



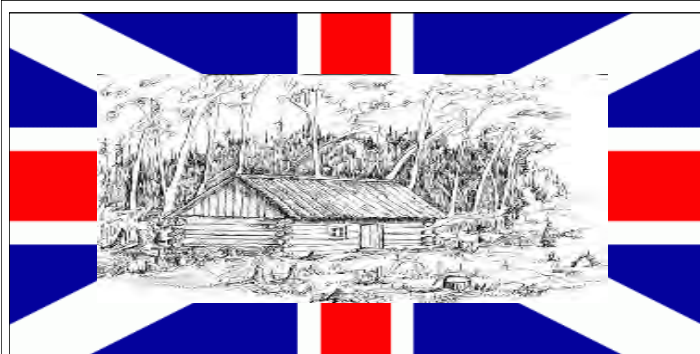
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The President's Message

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for honouring me again at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 23 April 2017, with the role of Kawartha Branch President, for the second time, having been your Branch President from 2001 to 2003.

It was a real pleasure to plan our Peterborough flag-raising event, held on 19 June at Peterborough City Hall, with Peterborough Mayor, Daryl Bennett, and our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Jeff Leal. Grade 3/4 students from King George Public School, led by their teacher, Nicola Jennings, were on hand to sing and participate in the Loyalist flag-raising ceremony.

Then, from Thursday, 22 June, to Sunday, 25 June 2017, my wife, Grietje McBride UE, and I attended this year's UELAC Conference and AGM, held in London, Ontario, that celebrated Canada 150 with a military flavour in the old Armouries that has been converted into a very comfortable and welcoming hotel. It was indeed an honour on Saturday evening to be recognized, with seven other Branches across Canada, with a special Certificate of Appreciation from the UELAC Scholarship Endowment Fund. We look forward to attending the next national conference, "*LOYALIST TIES UNDER LIVING SKIES*", held in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, from 07 to 10 June 2018.

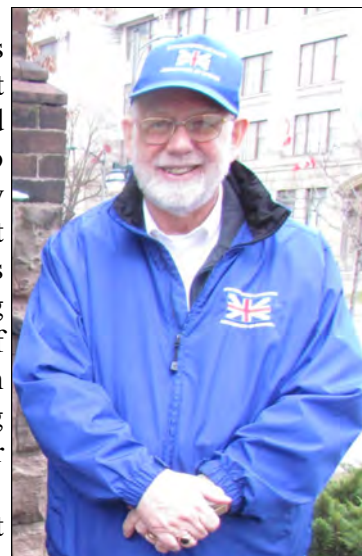
On Monday, 24 July, several of our members met for an early supper at Swiss Chalet in Peterborough

and then attended the Fourth Line Theatre's production entitled, "*Bomber: Reaping the Whirlwind*". With professional actors, this production was outstanding in every way as we

followed the story of Peter, a man in his nineties, who was visited by a mysterious young woman whose curiosity about his wartime experience forced him to relive his memories of love, loss and friendship set against the electrified and heightened backdrop of World War II. As other opportunities for light-hearted social gatherings present themselves, we will let you know so that any of you can join us for these activities as you are able.

Kawartha Branch is linking up with Trent University and Sir Sanford Fleming College to support Loyalist history scholars or the artefact preservation courses available. These learning institutions are worthy of our investment in supporting deserving students of history or artefact preservation.

Our Canada 150 Project



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of producing our Second Edition of our Heritage Cookbook is ready for the next step of organizing and preparing for publication.

Are you interested in joining Kawartha Branch at their display booth at the Kinmount Fair on Labour Day Weekend, 01 to 03 September 2017? We look forward to possibly seeing you there.

Our first fall general meeting will be held on Sunday, 17 September, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, with a well-respected author, Jean Rae Baxter UE, who will entertain us with her research about "The Governor and his Lady", describing Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe and his wife, Elizabeth Posthuma Simcoe.

Arrangements are in progress for our annual Fall Banquet that will be announced at our September meeting.

I look forward to serving you as Kawartha Branch President for the next two years.

Sincerely and loyally yours,

Robert Collins McBride UE

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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 Spring - Summer 2017 issue of our *Kawartha Periodical* newsletter of interest and we look forward to hearing from you !!!

Sincerely and loyally yours,

Bob McBride UE,

Kawartha Branch Newsletter Editor.

Genealogist's Report



Kawartha Branch Genealogist's Report, 27 July 2017:

Since our move to our new home at 406-2 George St N, Peterborough, K9J 8K8, we are slowly getting settled and beginning to find those things and papers carefully put away in a "safe place". The hardest part is finding a place for everything! Our phone number is the same as is our e-mail address. We will be away from 04 August to 01 September, with occasional visits to the condo, so keep your inquiries coming or contact Grietje McBride UE, our new Membership Chairperson, at maplegm@gmail.com.

Seven new members have completed their application forms and these have been sent in to Dominion Office as of 18 July:

Mrs. Vandra Husar UE, Mr. David Husar UE,
Mrs. Lori Hussar Covello UE, Mrs. Karen Husar
MacLean UE, Ms Mary Vandra MacLean UE,
M Genevieve Lynn MacLean UE,
whose Loyalist ancestor was John McMartin UE.
Mrs. Lois O'Neill-Jackson UE, whose Loyalist
ancestor was Alexander Nicholson UE.

As well, Mr William Husar UE will receive his certificate as a member of the UELAC and Kawartha Branch. Bill is the husband of Vandra Husar.

We presented five certificates at our April meeting:

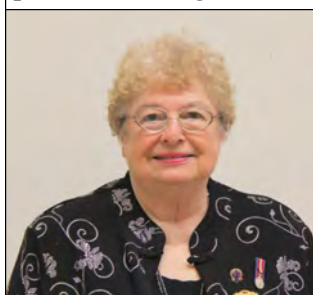
To Donald Smith UE, three more certificates

To Jeffery Morden, UE, one certificate

To Cynthia Morden McEwan UE, one certificate

We have ten more members actively seeking their certificates and a number of our UE members seeking additional certificates. We encourage you all to continue to work on your applications and, if you have questions, please contact us for help.

We frequently get inquiries and we answer them all, although not all of them become prospective new members. This past month, after several e-mails, I received a package in the mail with a mountain of papers in it. I spent about fifteen hours going through her documents, only to find she had very little documented proofs of lineage. I sent her a three-page typed letter of



suggestions of where to go to look for her missing proofs. Today I received an e-mail to say it will cost too much time and money and so she withdrew her application. You will understand why we ask that a prospective member become a branch member

before any in-depth assistance is given.

Genealogy is FUN, simulating, exciting! Every fact you find feels like pure gold. We all may have a bad apple in our tree but that just adds colour to the mosaic of our lives.

Have a Happy Summer
Joan Lucas UE,
Kawartha Branch Genealogist.

Treasurer's Report



BMO Bank Balance,
June 23, \$ 1,211.96
(Does not include one outstanding cheque for \$ 89.84)
CIBC Wood-Gundy Investment Portfolio Holdings as of
June 30, 2017: \$ 223,096.63
Net Worth: \$ 224,308.59
Notes:

1. We are still waiting for the final payment from the John Chard Estate of approximately \$40,000. Waiting on the Clearance Certificate from CRA and final accounting from Estate lawyers.

2. All per capita dues have been forwarded to Head Office for new members and renewing members.

3. A reminder to the eleven [11] members who have not renewed in 2017, that per capita dues after 01 July are halved at: \$27.50 for family memberships or \$20.00 for individual memberships. If renewing in the latter half of 2017, your individual dues would be \$30.00 (including \$10 Branch dues) and a family membership of two [02] people would be \$47.50 (including Branch dues of \$20 for two [02] people). Branch dues are \$10.00 for each family member throughout the year. Please check your Dues Card for current membership payment.

4. Please mail your dues cheque to Frank Lucas at his new address of:

Frank Lucas
2 George St. N., Unit 406,
Peterborough, ON, K9J 8K8

And make your cheque payable to: "Kawartha Branch UELAC"

Thank you.
Frank Lucas, Treasurer.
Kawartha Branch



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 forty 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 06 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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**We need volunteers to serve as
First Vice-President and as
Assistant Genealogist.
If you are interested, please contact any of the
individuals listed above.**



Next Kawartha Branch Meeting

**Sunday, 17 September 2017
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church**

**Guest Speaker:
Jean Rae Baxter UE,
"The Governor
and his Lady"**

The Governor and his Lady

A talk by
Jean Rae Baxter



Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe
was a visionary whose reach sometimes
exceeded his grasp



Elizabeth Posthuma Simcoe was a true
child of the Enlightenment

To the Kawartha Branch UELAC
Sunday, 17 September, 2:00p.m.
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough
Everyone is Welcome!

Reminder

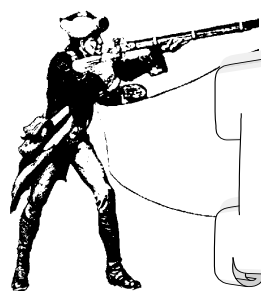
Please send
any change of address to Grietje McBride UE
so that we can keep our
Kawartha Branch Membership List
up-to-date !!!

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Are you interested in
joining Kawartha
Branch at their display
booth at the Kinmount
Fair on Labour Day
Weekend, 01 to 03
September 2017? We
look forward to
possibly seeing you
there.



Loyalist Corner

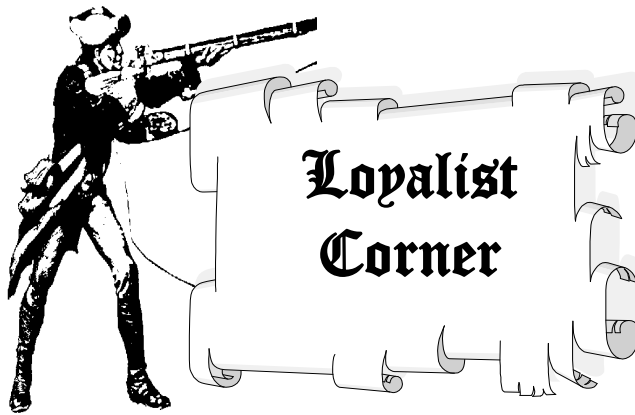


Each of these UE ancestors
have been highlighted in issues
of *The Kawartha Periodical* :

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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
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Volume 16, Issue 2	- Fort Ninety Six and Robert Graham UE
Volume 17, Issue 1	- My Morden Trail by Douglas G. Morden UE

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Stan McBride	John Howell UE
Doris Nelson	Thomas Goheen UE
Marjorie Owen	Robert Land UE
Margaret Pulver	Ordelia [nee Pymmer] Orser UE
Betty Richardson	Martin Silmzer UE
Frank Rogers	Richard Rogers UE
Jean Steinburgh	Col. James Rogers UE
Doreen Thompson & Judy Fisher	The Palatine LOTT Family [LUT, LUTS, LUTZ, LUTH, LOTS] The Palatine FINCKEL Family
Guy Thompson	Timothy Pringle UE
Ruth Turner	The Kuster Family
Isabel Wessell	Peter Irish UE
Donald Willson	David Springer UE



Loyalist Corner

My Morden Trail By Douglas G. Morden UE

Growing up, I used to hear stories about the “Mordens”, especially when Dad took Great Aunt Allie on a car tour from Trenton to Carrying Place to Wellington and Bloomfield. She would talk about the “Morden” properties, the buildings that they had, along with their business.

I guess that I was too young or my interests were elsewhere. In 1981 I started to wonder about my ancestors but, by this time, Aunt Allie had passed, in 1973, and her brother, my grandfather, had passed in 1972. Aunt Allie’s house and all the contents had all been sold off and grandfather kept no records, pictures, or anything. So, I was left with aunts and uncles for information, and very little that they had.

My biggest piece of luck was crossing paths with a distant cousin, Marjorie Van Damme, 100 years young on 27 July 2017. She was many years ahead of me. Her grandfather would very often visit his cousin, Wilson Saunders Morden UE, our third UELAC Dominion President, who had a lot of information on the family, especially the “Richard Line”, giving Marjorie a good start, but by no means anything close to what she finished with: Joseph, James, Richard and John.

So, from 1981 to 2017, I got my “line” together. I have UE certificates for myself, three grandchildren and my daughter and son.

I believe that Marjorie’s works are in safe keeping at The Marilyn Adams Centre, Ameliasburg, Prince Edward County, the Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, and other copies with different family members. The Mormon Church, with permission, has bound the books in leather jackets and stored them in their mountain safe. Volume 1 “Joseph Morden”, 123 pages; Volume 2 “James Morden”, my line, 307 pages; Volume 3 “Richard Morden”, Marjorie’s line, 585 pages; Volume 4 “John Morden” 214 pages, plus twenty pages not numbered.

In March 2017, Glenda [Doug’s wife] and I visited Marjorie soon-to-be 100 years young, and to BOLDLY put it, she is very, very much with it.

Attached is my short list starting with the first generation.

Mordens in Canada By Generations

1. Joseph Morden & Laurania (Lorania) Howell.

Joseph was born in England about 1740 and came young to America. During the American Revolution, he served in a Loyalist regiment “KRRNY” (King’s Royal Regiment of new York). He died near Montreal at a British army camp. The closest town is St. Jean (John).

2. James Amit Morden & Margaret Parliament.

James was born in 1762 in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. As a young lad, 15 or 16 years old, he joined the “KRRNY” and served five years until the end of the war and was in the PEC Militia in the War of 1812. Buried in Lazier Cemetery, near Northport, Prince Edward County.

3. George Morden & Hannah Sprague.

George was born in 1796 in Sophiasburg Township, Prince Edward County. During the War of 1812 against the United States, and as a lad of 16 years, he served in the Prince Edward Dragoons. He died in Prince Edward County. I suspect that he was buried in Wellington Cemetery, Prince Edward County, but there’s no marker.

4. Daniel Cooper Morden & Harriet A. Terry.

Daniel was born in 1827 in Wellington, Prince Edward County. He was a blacksmith and a buggy maker, living in Rednersville, Prince Edward County, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Smithfield, Ontario.

5. William Anderson Morden & Minnie Edora Cheer.

William was born in 1866 at Rednersville and farmed in Brighton Township. He was Police Chief in Trenton during World War One and also had a barrel factory about 1900. He is buried in Mount Evergreen Cemetery in Trenton, Ontario.

6. Ray Permeanous Morden & Margaret H. Conroy.

Married second: Edith Alman Dingman.

Ray was born in 1888 in Brighton, Ontario. He was a C.N.R. Constable with the Investigation Department, Belleville Ontario Division for thirty-eight years, nineteen of them in Lindsay, Ontario, and is buried in the Dunsford Cemetery, Ontario.

7. Harold Douglas Morden & Mary Baker Martin.

Harold was born on 13 March 1919 in Trenton, Ontario. He graduated from the Guelph Agricultural College in 1942 and spent over thirty-five years with Silverwood Dairies, most of them as dairy supervisor. He died on 11 January 1996, and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay, Ontario.



Douglas and Glenda Morden March 2017

Marjorie Van Damme

Dear Morden cousin in the nth degree.

If you are a Morden descendant and have opened this book, you have The Morden Gene, an inherited disposition in the Morden family, to search out our roots and our relatives. "All Mordens are related" is a family slogan and we are very intense about finding our kinfolk. I know it is in my own makeup, in uncles and aunts, in cousins from first degree to seventh, and in Mordens who know not what their connection is. No matter. The Morden Gene impels us all to seek each other out.

The family history that follows is not as elegantly presented as some, but it tells the stories that have come down to us. Our Mordens fought in the American Revolution; they settled in a new country; they were born and died on the old home farm, or move across the continent and were never heard from again; they married their one true love or picked the wrong mate; they died young of diphtheria or tuberculosis, or they astounded everyone by passing one hundred. These accounts of what they did, where they journeyed and how they fared are my gift to you.

This work was made possible by the many family members who have shown interest in our history and who have gone to considerable trouble to furnish information. I am especially indebted to Gordon Crouse, Josie Morden Dote, Lloyd Mainprize, Cornelius Ashton Morden, Douglas George Morden, Larry Morden of the Morden Information Centre, Robert Lyle Price Morden, Winston Earl Morden, Ordella McIntyre Park, Reed and Spearing cousins, Margaret Morden Stewart, and Dorothy Morden Wagele.

Above all, thanks are due to Joe, my husband, who has taken me to libraries and cemeteries, has encouraged visits with

distant cousins, has drawn maps, exhorted me to be clear and logical, and has brought many a reviving cup of tea as I bent over the keyboard.

Marjorie Van Damme



Doug Morden

Joe & Marjorie Van Damme

The Plan of These Books

Joseph Morden and Laurania Howell (Volume One)

James (Volume 2)	Richard (Volume 3)	John (Volume 4)	Lucretia (Volume 5)	Joseph Jr. (Volume 6)	Elizabeth	Laurania
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This is Volume 3 of the Mordens of the Bay of Quinte and is the story of Richard Morden and Anne Williams of Sophiasburgh. The family chart above shows Richard's place among the children of Joseph Morden and Laurania Howell, our ancestors from Pennsylvania. Joseph and Laurania are treated briefly in Chapter 1. Richard himself and his wife, Anne, are the subjects of Chapter 2. Each of their children is the subject of one of the remaining chapters in chronological order. Each chapter begins with a family group chart. An index of names is located at the end of Part Two.

My research has been done mainly in the Belleville Public Library, the Picton Archives, the Napanee Museum, the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, the Family Library in Salt Lake City, and in several LDS Family History Centers.

Most of us have pored over the chapter on the Mordens in Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, a book about Prince Edward County families, published in 1904. While it is a good starting point, it contains a number of errors. After years of research, I have corrected these and have amassed quantities of new material. My original notebook of a few pages has expanded into five volumes, numbered as shown in the chart. I have already issued James, Volume 2. Richard's book, Volume 3, which you have here, is the longest and therefore has been printed in two parts. The volumes on John and Joseph Junior are to follow. The sisters are shadowy figures of whom we have few records and I regret that I have little to offer regarding them.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, (Toronto: Ralph and Clark, 1904. Rept. Belleville: Mika, 1972), pp. 566 - 572.



Margaret has a new Monument and Jame's has been cleaned, thanks to Heritage Monument of Rossmore, Ont., & Douglas G. Morden



Daniel & Harriet's monument has been completely repaired (totally recut) with a new base, thanks to Campbell Monuments of Belleville Ont. & Douglas G. Morden

The following newspaper item is from Daniel James Durham UE in Bobcaygeon whose Loyalist ancestors were James Durham UE and John Green UE.

Dan writes: "April 17, 2017. Hi Bob. Just a little history on my mother's side of the Green family of two brothers, two cousins of mine, in May 1931. This took place 8 days before I was born. Yours, Dan Durham."

Crime Story
By Heather Ibbotson
Expositor Staff, Harrisburg

Blood Brothers: Years of bickering, backstabbing and bitterness came to a fateful end for brothers Freeman and John Green

No one saw the lone figure with a rifle slung over his shoulder crossing the country fields near Harrisburg in the predawn of May 27, 1931.

Freeman Green, 71, walked solid, purposeful steps. He was on his way to kill his brother.

Freeman and his brother, John, 78, had despised each other for decades but the original cause of their bad blood had likely been forgotten amid years of bickering, backstabbing and bitterness.

Despite their mutual ill-will, the brothers were generally well thought of by members of their community.

Freeman, a lifelong bachelor, lived in the village of Harrisburg and was regarded as a decent man. He was quiet, had regular habits, went to bed early and always turned his lights off at bedtime.

Unfortunately, Freeman's home was less than respectable. The small wooden house sorely needed attention. Its weather-worn boards needed paint. Some of the windows were stuffed with rags. Inside, a few pieces of shabby furniture dotted rooms where disintegrating wallpaper drooped from the walls in sad shreds.

John, twice a widower, lived with his son, Gordon, on a small, tidy farm of about 25 acres situated 1 1/4 miles outside Harrisburg and just across the county line in Wentworth [County]. John took care of himself and his property. His 1 1/2 story frame home, barn and farmyard were neat and well-tended.

At 78, John was described as "a fine type of man physically". He was noted for his cleanliness and was a neat dresser.

On the morning of May 27, John awoke at about 5:45 a.m. and had a quick breakfast with his son. Gordon left the house just before 6 a.m. and walked about a quarter mile down a lane to fetch the farm's two cows to milk them. John said he would be along in a few minutes to help but he did not show up and Gordon briefly wondered what had delayed his dad.

Gordon was on his way back to the house sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. when he heard a rifle shot. He did not think much of it at the time but when his father did not respond to his shouts, he began to search the property.

He found his father lying dead near a pile of straw in the barnyard behind the house. John had been shot in the back of the neck.

Gordon tore his eyes from the bloodied form of his father and scanned the barnyard for an assailant but saw no one.

Freeman was already out of sight, slogging back the way he had come over the fields. His main mission was accomplished. He was on his way home to kill himself.

After Gordon found his father's body, he raced to the home of his neighbour, Fred Durham. Durham, in turn, hurried to Freeman's home to notify him of the death of his brother. Durham knocked on the door but received no answer. He turned the doorknob, found it unlocked, and walked inside.

Freeman was lying dead on his bed from a ghastly self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The dead man's left hand still cradled the rifle and his right hand held a stick he had used to pull the trigger.

What had precipitated Freeman's murderous choices?

Neighbours and relatives of the dead men told a melancholy tale of brotherly loathing that extended back more than 60 years to when John and Freeman were boys. Fred Green, a cousin, said the brothers had quarrelled constantly, even as children.

John later moved to the Canadian west and lived there until his first wife died. He returned to Ontario and lived in Queenston for a short time before buying the small farm from Fred Durham, about 1 1/2 miles from his brother's house.

The bodies were taken to J.A. Bannister's undertaking parlour in St. George but a dispute arose over legal jurisdictions. The problem was that John had been slain on his farm at Con. 2, Lot 3, of Beverly Township in Wentworth County, while Freeman was found dead in his home in Harrisburg in Brant County. This caused confusion among police and the coroners. Who would take charge? Who should?

The Wentworth County coroner, Dr. A.F. Rykert, of Dundas, had been called to the scene of John Green's slaying while Brant County coroner, Dr. R.L. Hutton, was called to Freeman's home in Harrisburg.

Both bodies lay at the funeral parlour while authorities dithered about who had charge of the cases. Chief Clark of Wentworth finally intervened and ordered that John Green's body be transferred to Hamilton.

It was also decided to conduct only one inquest instead of two. Brant County authorities acceded that an inquest into Freeman's suicide was unnecessary. They believed the coroner's inquest into John's death would reveal all the details of the tragedy.

The inquest was held in Hamilton on June 3 under the direction of Dr. Rykert.

The renowned (and aptly named) Wentworth County pathologist, Dr. William Deadman, reported that John had died of injuries

sustained from a .32-calibre bullet to the centre of the back of his neck.

The inquest also heard about the latest eruption of bad blood between the brothers shortly before the shootings.

Gordon Green said that his father had told him only the day before the slaying about the years of bitterness between himself and his brother and hinted that he was going to "drop it all".

Harold Ayerhart, a neighbour of Freeman's, also had a story to tell. He had been on the main street of Harrisburg the day before the shootings when he ran into John Green.

John approached him and demanded, "Where's Dave?"

"Dave? Who is that?" said Ayerhart.

John angrily waved his hand and pointed at Freeman's house. "That old **** over there. I've got him at last," he said.

Freeman's full name was David Freeman Green and John was referring to his brother by his first name.

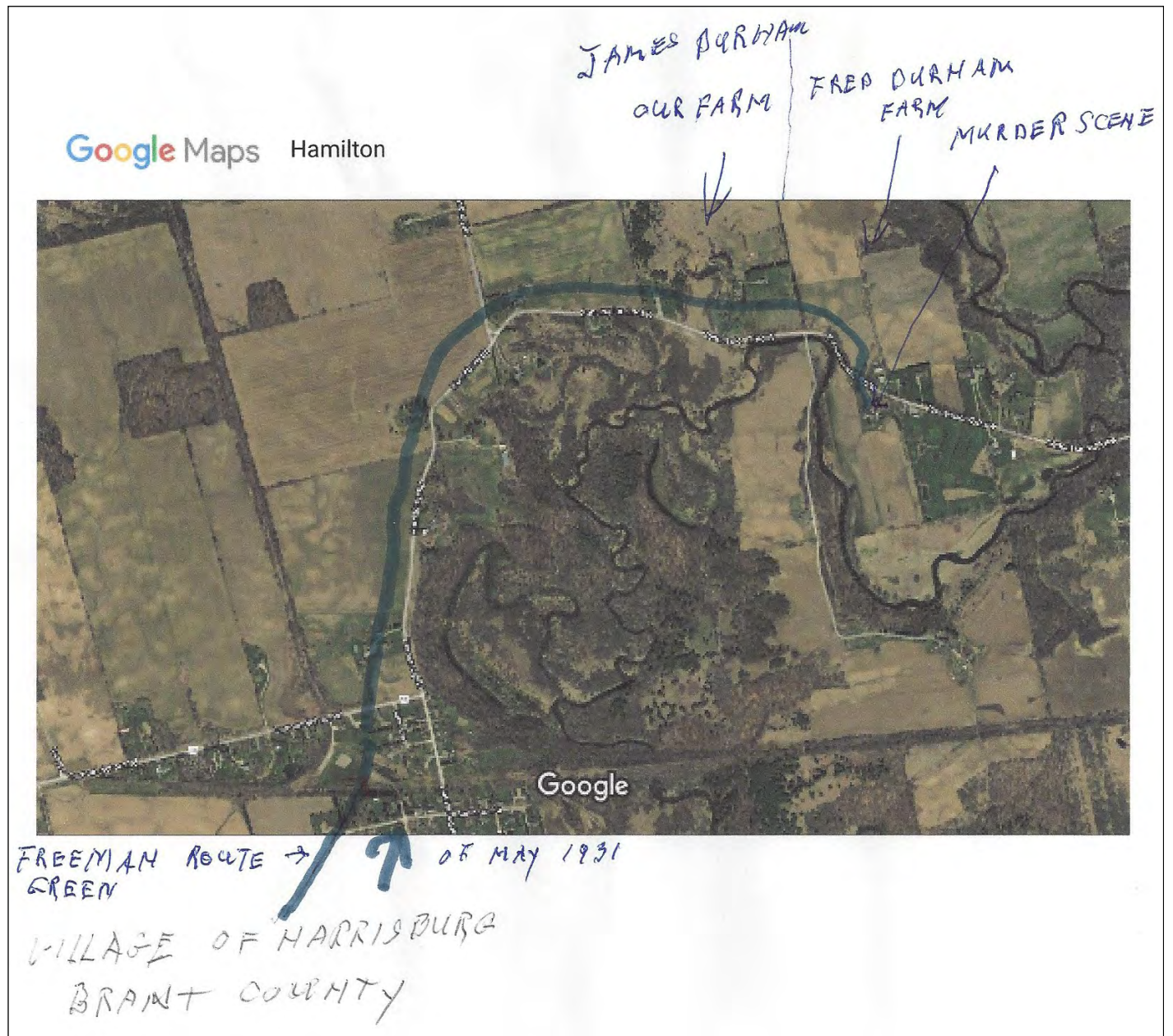
At that moment, Freeman came out of his house and the brothers confronted each other with angry words.

Ayerhart tried in vain to calm John down but he would have none of it. John accused Freeman of making slanderous remarks and threatened to take Freeman to court.

Freeman apparently stewed about the threat all night and concocted his deadly plan.

In hindsight, neighbours knew there was something wrong because they saw that a light was on in Freeman's home all night and they knew of Freeman's unwavering habit of going to bed early and turning off his lights.

Fred Durham, who lived across the road from John, told the inquest that he had heard a nearby bang sometime between 6:30 a.m.



and 7 a.m. It had sounded like a firecracker and he did not give it much thought.

Minutes later, Gordon Green came flying into his house with the news that his father had been shot.

Freeman had also been seen walking toward his home from the direction of his brother's house between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. He did not seem upset and he exchanged pleasantries with neighbours.

Another neighbour saw Freeman entering his house with a rifle at about 7:15 a.m. About five minutes later, that neighbour also heard a loud crack which, he too, assumed was a firecracker.

Despite evidence of the longstanding ill will between the brothers, a recent, ugly confrontation, one brother's threats, the other brother's unusual behaviour, witnesses who heard gunshots and others who saw Freeman walking with a gun, Dr. Rykert cautioned the coroner's jury that evidence of prior bad feelings did not necessarily connect Freeman to the slaying of his brother.

With this admonishment in mind, the inquest jurors felt they had been ordered to return an open verdict - despite what was an obvious case of murder-suicide - concluding that John Green died of a gunshot wound inflicted by 'the hands of persons unknown.'

This was a baffling bit of bureaucratic thinking. The circumstantial evidence was overwhelming and the decision not to have an inquest into the death of Freeman Green had been based on the obvious connection between the two deaths.

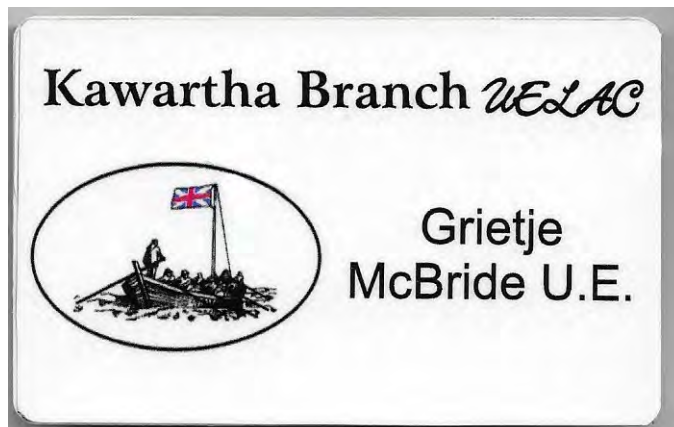
The brothers, linked by blood in life and death but divided by hatred, were laid to rest separately.

John Green was buried in the Harrisburg cemetery, while Freeman was interred in St. George.

Crime Story is an Expositor monthly feature by justice reporter Heather Ibbotson. Crime Story revisits sensational criminal cases of the past from Brant County and surrounding areas.

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Kawartha Branch Public Relations Chair,
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**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 ??**



**2018 dues are due as of
01 January 2018
and the per capita fee must be in
Dominion Headquarters hands
by 01 February 2018 in order to
qualify for delivery of the
Spring 2018 *Gazette*;
one per family to one address.**

Important Reminder of Dues

**In January 2018,
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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Views In And Around Kawartha Branch



On Saturday, 18 February 2017, Joan Lucas UE (seated), Kawartha Branch Genealogist, William [Bill] Atkinson UE, Kawartha Branch Immediate Past President, and Grietje McBride UE, Kawartha Branch President, hosted an information booth at the Buckhorn Community Centre.

On Sunday, 19 February 2017, Patricia Staples UE received her UE certificate for her Loyalist ancestor, Captain Isaac Gerow UE, accompanied by her husband, Dr. Richard Staples, and her brother, Ken Spry UE. Left to right: Grietje McBride UE, Kawartha Branch President; Joan Lucas UE, Kawartha Branch Genealogist; Ken Spry UE; his sister, Patricia Staples UE; and Dr. Richard Staples.





That same afternoon, six-month-old, Autumn Elizabeth Richardson UE, received her UE certificates for her eight Loyalist ancestors, accompanied by her three-year-old brother, Benjamin Jeremy Collins Richardson UE (with his hand to his chin). Autumn was held by her mother, Mary-Elizabeth Olive (nee McBride) Richardson UE. Also present were other members of her family and (far left) Joan Lucas UE, Kawartha Branch Genealogist.



On Sunday, 23 April 2017, Doug Morden UE, received UE certificates for his daughter, Cynthia Joanne Morden UE, and his son, Jeffery Dwayne Morden UE, descendants of the Loyalists, Joseph Morden UE, and his son, James Amit Morden UE, both of whom served in the King's Royal Regiment of New York (KRRNY).

For more information about the Morden Trail, see pages 07 to 11 of this issue of *The Kawartha Periodical*.



At the same meeting, Donald Smith UE, received his UE certificates for his Loyalist ancestors.



Well-known and respected historian, Professor Elwood Jones, was the afternoon's guest speaker, talking about transportation networks and difficulties. He was given a copy of the Fall 2016 issue of *The Loyalist Gazette* and a hand-crafted wooden plaque of the Trent Valley Archives, created by Ken Spry UE.



The Kawartha Branch Executive for 2017 - 2018 were elected and sworn in. Left to right: Frank Lucas, Branch Treasurer; Elaine Gillespie UE, Social Convenor; Joan Lucas UE, Branch Genealogist; Wimpy Borland UE, Director; Ron Good UE, Historian-Archivist; Pam Dickey UE, Public Relations and Director; Margaret Pulver UE, Branch Secretary; Grietje McBride UE, Branch Immediate Past President, Education Advisor and Membership Chair; Bob McBride UE, Branch President, Newsletter Editor, Web Master, Education Advisor, and Director; Shirley Lowes UE, Membership and Telephone Chair; Donald Smith, Branch First Vice-President; Patricia Staples UE, Branch Lending Library; and William (Bill) Atkinson UE, Branch Sales and Displays.

Immediate Past Branch President, Grietje McBride UE, passed over the chain of office to incoming Branch President, Bob McBride UE, her husband, who then assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

On Monday, 19 June 2017, members of Kawartha Branch met at Peterborough City Hall where they were greeted by students of King George Public School, led by their teacher, Nicola Jennings. Greetings were brought by Peterborough City Mayor, Daryl Bennett, and by Member of Provincial Parliament, Jeff Leal. The students sang the song, *Land of the Silver Birch*, and led everyone in *God Save the Queen* and *O Canada*. Two students assisted Kawartha Branch President, Bob McBride UE, in raising the flag, Master of Ceremonies, Graham Hart UE, closed the ceremony, and everyone was piped out by Piper Colin Campbell, to refreshments, served by Elaine Gillespie UE, Social Convenor, and Shirley Lowes UE.









From Thursday, 22 June 2017, to Sunday, 27 June 2017, the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC) held their annual conference and AGM, *Discover Your Roots*, in London, Ontario, attended by Bob and Grietje McBride UE, as Delegates. Kawartha Branch was one of eight Branches who received a special Certificate of Appreciation from the UELAC Scholarship Endowment Fund.





Past UELAC Dominion Presidents

Left to Right: C. William (Bill) Terry UE, Grand River Branch, UELAC Dominion President, 2000 - 2002; Robert (Bob) C. McBride UE, Kawartha Branch, UELAC Dominion President, 2011 - 2013; Bonnie Schepers UE, Bicentennial Branch, UELAC Dominion President, 2013 - 2015; Barbara Andrew UE, Assiniboine Branch, UELAC Dominion President, 2015 - ; Peter W. Johnson UE, Bay of Quinte, UELAC Dominion President, 2006 - 2008; Douglas W. Grant UE, Governor Simcoe Branch, UELAC Dominion President, 2004 - 2006.

On Monday, 24 July 2017, several members of Kawartha Branch met for an early supper at Swiss Chalet in Peterborough and then attended the Fourth Line Theatre's production entitled, "Bomber: Reaping the Whirlwind". With professional actors, this production was outstanding in every way as we followed the story of Peter, a man in his nineties, who was visited by a mysterious young woman whose curiosity about his wartime experience forced him to relive his memories of love, loss and friendship, set against the electrified and heightened backdrop of World War II.



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