



The Kawartha Periodical



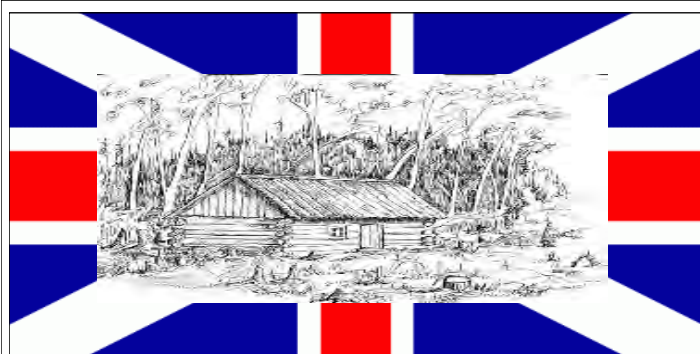
Newsletter of the **Kawartha Branch** of the **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada**

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Fall - Winter 2018



The President's Message

As I write this message to you at the beginning of the Christmas season of 2018, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

On Tuesday, 14 August 2018, Grietje and I had a wonderful time at the cottage of Joan and Frank Lucas, going for a boat ride on Stoney Lake for the afternoon, followed by a scrumptious dinner, and playing cards afterwards.

Then, on Friday, 31 August, and Saturday, 01 September, we hosted the Kawartha Branch exhibit at the Kinmount Fair, setting up on Friday, Joan and Frank taking over on Saturday morning, with Grietje and I completing the day. A most enjoyable time !!!

The Kawartha Branch Executive met on Friday, 14 September 2018 at the farm of Grietje and Bob McBride.

This was followed by our September 2018 Branch Meeting on Sunday, 16 September, where Guy Scott spoke to the Branch about the one-room schools in Victoria and the northern portion of Peterborough Counties.

We were scheduled to host our Kawartha Branch Banquet at Holiday Inn, Peterborough Waterfront, at 12:00 noon, on Saturday, 13 October, but, as a result of the passing of our good friend and mentor, Dr. Peter Adams, the banquet was postponed until the spring of 2019 so that a number of Kawartha Branch members could attend the celebration of life for Peter

at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, in Peterborough.

On Thursday, 08 November, we held a Kawartha Branch Executive Meeting here at our farm, with a good attendance.

Three days later, on Sunday, 11 November, nine members of the Kawartha Branch met in the P.C.V.S. parking lot at 9:30 a.m., marched in the parade down George Street and back up Water Street to the cenotaph where the Remembrance Day service was held.

In memory of the end of World War One, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of 1918, church bells were heard ringing one hundred times, at dusk that same evening.

Patricia (Trish) Staples UE, presented an excellent slide show about her Loyalist ancestor, Captain Isaac Gerow UE, at our Branch Meeting on Sunday, 18 November, where Jerome Healey received a UE certificate for his wife, Linda Healey



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UE, whose Loyalist ancestor was Marcus Snyder UE.

Our Canada 150 Project of producing our Second Edition of our Heritage Cookbook is now completed. Please see an advertisement in this issue.

A big thank-you to everyone who has attended Kawartha Branch meetings and functions, as well as supporting our Branch in many other ways, these past two years during my term of office as your Kawartha Branch President.

Sincerely and loyally yours,
Robert Collins McBride UE [Bob]
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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 Fall - Winter 2018 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.



Kawartha Branch UELAC

Next Kawartha Branch Meeting

Sunday,
17 February 2019
St. James
United Church
2:00 p.m.
Friendship Room

Genealogist's Report



26 November 2018

Summer has come and gone and the leaves have turned colour and fallen. Christmas is fast approaching and I know that you will be busy getting ready for the festivities.

I thank all who sent cards and made phone calls while I was recovering from surgery. All were appreciated and encouraging.

It has been a slow year for the Branch as far as certificate applications submitted and received. However we have several new Members and seven others working on their proofs.

June 2nd found several of us in the Havelock Library to present Calvin Baker UE with his certificate for proving his Loyalist ancestor, Capt. Isaac Gerow UE. Calvin is the brother of Kawartha Branch Members Trish Staples UE, Ken Spry UE, and Philip Spry UE. Trish had made a lovely cake that we all enjoyed along with a cup of tea or coffee. Trish had prepared a power point story of Capt. Gerow UE and his wife, Charity. There were about twenty-five people at the presentation, all descendants of Isaac and Charity Gerow. Trish has arranged trips to the libraries of Havelock and Marmora, in the new year, so we can spread the Loyalist story.

On August 26th Frank and I attended the Old Hay Bay Church once-a-year special service. The church is to undergo a \$300,000 restoration and are busy fund-raising for this. Many Loyalist descendants attended. It was a step back in Loyalist history and, if you have not visited, is worth a stop. The church is open in July and August with a minister/curator in residence.

In September we were at the Kinmount Fair and had several visitors and interest shown. Ann-Marie Dunford's certificate application was submitted and has been approved.

At our November meeting we presented Jerome Healey with his wife, Linda's, certificate.

If you need help with finding proofs or completing a certificate application, do call me.



Merry Christmas to all.

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Treasurer's Report



As of October 31, 2018 our Assets were as follows:

Assets

CIBC Wood Gundy (October 31, 2018)	\$242,245.48
Bank Balance (BMO, October 23, 2018)	\$ 2,105.61
Total Assets:	\$244,351.09

Notes:

1. Year to date dividends re-invested: \$6,631.05
2. Portfolio value is down about \$9,000 since last report of April 30, 2018.
3. All Bills have been paid.

Branch Dues.

A friendly reminder that Branch dues for 2019 are due on January 1, 2019. Per Capita Dues to Dominion Office are \$40 for a single person or \$55 for a family, plus \$10 for Kawartha branch dues for each and every single member or family member.

Thus, a single member total dues would be \$50 and for two persons in a family total dues would be \$75. Dual members pay \$10 only as their "home" branch would pay the per capita dues to Dominion Office.

Please make your cheque out to: "*Kawartha Branch UELAC*"

And mail it to: Frank Lucas,
2 George St. N., Unit 406,
Peterborough, ON, K9J 8K8

I will mail your dues card(s) immediately upon receipt of your dues cheque.

Thank you.

Frank Lucas, Treasurer.



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 nor 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 and Second Vice-Presidents,
and Social Convenor
If you are interested, please contact
Kawartha Branch Past President,
Grietje McBride UE.**



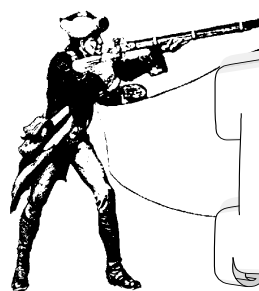
We are the chosen.

In each family there is one
who seems to be called
to find the ancestors.

To put flesh on their bones
and to make them live again.

To tell the family story
and to feel that somehow they know and approve.
Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts,
but instead breathing life into all who have gone before.
We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Source: December 2017 issue of *Link Up*, Chilliwack Branch newsletter.



Loyalist Corner



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

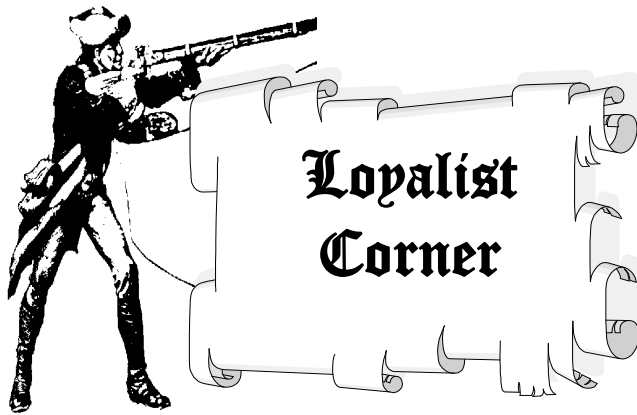
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Kawartha Branch

U.E.L. Ancestor:

William Atkinson	Robert Bessey Senior UE
Doug Berry	William Fairchild UE
Wellington Borland	James VanAlstine Sr. UE
Jack Brownscombe	Daniel Fraser UE
Helen M. Buttamor	Capt. Jacobus Peck Jr. UE
Keith Chiles	Andrew Denike UE
Russell Curry	Philip Hartman UE
Stewart Hagerman	John Hagerman Sr. UE
Peggy Haggis	Col. William Marsh UE
Freda Huff	Col. David Breakenridge UE
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Stan McBride	John Howell UE
Doris Nelson	Thomas Goheen UE
Marjorie Owen	Robert Land UE
Margaret Pulver	Ordella [nee Pymer] Orser UE
Betty Richardson	Martin Silmzer UE
Frank Rogers	Richard Rogers UE
Jean Steinburgh	Col. James Rogers UE
Doreen Thompson	The Palatine LOTT Family
Guy Thompson	Timothy Pringle UE
Ruth Turner	The Kuster Family
Isabel Wessell	Peter Irish UE
Donald Willson	David Springer UE



On Friday, 09 November 2018, our own Kawartha Branch Member, Major the Reverend James Donald Howson UE was featured in the *Peterborough This Week* on the occasion of his 104th birthday:

‘Mayor of Aylmer Street’ turns 104

Community, November 09, 2018

by Sarah Sobanski

Peterborough This Week

Maj. James Donald Howson’s son, Geoffrey, says that after his father retired from the Peterborough Civic Hospital, he wanted to improve residential areas of the downtown, developing a reputation as the unofficial “*Mayor of Aylmer Street*.”

Howson would host community leaders in his century home downtown. They’d speak of the city’s needs, history and how to help it flourish.

“It was an affectionate term from his friends, because he was always trying to improve his neighbourhood,” his son explained.

Today, Howson is still hosting community leaders at his now historically-recognized home — it’s been in the family since 1912. Every Wednesday, the Major attends his Peterborough home from his permanent residence at Centennial Place in Millbrook. This rainy Wednesday, he’s having tea with Peterborough news veteran, Graham Hart [UE], in the living room.

“I lived in this house all my life, except for when I was away,” he said.

Howson first had a taste of travelling the world when he studied theology at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. When the Second World War broke out, he had to return home.

The Major served in the military for more than two decades; he served in both the Second World War and the Korean War. He first became a clergyman in 1940 and then a chaplain in the Canadian Navy in 1944.

When asked what his best memory is, Howson says it’s when he got married. His wife, Mary Archbold, would later move with him to Germany while he served.

“I got married on Stoney Lake in 1953, after I came back from Korea,” he explained. Howson was eager to start a family and Mary had been an “old sweetheart” of his from when he was a teenager.

“We were on a picnic, she and I, when we were teenagers. We were on a picnic on a rock, and I leaned over to kiss her and she threw me in the water,” he laughed, noting that’s how he knew she was the one. *“It took me a long time to get up the courage again to propose. She was very beautiful.”*

Howson left for Germany on June 22, only four days after the couple was married. “[The Army] didn’t expect me to get married. I surprised them,” he said. *“It took them a while to get her to come over.”*

Geoffrey was later born in Germany; his sister, Alexandria, was born in Montreal. Geoffrey remembers growing up all over the country, travelling often as his father served.

Howson, Mary and their two children would return to Peterborough full time in the late 1960s when the Major left the army. He says he would have been promoted, but he left because he didn’t support the unification of the Canadian Forces.

“I was offered a position here at the hospital in the department of psychiatry,” he said. He retired a decade later to take up volunteer work with the city. That includes time on the Board of Education, the Legion, the United Empire Loyalists, the Monarchist League of Canada, the city’s architecture committee and “*many other societies*.”

“I took part in the civic things,” he said. *“I did a bit of travelling, but not very much. Mostly, I was busy here.”*

Howson says he was so active in the community because he was asked to be. He found that he enjoyed the work and found it interesting. He cares deeply for the history of Peterborough, his son adds.

As loyal as he is to civic duty, Howson also has an affection for the outdoors. He says that his favourite place in the house is the gallery where he can overlook the gardens. The Howson family also owns a 100-acre farm on Rice Lake; Howson recently donated the land as a conservation area.

"I didn't want it developed into a sheep farm," he said. "I wanted to keep nature natural."

When asked what's the secret to living more than a century, Howson says you have to have a positive outlook on life.

"Everyone is always sad and pessimistic. I believe in being optimistic and being determined," he said. "I think I'm reasonably healthy and hope to live a little longer. I get a certain amount of exercise and an active life and positive outlook. You remember that, a positive outlook."

Geoffrey notes that his father also takes after the late Queen Mother — Howson always takes time for a late afternoon gin and tonic or a scotch.

by Sarah Sobanski

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Major James Donald Howson waits for his next guests at his century home on Aylmer Street. The Second World War and Korean War veteran earned the unofficial title, *"Mayor of Aylmer Street,"* from his friends after he retired as a clinical psychologist in the 1980s for championing the downtown's residential districts.

- Sarah Sobanski/Metroland

In November 2016, Major the Reverend James Donald Howson UE was featured in *The Millbrook Times*, on the occasion of his 102nd birthday:

**The Millbrook Times » Nov 2016 » There Are Many Ways to Serve
There Are Many Ways to Serve
Rev. Donald Howson, 102nd birthday**

A few weeks ago, Centennial resident Major Donald Howson celebrated his 102nd birthday. When you reach that age, you have seen a lot, and Reverend Howson is no exception. As a full time member of the Canadian military, he has served in WWII and the Korean War and on many Canadian naval bases in Canada and abroad, which has given him a broad perspective on the world.

His military career began in 1944. At that time, Reverend Howson was working quietly in Moncton as a Minister in a local Presbyterian church, but felt his services were also needed elsewhere. While he felt badly abandoning his congregation, he decided to join the Canadian Navy. He spent the next year and a half based in Sydney, Nova Scotia, acting as Chaplain for the naval base staff, assigned to the ship called the *HMC Protector*, which was patrolling the coast off Newfoundland and Cape Breton.

At the end of the hostilities, like many other returning servicemen, Howson took advantage of retraining opportunities offered by the military and completed his training in Toronto and Kingston where he earned the title of Registered Psychologist.

He took his Divinity and Psychology training back to where he was most comfortable, leading a church in the Maritimes, this time in Fredericton. In 1950, the Korean War broke out, and continued until 1953. This time, the navy came looking for him. The religious and psychological training made Howson ideally equipped to help Canadian troops, stationed in Korea, to deal with the emotional trauma, triggered by events on and around the battlefield. Besides, he was unmarried, and with fewer ties at home, he was an ideal candidate to go overseas.

Major Howson spent fifteen months in Korea, as a member of the Royal Canadian Chaplains Corps, becoming a full-time member of the Canadian army. In Korea, he spent his time with the different battalions just behind the front lines, sometimes housed in tents but other times camped out in a field with the troops. The physical hardships paled when compared to the emotional ones. This was a very difficult assignment, but his combination of religious faith and psychological training helped him to encourage the combatants to cope. Those with a positive attitude and mental toughness coped best, but others suffered from emotional distress we would recognize today as symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress syndrome.

Before reporting for duty on his return to Canada in 1953, Howson surprised his superiors by showing up with a wife on his arm. The couple was sent to a naval base in Germany and, during the remaining years of his 25-year military career, the Howson family was stationed in many parts of Canada including Montreal, Gagetown and Ottawa.

Upon completion of his 25 years of military service, Reverend Howson returned to his family home in Peterborough and continued a private career for ten years working as a Psychologist for the former Peterborough Civic Hospital.

Major Howson is a traditional man. A loyal monarchist, he insists that our Constitutional Monarchy is the best form of government; one that provides stability and democracy. He was unimpressed with the unification of the various branches of the Canadian Armed forces, a move he believes diluted the loyalty of members to their regiments.

Major Reverend Howson prefers the uniform of his former regiment. But don't think of him as all business - this man has a sense of humour. He was wearing a different uniform on Halloween when he was seen wearing a princess tiara! On November 11th, he will be back in his military uniform participating in the Peterborough Remembrance Day service with other members of Unit 8 out of Peterborough. Thanks for your dedication to our country and our community. KG

Major the Reverend Don Howson UE was also recognized in the article, *The places he called home: Orville Benjamin Shortley* in the *Peterborough Examiner*, on 27 January 2014:

***The places he called home: Orville Benjamin Shortley,
son of a local harness maker, went on to great things in Ottawa and Toronto
LIVING, Jan 27, 2014, Peterborough Examiner***

It is interesting to follow the life and career of someone who was born in Peterborough but who did not stay in the city. This is the case of Orville Benjamin Shortley. Son of a harness maker, by the early 1920s he was living on one of Toronto's ritziest streets and listed in the *Torontonian Society Blue Book*.

His father, Benjamin Shortley, was born in Montreal in 1845 and left that city in 1860 at the age of 15 to start a business in the harness trade. Benjamin moved to Lakefield and partnered with a Thomas Donley. By the 1870s, they had moved to Peterborough, and by the early 1880s were employing 12 people in a small but successful harness business. The 1888 City Directory lists the business as being located at 373 George St. N. Meanwhile, Benjamin had started a family, marrying Harriet Robertson.

It is worth noting that both the 1881 and 1891 Censuses of Canada list the family in Peterborough. In 1918, a short biography of the son, Orville, noted that the father, Benjamin, held the distinction of being in business for longer than anyone else in the city. During the 1920s, a metal horse, one of two that stood in front of his George St. business was placed on top of a First World War Memorial in Exhibition Park.

The Shortleys lived at 550 Aylmer Street N., and Benjamin built two other houses in this block, 548 Aylmer and 546 Aylmer, as tenements. All three houses still stand to this day. 550 is a modest four-square place typical of the late 1870s and 1880s. The other two homes are of a higher quality, and are unique in that their main entrance is located at the side, rather than facing the street. **548 Aylmer St. in particular is a relatively intact Victorian home with Italianate features. As the current heritage designation brief states for the house, the trelliage trim on the verandah, the cast iron fencing at the sidewalk, and the coloured etched glass in the front door are all unique elements of the house.**

The designation brief also notes that in 1912, Mr. E.H. Howson and his family moved into 548 Aylmer and rented the house for 40 years before purchasing it from Benjamin Shortley's descendants in 1942. Mr. E.H. Howson eventually became the president and director of the Peterborough Lock Company, located on Simcoe St. (now the bus station). Remarkably, in 2014 the house is still owned and occupied by Mr. E.H. Howson's son, the Reverend Major Donald Howson, who is now in his 90s.

Orville B. Shortley, meanwhile, was born in 1876. He began his career in the 1890s, first with the Canadian Typograph Company and then the Metropolitan Life Assurance Company in 1903. Perhaps his career was helped by his brother-in-law, James Edward Kavanagh, originally of Sharon, Ontario. James married Orville's sister, Edith Shortley, in 1898 and then they moved to near New York City, where he got a job with Metropolitan Life, eventually rising to Vice-President of the Company and residing in Bronxville, New York.

In 1904, Orville married Mabel Louise Howe of Toronto and daughter of Etna Howe, President of Northrup and Lyman Drug Company. Shortley was then appointed to be the Ottawa Superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Assurance Company. Before the 1920s, when a new massive Metropolitan Life Building was built at the corner of Bank and Wellington, the Ottawa offices were located at Metcalfe and Queen. From 1904 to 1911, the Shortley family lived at 35 Waverley St. in Ottawa's Centretown neighbourhood. In 1911, he had a new house built at 197 Clemow Ave.

As I have mentioned before, Clemow Avenue Driveway was owned by the Ottawa Improvement Commission (forerunner of the National Capital Commission). The OIC had been designing and planning Clemow since 1903-04, intending it to be part of a system of grand Ottawa parkways, and it was to link Queen Elizabeth Driveway by the canal with the Experimental Farm. As noted in a 1903 report by the OIC: "*there is little doubt that Clemow Boulevard will become one of the finest residential streets in Ottawa and for this*

reason certain restrictions should be made in taking this land." Streetscape design features - such as regularly spaced trees and lampposts, and no telephone poles - were ingenious, and today continue to be a marvel. All this was enabled by a public-private partnership: a federal agency and private developers worked to ensure the streetscape would be aesthetically beautiful over the long term. (There is currently a research project in Ottawa devoted to documenting the history of the homes on Clemow and nearby streets: http://heritageottawa.org/en/special_projects_historic_homes_clemora_park)

Shortley bought into the notion of living on this high-end street, and commissioned the architect, John Albert Ewart, son of the Dominion architect, David Ewart, to craft this fine house. Built in the Tudor Revival style, with yellow stucco and half timbering on the second storey and red brick on the stone foundation on first storey, with a combination of 8 over 1 and six-paned windows, front French windows, a large front gable and dormer, front entrance with side and transom lights, two chimneys at each end of house, and modest veranda roof with a slightly rounded section above main entrance.

Ewart went on to design a number of other iconic Ottawa buildings, including The Transportation Building at the corner of Rideau and Sussex, the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Carling Avenue, and, perhaps in an interesting twist, the new Metropolitan Life Assurance Building at the corner of Bank and Wellington.

Shortley lived on Clemow with his family from 1911 until 1918. In 1918, he was promoted to Superintendent of the Toronto district office, and moved to Rosedale. For four years, the family (which now included the children: Dean and John B.) lived with his parents-in-law, Etna and Martha Howe, at 24 Whitney Ave. In 1922, Shortley commissioned the distinguished architect, J.C.B. Horwood, to design a house, located almost across the street at 15 Whitney Ave.

After this time, there aren't very many records for Orville Shortley, although voter registration lists do state that he and his wife, Mabel, were still living in Rosedale in 1953.

Andrew Elliott is an archivist and freelance writer with an interest in architectural heritage issues. He also has a house historian business and will provide an in-depth profile of who lived in your house before you. He can be reached at ajg.elliott@utoronto.ca or 613-231-2007.

Pictured here are two photos of Major the Reverend James Donald Howson UE, attending the Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday, 11 November 2015, when he was 101 years young.





**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,
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Our October meeting
traditionally is the Fall Banquet**

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

Did You Know ??



Up-coming Events:

- ♦ **Sunday, 17 February, 2019:
Nicola and John Jennings**
 - ♦ **Sunday, 14 April, 2019:
Michael Peterson**
- St. James United Church**

Important Reminder of Dues

**In January 2019,
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. Per capita dues paid after July 1 are half the annual rate, i.e. \$20 for a single membership and \$27.50 for a family membership.

**Mail your Dues Cheque to our
Branch Treasurer, Frank Lucas
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Peterborough, ON, K9J 8K8
705-876-9800
frank.lucas@sympatico.ca**

Scholarship and Bursary Fund Report by Grietje McBride UE



To honour our benefactor, E. John Chard UE, Kawartha Branch has reached out to Trent University, beginning in 2016, and Sir Sandford Fleming College in 2017, to establish scholarship and bursary programmes for up to four students annually at each facility. The funds are intended to support post-graduate studies of the Loyalist era or the preservation and conservation of artefacts.

Beginning in 2016, Kawartha Branch has committed to support up to four students annually from Trent University's graduate student program earning a Master degree in History related to the Loyalist era. We also offer two bursaries in the Museum Management and Curator program and two in the Cultural Heritage Conservation and management





program at Sir Sanford Fleming College.

Awards were presented last Spring to Sir Sanford Fleming College students while Trent Students will receive their Scholarships in April. The Academic supervisor at Trent has let us know that one student qualifies and is applying for the Scholarship this year. The scholarship and Bursary programs are an excellent way to honour the wishes of our Past Patron and mentor, John Chard UE.



Kawartha Branch Insurance for 2019

The Kawartha Branch Executive met on 08 November 2018. One of the items on the agenda was Branch insurance to cover our members at events and volunteer activities or celebrations that we might attend. It would also cover Directors in their capacity of conducting Branch meetings or carrying out their duties. At the General meeting on 18 November, a motion was passed to obtain Branch insurance, which has now been done.

Social Convenor for Kawartha Branch Retires.



Elaine Gillespie UE, descendant of the Loyalist, John Wees Senior UE, has served Kawartha Branch for over twenty-five years as our Social Convenor.



She regularly would set out drinks and refreshments during our meetings, look after the draws at our annual banquet, as well as providing treats for the students attending our June flag raising ceremony.



A big thank-you to Elaine and gratitude for her volunteerism, not just in her “*official capacity*”, but for her willingness to attend any Branch event that she could.

**Thank you, Elaine,
from all of us
here in Kawartha Branch!**

**We will miss your treats but
look forward to seeing you
at our future Branch
Meetings !!!**



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Web Site: <http://www.uelac.org/>

Kawartha Branch's Web Site: <http://www.uelac.org/Kawartha/>

Kawartha Branch UELAC



Grietje
McBride U.E.

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your free personalized name tag
for Kawartha Branch UELAC**

Contact

**Grietje R. McBride UE
at maplegrm@gmail.com !!!**

Views In And Around Kawartha Branch



On Tuesday, 14 August 2018, Grietje and I had a wonderful time at the cottage of Joan and Frank Lucas, going for a boat ride on Stoney Lake for the afternoon, followed by a scrumptious dinner, and playing cards afterwards.





Then, on Friday, 31 August, and Saturday, 01 September, we hosted the Kawartha Branch exhibit at the Kinmount Fair, setting up on Friday, Joan and Frank taking over on Saturday morning, with Grietje and I completing the day. A most enjoyable time !!!

This was followed by our September 2018 Branch Meeting on Sunday, 16 September, where Guy Scott spoke to the Branch about the one-room schools in Victoria and the northern portion of Peterborough Counties.





On Sunday, 11 November, nine members of the Kawartha Branch met in the P.C.V.S. parking lot at 9:30 a.m., marched in the parade down George Street and back up Water Street to the cenotaph where the Remembrance Day service was held.





Patricia (Trish) Staples UE, presented an excellent slide show about her Loyalist ancestor, Captain Isaac Gerow UE, at our Branch Meeting on Sunday, 18 November, where Jerome Healey received a UE certificate for his wife, Linda Healey UE, whose Loyalist ancestor was Marcus Snyder UE.



**Seven Members of
Kawartha Branch
have just one or two proofs
to find before earning
their UELAC certification.**

Reminder

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

**She can be reached at:
Grietje McBride UE
Maple Grove Farms,
2260 North Esson Line,
Indian River, Ontario.
K0L 2B0
Phone: 705-295-4556
E-mail:
maplegm@gmail.com**

**Finding
your history
is a very
rewarding task !!!**



In September 2018, Joan Lucas UE, Kawartha Branch Genealogist, underwent surgery in Toronto General Hospital, and, upon her return home, she received numerous cards, visits, phone calls and letters from members of Kawartha Branch.

In appreciation, Joan sent this card to the members:

Dear Members of Kawartha Br,
U.E.L.A.C.

Many thanks for the cards & phone calls & visits following my surgery.

Your encouragement was/is most appreciated & I am improving each day.

Loyally
Joan L.

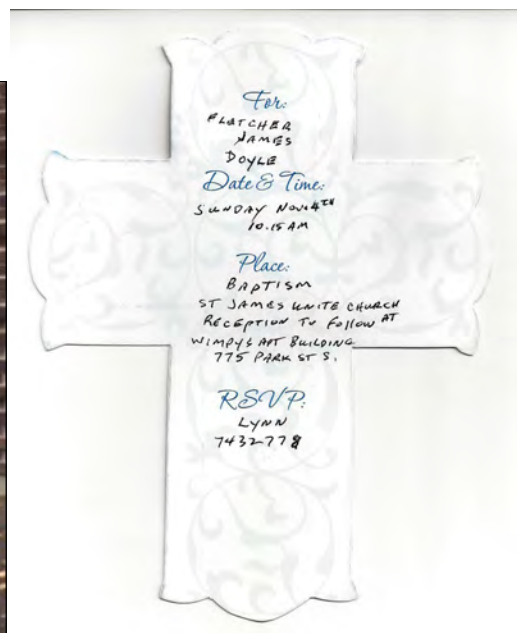


On Sunday, 18 November 2018, Kawartha Branch Member, Kenneth Barron UE, showed everyone the Remembrance Day 2018 poppy that he had created to honour his late father, Sapper Barron H.A. H56367.

What a great way to honour one's father - perhaps something that the Legion should consider for others who served in the various wars !!!

On Sunday, 04 November 2018, Fletcher James Doyle UE was baptized at St. James' United Church, with a reception that followed at the home of Wimpy Borland UE

Born on 29 May 2018, Fletcher is shown here with his great grandfather, Wellington Borland UE. Photo by: Donna Borland



Kawartha Branch Mugs



**These mugs are now available
through Kawartha Branch Sales**

Perhaps you'd like to buy one or half a dozen.

Cost: \$ 7.00 each

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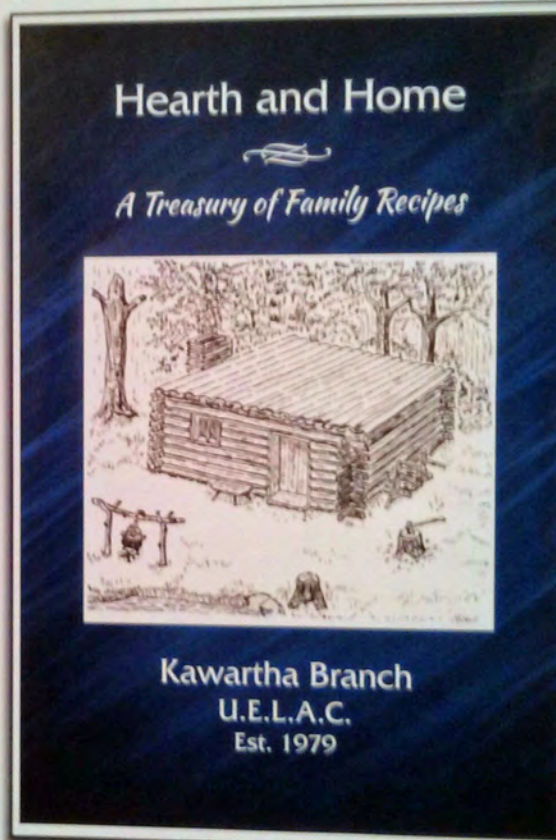
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