net. Margaret Pulver UE, Joan Lucas UE, Pam Dickey UE and I are meeting in January to begin compiling our second edition Loyalist Heritage cookbook. As well, steps have been

taken to unite with the History Department at Trent University to support research by students working on Loyalist themes. Patricia Staples UE has supervised the Loyalist travelling library begun

about a year ago. Please remember to return books borrowed when you come to our next meeting.

Our guest speaker for February 19th is Professor Emeritus, John Jennings, while on April 23rd, Elwood Jones will talk about early transportation infrastructure in our fledgling country. Our executive has tried to plan interesting and worthwhile guest speakers as well as inform you about upcoming events and opportunities.

Plans are in the works for some of us to attend Buckhorn Festival on Saturday February 11th where we host a display table. This is a great family day outing to see arts, crafts, skillful demonstrations and dog races.

Bob and I wish each one of you a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

Loyally yours,
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From The Editor's Desk ...

Here in Kawartha Branch, we feel that we have a great deal to offer to our members



as we continue into the future.

To maintain an informative and interesting newsletter, we are actively seeking your family history or passed-down stories of Loyalists and their family adventures.

I trust that you find this Winter 2016 - 2017 issue of our **Kawartha Periodical** newsletter of interest and we look

forward to hearing from you !!!

My wife, Grietje, and I wish you and your loved ones a most enjoyable Christmas season and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Sincerely and loyally yours,
Bob McBride UE,
Kawartha Branch Newsletter Editor.



Genealogist's Report

During the year we applied for eighteen certificates. To-date we have received and presented thirteen certificates and are awaiting five more. As these five applications were sent in after the mid November cut-off date, they will be credited to 2016; however certificates probably will not arrive at the branch until 2017.

In the new year, we have eight applications ready for mailing in January, 2017, and, as well, several potential members are busy working on their genealogies.

At our November meeting we welcomed Peter and



Angela Johnson, Dominion Genealogists, who discussed changes coming to the application form in the New Year. The information that will be expected needs to be more committed to details in our proofs. When you collect a proof remember to record

all details identifying the proof: the location where it can be found, and any reel number or identification as found in the Ontario or National Archives. If it is a land record/ Order in Council, be sure to collect every page of the petition including the page with the decision of the Land Board. If you are using an obituary, quote its source; the name of the newspaper, the date the obituary appeared in it, the page where it can be found. If you are using a Dominion Census return, be sure the location of the census, the year and date taken appear on it. Census can only be used in a Genealogical Proof Argument (Preponderance of Evidence), along with at least one other secondary source to back your claim.

The Branch Genealogist is here to help you so don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

We hope you will apply for a certificate for all your UE ancestors. There are still Loyalists who have not yet been proven. One of them may be one of your ancestors.

Every Certificate application now costs \$40.00 per application. Cheques accompanying an application are to be made out to: The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Every applicant must first be a current branch member and pay the branch yearly membership fee.

Kawartha Branch membership fees are made out to the Kawartha Branch UELAC and given to the Branch Treasurer.

Our sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and happy ancestor hunting in the New Year!

Joan Lucas UE,
Kawartha Branch Genealogist.

Treasurer's Report

29 July 2016 to 30 November 2016

Since our last report in the Fall newsletter we received, in October, a second \$100,000 interim payment from the John Chard Estate. We will receive the final payment



soon after the Clearance Certificate (which has been applied for) is received from CRA. The figures below include the second payment from the Chard Estate and we have included it in our Wood-Gundy investment portfolio. We cashed in our

\$6,000 GIC at BMO in September and placed it into our investment portfolio at Wood-Gundy. Our year-to-date dividends from our investments are \$1,595.29.

The Fall Banquet was well attended on October 22 by 34 members and guests at Emanuel East United Church (formerly George St. United Church). After income from ticket sales of \$725.00 and expenses of \$858.92 we realized a small loss of \$133.92.

Here is our financial position as of 30 November 2016:
ASSETS

CIBC Wood-Gundy portfolio	\$217,263.23
Closing bank balance (BMO)	1,027.00

TOTAL

ASSETS: \$218,290.23

All bills have been paid and there are no outstanding accounts.

Frank Lucas, Treasurer
Kawartha Branch



Reminder

Please send
any change of address to
Joan Lucas UE
so that we can keep our
Kawartha Branch
Membership List
up-to-date !!!

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The Loyalist Corner Needs Your Stories !!!

Many years ago an appeal was made for Kawartha Branch members to submit a summary or vignette of their Loyalist ancestor. When I revived our Branch Newsletter in the spring of 1997 with Volume 5, Issue 1, Joan Lucas UE, then our Branch President, provided me with seventeen vignettes of varying lengths that had been submitted to her over the years from Branch members.

Now, having published over thirty vignettes, we have none left in our archives. Thus we are in desperate need of new material to ensure the continuation of the **Loyalist Corner** in future issues. You will find a complete listing of what is in our archives and the vignettes that have been published in the past issues on page 04 of this newsletter.

Vignettes or histories of your Loyalist ancestor need not be lengthy or fully documented.

Our readership is most interested in the story of your Loyalist ancestor and it is best described in your own words.

PLEASE HELP

by sending your submissions to

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Kawartha Branch Executive and Committees for 2016 - 2017

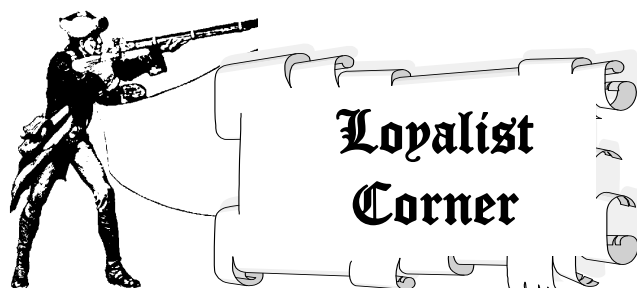
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We need a volunteer to serve as Assistant Genealogist. If you are interested, please contact any of the individuals listed above.

Next Kawartha Branch Meeting
Sunday, 19 February 2017
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Guest Speaker: Professor John Jennings

Sunday, 23 April 2017
Annual General Meeting
And Swearing In Of New Executive.
Guest Speaker: Elwood Jones

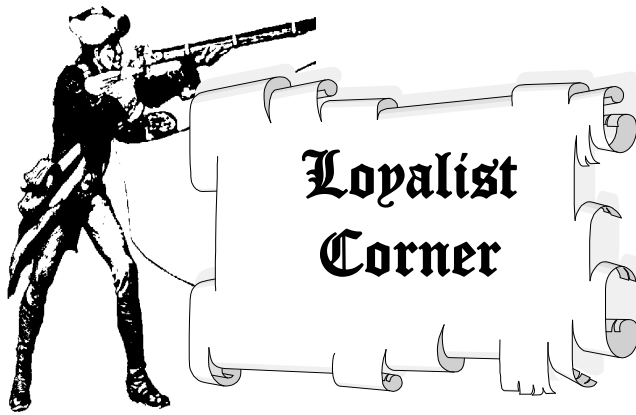


Each of these UE ancestors
have been highlighted in issues
of *The Kawartha Periodical* :

Issue	Loyalist
Volume 5, Issue 1	· William Fairchild UE · Andrew Denike UE · Adam Young UE & Henry Young UE
Volume 5, Issue 2	· Sgt. Henry Buchner (Boughner, Buckner) UE · Jacob DeCou UE & Captain John DeCou
Volume 6, Issue 1	· Martin Silmzer UE
Volume 6, Issue 2	· Richard Rogers UE · James Rogers UE
Volume 7, Issue 1	· Capt. Jacobus Peck Jr. UE · James Peck Jr. UE
Volume 7, Issue 2	· Sgt. Gabriel Purdy UE · Timothy Pringle (Prindle) UE · Daniel Fraser UE
Volume 8, Issue 1	· John Hagerman Sr. UE · Peter Irish UE · Gregory Van Every UE
Volume 8, Issue 2	· Thomas Goheen Sr. UE · John Howell UE · John Stevens Sr. UE
Volume 9, Issue 1	· Col. David Breakenridge UE
Volume 9, Issue 2	· Philip Hartman UE
Volume 10, Issue 1	· David Springer UE
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Volume 13, Issue 1	· Col. William Marsh UE
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Volume 14, Issue 2	- The Palatine LOTT Family
Volume 15, Issue 1	- Robert Bessey Senior UE
Volume 15, Issue 2	- The Finckel Family

Volume 16, Issue 1	- "Old" John Conklin UE
Volume 16, Issue 2	- Fort Ninety Six and Robert Graham UE

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Guy Thompson	Timothy Pringle UE
Ruth Turner	The Kuster Family
Isabel Wessell	Peter Irish UE
Donald Willson	David Springer UE



Fort Ninety Six and Robert Graham UE

By Joan Lucas UE.

Written in November 1999

Located in south-western South Carolina, this strategic fort was on the western frontier of the British Southern Command during the American Revolution and was an important link in the defense of South Carolina by the British.

But first a little about Ninety-Six.

To begin with, Ninety-Six was a geographical term, and so named because it was a stopping place, a campsite, ninety-six miles from the Cherokee Town of Keowee in the Blue Ridge foothills.

The region then was a wilderness paradise, with a temperate climate, rich soil, vast forests of hardwood, clear-running streams and abundant game.

It was a convenient campground along the Cherokee Path that ran along the southern shore of the Saluda River and was the most direct trade route between Charlestown and the Cherokee towns. The area had earlier been explored by hunters, cattle drovers and Indian Traders. Trade had already begun by 1737 when an Indian agent recorded that he bought "3 Gals of Rum and 3 lbs of sugar at a place called the Ninety-Six".

An important cattle industry developed on the meadows of the Piedmont where contained areas called cow-pens were developed and which became vital economic institutions. A typical hamlet consisted of cabins, a larger enclosure for the animals (cow-pen), and fields of corn for fodder; it was described as "... a very noisy, civilized scene, in the midst of the savage wilderness."

By 1756 there was a cow-pen near Ninety-Six, owned by a Dr. John Murray of Charlestown, with drovers operating it for him.

The most important development in the backcountry was the trade with the Indians. Commerce between Charlestown and the Cherokee Nation began about 1690 and the Cherokee Path became the major commercial artery across South Carolina. In exchange for hunting rifles, calico, brass pots, and glass beads, colonial traders bartered for leather and cured deerskins. The number of deerskins exported from

Charlestown averaged more than 100,000 annually between 1700 and 1745 and, as late as 1748, 160,000 skins, valued at 400,000 pounds colonial currency, were shipped.

The Indian Trade along the Cherokee Path and the growing need for fertile and unclaimed land made Ninety-Six an important location in the backcountry.

Land speculators moved in, large land grants were obtained, and over 200,000 acres of land was laid out, some of which were sold to settlers. Scotch-Irish settlers flowed from Pennsylvania and Virginia to Ninety-Six attracted by tax concessions and good land. Men like Patrick Calhoun, Thomas Turk, James Maxwell, Daniel Migler and Andrew Williamson rose from humble beginnings to become prominent citizens.

Ninety-Six had passed the hunting stage and was now a fairly prosperous region of small farms and rudimentary industry.

One frontiersman, Robert Goudy, a former Indian Trader, retired after several years from trading. Making his last trip in 1751, he came out of the Cherokee Nation with forty-three horses loaded with pelts, crossing the mountains under the protection of sixty-eight friendly Cherokee braves. He then purchased 250 acres of land at Ninety-Six and built a trading post that soon rivaled some stores in Charlestown in its volume of business. His inventory included cloth, shoes, buckles, thread, needles, glass beads, gunpowder, lead, bullet molds, gold buttons, farm tools, and rum. When he died in 1775 there were over 400 settlers and Indian traders who had accounts at his store. He had acquired 1,500 acres of land scattered around Ninety-Six, owned 34 slaves, 250 horses, 100 cattle, and 20 sheep. His plantations produced wheat, tobacco, corn, hemp and indigo and one parcel had an excellent orchard of peaches.

There were others though that didn't fair nearly as well. Many were poor, uneducated, barely existing on the land. Many cabins were homes to ten to twelve children who were unschooled; in fact, one writer noted that the parents took much the same care of the pigs as of the children. However, they were hardy souls in the face of grave danger. They battled the elements, wrestled a living from the land and sometimes fought hostile Indians.

The Cherokees feared the unrelenting advance of the frontier that destroyed their hunting grounds. As well they were troubled by their growing dependence upon colonial trade goods. Friendly relations between the colonists and the Indians turned sour. The Cherokees went on the war path.

Sir Jeffrey Amherst, British Commander in North America, sent troops to pacify and restore peace in 1761. Goudy's fort at Ninety-Six was strengthened with troops and artillery and served as an assembly point and supply depot for the British Colonial Army.

In seventy years, Ninety-Six changed from a campsite along the Cherokee Path to a commercial centre for an expanding settlement on the frontier and the judicial seat for a huge area of the South Carolina backcountry. Ninety-Six,

in 1775, was a thriving village of twelve houses, a sizable courthouse, and a sturdy jail. At least 100 persons lived in the vicinity and the land was cleared for a mile around the village.

By mid-summer of 1775, the Patriot leaders were apprehensive about the backcountry and they had only limited support among the settlers of the interior. Reports from the Ninety-Six District indicated that a majority of the inhabitants were “quite comfortable under British rule.” The Patriots were also uneasy because of the number of able and influential leaders among the backcountry Loyalists. The Patriots launched a campaign to promote the Patriot cause but were utterly frustrated and reported that they had made few converts and that those who espoused the Patriot cause “were our friends from other parts.” A Patriot Militia was formed of, in the words of one Ninety-Six citizen, “the most notorious Horse thieves in this Province!” So the seeds of civil war were set as well as a war of economics and trade.

When the Patriots surrendered to Cornwallis at Charlestown in May 1780, the British forces quickly occupied a chain of forts in South Carolina and Georgia. The principal fort in the chain was established at Ninety-Six on 19 June 1780. Lord Cornwallis was very aware of the strategic importance of Ninety-Six, stating that “it must be kept at all events and I think no reasonable expense should be spared ... Georgia depends entirely upon it ... for supplies and reinforcements. To command this key fort, Cornwallis selected Lt. Col. John Harris Cruger, a New York Loyalist, and the son-in-law of General Oliver DeLancey. It was to be a wise choice. Fort Ninety-Six, garrisoned entirely by Colonial Loyalists, was in the hands of a competent commanding officer. Colonel Cruger added to the fort two new redoubts, a block house, palisaded the Court House and principal homes, got in a good supply of corn in case of siege, enclosed the village with a ditch about eight feet deep and likewise the fort itself. To all this was added an abatis, a defense barrier constructed by felling trees and sharpening their limbs; as well an earthen bunker system was laid out in the shape of an eight-pointed star protected by another abatis and ditch. This was the Star Fort. Colonel Cruger and his Loyalist regiments were ready.

When Frank and I arrived at Fort Ninety-Six, we entered the interpretation centre where I headed for the book racks and Frank went into the museum. The guide came along to see what we were about and Frank said “My wife is looking for Loyalist history ... she’s a Loyalist”. The lady guide smiled and came right back with “So were most of the people here.” We spent an enjoyable hour with the two guides who couldn’t have been more helpful, even to phoning the local historian, “who knows just everything about the history of the Revolution around here”. The historian was ill so we didn’t get to meet him. However out came their reference books with all the muster rolls of the Loyalist regiments who fought there ... it was amazing ... regiments from New Jersey, New York, and including, from Pennsylvania, the Royal Irish Emigrants in which my ancestor, Sergeant Robert Graham, served. There was as well, the South Carolina Loyal Militia and eighteen others. It took three thick volumes to list them all. The guide said there were still families living in the area who were descendants of Loyalists families. Apparently after the Revolution some settlers came back to their farms and just carried on as before, she said. The others, who marched away with the withdrawing British Loyalist forces, were evacuated by ship to the Caribbean, to England and to New York / Long Island.

Sergeant Robert Graham found himself, without a regiment, in New York on Long Island in 1781. Somewhere, either while stationed at Fort Ninety Six or on Long Island, he married Anne, the sister of Lieutenant William Atkinson of the South Carolina Loyalist Militia who had also been at the siege of Fort Ninety-Six. Robert and Anne, along with Lieutenant Atkinson joined Captain Michael Grass’ company of Associate Loyalists while on Long Island and again were evacuated by ship. This time they landed in Sorel, Quebec, in 1783. Robert was part of the survey team who laid out the five Cataraqui Townships in 1783 and 1784. Then, with his wife and two young sons, Robert moved unto his waterfront lot at Kingston. He and Anne are buried in the Methodist (now United) Church churchyard in Cataraqui, beside Captain Michael Grass and family. They were part of the “critical mass” of people that were to found the Province of Ontario. Robert’s son, Thomas, married a daughter of Michael Grass. Robert second son, William, married Mary Wightman, the daughter of British Regular soldier, David Wightman/Whiteman, and are my ancestors.

Across the road, in the Cataraqui Cemetery, lies buried Sir John A. McDonald, Canada’s first Prime Minister, who persuaded the four British Colonies to join together to form the country of Canada. Two of the colonies were founded by the masses of United Empire Loyalists who came to inhabit them, Ontario and New Brunswick. Other UE Loyalists had a profound effect on Nova Scotia and Quebec, overwhelming the population of Nova Scotia by more than doubling the number of people settled there, and by forming the basis of the English-speaking population in Quebec. Soldiers from the regiments based at Ninety Six, including the Royal Irish Emmigrants and the South Carolina Loyal Militia, settled in all areas of these four British colonies.



Rebel (Patriot) forces attack the fort at Ninety Six, defended by American Loyalists. On the left can be seen the wooden tower constructed by the Rebels to enable their riflemen to fire over the walls into the fort. The attack was repulsed after one of the Revolutionary War's most brutal bayonet fights, and the siege ended.

- Source: <http://bantarleton.tumblr.com/post/104870172960/patriot-forces-attack-the-fort-at-ninety-six>

The Struggle for the Star June 18, 1781

- Noon: A cannon shot signaled the start of the attack. Fifty Rebels (Patriots) called the Forlorn Hope (because of their dangerous mission) rushed forward from the 3rd parallel toward the Loyalist-held Star Fort.
- Rebels carried axes to cut down the abatis (sharpened felled trees to the right of the American Flag) & fraise (pointed sticks around the Star). They also carried grappling hooks to tear down sandbags at the top of the Star's walls. (Notice the Rebel near the centre of the painting)
- Rebels also fired from the 30-foot Maham Tower (at the very left of the painting).
- As the Forlorn Hope rushed the Star Fort, 60 Loyalists attacked surrounding the Rebels in hand-to-hand fighting.
- Assault lasted 45 minutes before General Greene called it off.
- Out of the 50 men of the Forlorn Hope, 30 were killed and never made it back to Rebel (Patriot) lines.

The Artist spent over 500 hours researching and working on the painting. The Artist himself is the man with a gray beard and no coat at the bottom of the painting & his son is in the blue Patriot coat defending his father against Loyalist attack. - Source: <https://www.nps.gov/nisi/learn/historyculture/the-star-fort.htm>



Construction of the Star Fort started in December 1780 and finished in early 1781. It was built by Loyalist soldiers and slaves from nearby farms and plantations. It wasn't a very popular design because it was hard to build, and couldn't hold many troops, but Loyalist engineer, Lt. Henry Haldane, decided that an eight-point star fort would be better for the site than a tradition square fort. The star shape allowed musket and cannon fire in all directions. The Star Fort had a gun battery that was located near the bottom centre point in the picture. The long mound of dirt in the centre of the picture is called a Traverse and was built during the Rebel siege of Star Fort (May 22- June 18, 1781). It was to be used as a second line of defense in case the Rebels breached the Star Fort walls. The Star Fort was an earthen fort. As you see it today is how it looked in 1781. The Star Fort walls were originally about 14 feet high with sand bags around the top giving it a height of about 17

feet during the battle. The walls are a little weatherworn in places, but are original. No major reconstruction has been done to the fort. The site of the Rebel (Patriot) attack or Battle for Star Fort is near the bottom two left points on the picture.

**Kawartha Branch meets
six times a year:
in February, April, June,
September, October and November.**

Elections are held every April.

**The June meeting
is our annual
Loyalist Flag Raising ceremony
at City Hall, Peterborough,
and at the Olde Gaol in Lindsay
in the afternoon.**

**Our October meeting
is the Fall Banquet
hosted this year at
George Street United Church
(now Emmanuel East United)**

**Our April meeting is our
Annual General Meeting and
Election of the Incoming Officers
for the following year.**

**Did You
Know ??**



**2017 dues are due as of
01 January 2017
and the per capita fee must be in
Dominion Headquarters hands
by 01 February 2017 in order to
qualify for delivery of the
Spring 2017 *Gazette*;
one per family to one address.**

Important Reminder of Dues

**In January 2017,
it will be time to renew
your membership
in Kawartha Branch
and the UELAC.**

Our Branch Constitution and By-laws state:

AR-16.06

The Treasurer shall, upon receipt of membership dues, provide a membership card of the year to each member the Branch and shall maintain records of the Branch membership in consultation with the Branch Genealogist and Branch Membership Chairperson. These up-to-date membership lists will be made available for distribution to the Executive upon request, with copies being supplied to the Branch Genealogist, Branch Membership Chairperson and the Branch Newsletter Editor.

AR-16.08

The Treasurer shall pay all appropriate per-capita dues to the UELAC on an annual basis by February 1st, complete the membership form and *The Loyalist Gazette* form and submit these to the UELAC for the up-to-date Branch membership records.

The fee structure is such that the per capita fee to the UELAC is \$40 plus \$10 to the Branch for a single person: total \$50. For a family (two or more related people) the per capita fee to the UELAC is \$55 plus \$10 per family member for the Branch. Remember, the Branch Fee is still \$10 for each and every person. Dual Branch membership fees, if registered in another Branch, are \$10 at Kawartha Branch as your "home" branch will have paid the per capita fee to Dominion Office.

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**Kawartha Branch's Web Site:
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Views In And Around Kawartha Branch

On Friday, 11 November 2016, members of the Kawartha Branch marched in the Peterborough Remembrance Day Parade and laid a wreath at the cenotaph.



On 20 November 2016, Dominion Genealogists, Angela Johnson UE and Peter Johnson UE, went over the new Application form for proving one's Loyalist ancestor, patiently answering questions posed by some of our members.



As well, at the same meeting on 20 November, during the break Daphne Rogers Molson UE serenaded the members with her rendition of a poem that she had composed for the 150-year celebration of Canada, based on the anthem, "Oh Canada."



Doug Morden UE, received the UE Certificate for his granddaughter, Kendall Mary Morden UE, as the descendant of the Loyalist, James Amid Morden UE.



Old Hay Bay Church - Annual Pilgrimage

By Margaret Pulver UE



28 August 2016 saw the descendants of the United Empire Loyalists who settled in the area at what would be known as Hay Bay and Adolphustown meet for the annual remembrance at the Old Hay Bay Church.

The Old Hay Bay Church, built in 1792, was the first meeting house for Loyalists in Upper Canada and is the oldest surviving Methodist building in Canada. The building was enlarged in 1835 and then used as a farmer's barn when the congregation moved to the new church in Adolphustown. The church, land, and pioneer cemetery were designated as a National Historical Site in 2001. The cemetery contains the remains of the victims of the 1819 drowning of worshipper who were crossing the reach on their way to services.

2016 "Roots" Celebration featured a weekend of events that included speakers, tours of the Loyalist sites in the area, roast beef dinners and the annual Pilgrimage Church service.

The traditional Methodist Service was conducted by Reverend William McDowell and Reverend David O. Jones. The guest speaker was Reverend Dr. Malcolm Sinclair, from the Metropolitan United Church, Toronto. Music was supplied by Jan Orr, from the Lansdowne United Church, playing the old pump organ, and the Salvation Army Band from Kingston.

For more information check out the Hay Bay Church web site [www.OLDHAYBAYCHURCH.CA/] and Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/Old-Hay-Bay-Church-1391433787847756/>].

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2017 Dominion Conference to be held in London, June 22-25

London and Western Ontario Branch, assisted by Grand River Branch, will host the 2017 Dominion Conference a week prior to Canada's Sesquicentennial birthday, showcasing the region to our UELAC guests. Being held at the end of the school year will allow Loyalist guests and teachers to bring children.

The Delta London Armouries Hotel continues to provide special rates before and after the Conference, for guests to explore 1812 to 1815 battle sites and local attractions within a one to two hour drive, such as the renowned Stratford Festival. The Delta is negotiating reduced rates at an affiliate hotel in Ottawa for the 01 July celebration.

Venue for 2017 Conference



The Delta London Armouries Hotel is a recently-renovated magnificent old 1905 Armoury, converted into a luxury hotel with a twenty-storey tower. It is centrally located downtown, close to conference events, shopping, and great restaurants. The main Armouries Ballroom will comfortably accommodate 200 seated guests, with The Gunnery Ballroom and Officers' Club accommodating other receptions, genealogy and membership meetings. The first 200 guests attending the entire Conference will have priority reservations until April, over those guests planning to just attend the Gala Banquet.

Fifty regular rooms are reserved at the special rate of \$157.00 with 10 additional enhanced rooms reserved at \$177.00. All rooms received a complete renovation earlier this year and rooms also include free parking. Check the Delta Hotel link at www.marriott.com/YXUDL.

Registrations may be made through the toll free number: 1-844-254-5055 (mention the UELAC Conference). These room rates can be enjoyed for three days prior and three days after our conference. Book early!

Friday Excursion: London's oldest residence, Eldon House, built in 1834 by John and Amelia Harris UE, contains family heirlooms, furnishings and priceless family treasures from around the world.



Loyalist Church Service will be at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday.



**Peter Newman's
Hostages to Fortune: The United Empire Loyalists and the Making of Canada
Is Now Available**

From *Loyalist Trails* : No stranger to Canada's past, author Peter C. Newman has emerged from his latest trip through time with a new book about the United Empire Loyalists.

"It's the great Canadian story," said the 87-year-old Belleville author and journalist. "It would be a great movie: how Canada was born." Loyal to Britain, the Loyalists fled the British colonies in what's now the United States in the 1770s. They settled in what's now Canada, including in the Quinte region.

Newman saw in the Loyalist story a chance to fill two voids: one in written history and the other in his own work.

NOTE about the cover: The image of the soldier on the cover is a segment of a painting by Charles Pachter. The lady who now owns the painting was at the Toronto book launch, as was Charles.

From Gavin Watt: The man in the painting was Ed Anderson. Ed had been a major proponent of our organization (Service Rifle) founding a Loyalist Re-enactment Regiment. He favoured the Queen's Rangers 1st Americans. I wasn't keen on that choice, as they had served in the Central and Southern Departments and settled in the Maritimes. I thought we should represent a regiment that had served in the Northern/Canadian Department and that had settled in Ontario. I won out and thus, the Royal Yorkers. (Note from Doug Grant: My two proven Loyalist ancestors, George Sutherland and Michael Warner, both served in the King's Royal Regiment of New York, as did many many others.)

Editor's Note: I will soon invite Peter C. Newman to come to a Kawartha Branch Meeting and bring with him copies of his new book, Hostages to Fortune: The United Empire Loyalists and the Making of Canada. - Robert C. McBride UE, First Vice-President of Kawartha Branch and incoming Branch President for 2017 - 2018.

Peter C. Newman visited us here at our farm on 19 December 2011 and I then took him to the UELAC Office in George Brown House in Toronto on 22 February 2012.





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