



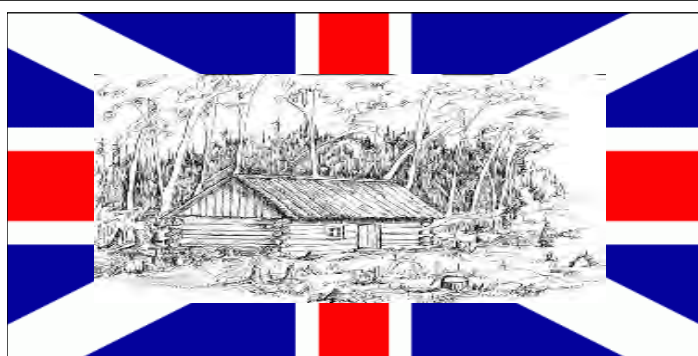
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The President's Message

As I gather my thoughts in order to write this message to Kawartha Branch Members, I am focussing on positive themes in trying times. Kawartha Branch has a very supportive Executive that works in harmony to plan interesting meetings, choose projects like education to support, and promote Loyalist Heritage. I am grateful to work with such a team! Right now we are focussing on finding ways to communicate with our Members. While there is uncertainty about how long the pandemic will last, we can communicate by Zoom, phone calls or meeting face-to-face with masks and protocols. While I may have more time on my hands, I'm as busy as ever just trying to keep up with these goals!

Your membership renewal is very important for the health of Kawartha Branch. A renewal form is included in this newsletter for anyone who didn't receive it in the mail-out announcing our first Zoom meeting that took place on 15 November. Your Branch Executive is intent on planning interesting meetings, presentations and events over ZOOM until we can safely meet in-person.

After shutting down from March to June, Kawartha Branch arranged our annual Flag Raising ceremony at City Hall on 19 June at 10:00 a.m. Observing protocol, we were the first group to meet masked and in person since the COVID-19 shutdown. We held our next meeting on 20 September at our farm in order to celebrate the retirement of Joan Lucas UE

who served as Branch Genealogist for 32 years! It was a memorable and picture-perfect day. Angela and Peter Johnson UE thanked Joan for her many years of dedicated service to the Branch and Dominion.

We then made a leap of faith and joined the growing number of Branches that have decided to hold Zoom meetings as a way to see and hear as many of you as possible using the Zoom format.

Our first virtual meeting was very successful with nineteen Members attending, including one from Vancouver, and another from Manitoba. Our guest speaker was Captain David Rumball UE who spoke about the history of Remembrance Day. We then heard from our Members about those who served actively or on the home front in past wars. It was a very good meeting.



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The next Zoom general meeting will be on 21 February 2021 at 2:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Bob Ough UE, speaking about the Cuban Missile Crisis that had Canadians everywhere on high alert. Where were you in 1962 ??? Watch your email inbox for the invitation with date, time and link. If you need practice, as Bob and I did, we can arrange an introductory private meeting to help you get used to the Zoom program. After the presentation, there will be a short business meeting in which we will be asking you to think about nominating someone to join the Board.

Sincerely and loyally yours,

Grietje McBride UE

President, Kawartha Branch UELAC 2019 - 2020



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Pending future Kawartha Branch meetings and events:

- ♦ Sunday, 21 February 2021:
ZOOM General Meeting with
Robert Ough UE
Talking about
The Cuban Missile Crisis with a Canadian slant.
- ♦ Sunday, 18 April 2021:
AGM possibly at the Rotary Education Centre,
with Gavin Watt describing the activities
of the Loyalists whose descendants
are Members of Kawartha Branch.



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

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 2020 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



10 December 2020

Our big news is that Joan Lucas UE, after thirty-two years of dedicated service to Kawartha Branch and beyond, has retired. To celebrate and honour her work over the years, Kawartha Branch hosted about twenty-five guests at our farm in an outdoor setting with pre-registration required.

Angela and Peter Johnson UE, Dominion Genealogists, as well as Dominion Vice-President, Patricia Groom UE, attended and spoke of her accomplishments over the years. A plaque detailing her accomplishments was presented to her by Branch President, Grietje McBride UE.

At this September meeting, we announced the presentation of twelve UE Certificates:

- ♦ Ardyth Haberl UE and her two children for their Loyalist: Jacob Diamond UE;

- ♦ Vandra Husar UE for her Loyalist ancestors:
John Cameron UE and John Haggard UE;
- ♦ Allan McGillivray UE for his Loyalist ancestors:
Stephen Caswell UE
and Land Lemuel Caswell UE;
- ♦ Bill Atkinson UE and his daughter,
Freyja Atkinson UE, for their Loyalist ancestor:
Abraham Beam UE;
- ♦ Graham Hart UE for three Loyalists:
William Ward Atwater UE,
William Atwater Jr. UE,
and Hezekiah Ingraham UE.

Several other Certificates are on their way and we have been in touch with several Members who are researching their Loyalist family history. We wish all researchers a successful hunt.

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Treasurer's Report

31 October 2020

CIBC Wood-Gundy Investment Portfolio Balance:	\$248,772.97
BMO Bank Balance as of 30 October 2020:	586.72
Total Assets:	\$249,359.69
Total Interest & Dividends YTD:	\$ 6,102.92
Expected Income for 2020:	\$10,256.00

Notes

1. All bills are paid YTD.
2. All per capita fees submitted to UELAC for 111 Members.
3. Memberships paid to date for 2021: 44



Respectfully submitted,

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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 fifty 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 05 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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**I WEIGH NOTHING,
BUT YOU CAN STILL SEE ME.
PUT ME IN A BUCKET
AND I WILL MAKE IT LIGHTER.
WHAT AM I?**

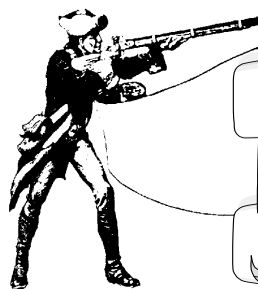


**The answer
for
this riddle is
hole,
because
a hole
in a bucket
weighs
nothing
but you can
still see
that hole.**



**We need a volunteer
to serve as
Social Convenor.**

**If you are interested,
please contact
Grietje McBride UE,
or any other Members of the Executive.**



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
Volume 8, Issue 1	· John Hagerman Sr. UE · Peter Irish UE · McGregor Van Every UE
Volume 8, Issue 2	· Thomas Goheen Sr. UE · John Howell UE · John Stevens Sr. UE
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Volume 13, Issue 1	· Col. William Marsh UE
Volume 14, Issue 1	- Ordelia Pymmer, Mrs. (John) Eastman Orser UE
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Volume 15, Issue 1	- Robert Bessey Senior UE
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Volume 17, Issue 1	- My Morden Trail by Douglas G. Morden UE
Volume 17, Issue 2	- Murder of John Irish by Anna Isabel (Irish) Wessell UE
Volume 18, Issue 1	- Adam Young UE updated
Volume 18, Issue 2	- Major the Reverend James Donald Howson UE is 104
Volume 19, Issue 1	- Abraham Dafoe UE and family by A. Joan Lucas UE
Volume 19, Issue 2	- Memories of Major the Reverend James Donald Howson UE, by Graham Hart UE
Volume 20, Issue 1	- John Lake Senior UE, by Joan Lucas UE
Volume 20, Issue 2	- Memories of World War Two by Members of Kawartha Branch



Next Kawartha Branch Meeting

Zoom Meeting:

**Sunday,
21 February 2021:**

**Guest speaker:
Robert Ough UE**

**Talking about
the Cuban Missile Crisis
with a Canadian slant.**

Where were you in 1962 ???

Reminder

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

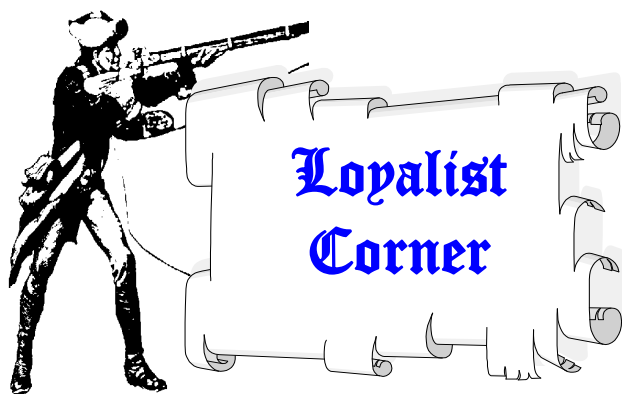
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Rather than highlighting a Loyalist from our Branch in this issue, here instead are short vignettes about some individuals who served in the wars, starting with the uncle of Graham Hart UE, John Hart, and his service in the Second World War:

Squadron Leader John Hart, Battle of Britain's last surviving Canadian pilot, dies at 102. With the passing of John Hart there are now just four survivors of 'The Few'.



The Telegraph
Aug 24, 2019



Squadron Leader (retired) John Stewart Hart celebrated his 100th birthday on Sept. 11, 2016. He was the last known surviving Canadian pilot who flew in the Battle of Britain.
PHOTO BY RCAF-ARC.FORCES.GC.CA

Squadron leader John Hart, who has died aged 102, was the last surviving Canadian Battle of Britain pilot. He went on to serve on fighters in Burma and in Italy, where he won the DFC.

Hart arrived on No. 602 Squadron on Sept. 24, 1940, when it was flying from Westhampnett near Chichester. Although the intensity of the fighting had eased somewhat, Hart and his colleagues were scrambled on a daily basis to intercept raids approaching the south coast. On Oct. 12, Hart's Spitfire was seriously damaged during an engagement with Messerschmitt Bf 109s in fighting over the English Channel, but he was able to return safely.

During the afternoon he was again on patrol when his formation of three aircraft attacked a Junkers 88 south of Beachy Head. Their combined attacks resulted in the German bomber crashing into the sea.



John Stewart Hart, wearing his tropical uniform while serving in India, was involved in numerous operations while serving as a pilot during the Second World War.
PHOTO BY COURTESY OF JOHN HART

After a few days of reduced activity, the Luftwaffe mounted a large-scale operation at midday on Oct. 29. Five Spitfire and four Hurricane squadrons were scrambled. In the ensuing battle over Kent, 11 enemy fighters were shot down, one of them by Hart. This proved to be the last major action of the Battle of Britain.

John Stewart Hart was born on Sept. 11, 1916, in Sackville, N.B. He attended Mount Allison University, having learnt to fly at the Halifax Flying Club. Growing bored of working with the fishing fleets on the east coast of Canada, he travelled to Britain and obtained a short service commission in the RAF in June 1939.

His flight training completed, he was posted to an Army co-operation squadron, but a serious car crash interrupted his progress. After recovering, he trained on fighters before joining No. 602 Squadron.

In November 1940 Hart shared in the destruction of a Junkers 88 bomber before joining No. 91 Squadron. In October he was rested and spent almost a year as a fighter instructor before he left for India. In February 1943 he joined No. 79 Squadron flying Hurricanes on ground attack operations in support of the Fourteenth Army.

Three months later he took command of No. 67 Squadron in Burma flying escort to bomber formations and transport aircraft parachuting supplies to the ground forces. Hart continued to fly on operations until September 1944, when he left for Egypt to command an air gunnery school. In March 1945 he joined No. 112 Squadron based in Italy. After just two familiarization sorties in the Mustang, he flew his first operation in the American-built fighter.

On March 3 he led a formation to attack the Carsara rail bridge, which carried one of the principal railway lines into Italy from Yugoslavia. The raid was a success and the railway line was cut. A second attack in the afternoon hit the bridge.

In April Hart assumed command of the squadron and, during the final weeks of the war, he led many ground-attack sorties.

On April 9 he was strafing gun positions near Bolognese when his aircraft was badly damaged. His wingman reported: *"He flew home with a man-sized hole through the tailplane and a smack in the ammo bay."*

As the Germans retreated north of the River Po and towards the Austrian border, Hart and his pilots attacked their transport and the temporary pontoon bridges across the numerous river obstacles.

He led formations to attack the railway system and, on one sortie, 11 locomotives were successfully attacked. A few days later more were damaged. On May 2 he led an attack into Austria when five railway engines and three trucks were damaged.

The war in the Balkans continued into early May and Hart led patrols over the Istrian peninsula on the 3rd — two days later the squadron was stood down.

A few weeks later Hart was awarded the DFC, the citation highlighted his *"skilful leadership, great determination and devotion to duty"*.

The Battle of Britain Memorial flight
(a Hurricane left and Spitfire right) performs
at RAF Fairford on July 21, 2019
in Fairford, England.
PHOTO BY MATTHEW HORWOOD/GETTY IMAGES



Hart was released from the RAF in 1946 when he returned to Canada and settled in Vancouver where he became involved in real estate, specializing as an appraiser. He retired in 1976.

On his 100th birthday, the Royal Canadian Air Force celebrated his birthday with a fly-past over his home. Later in the day he took off in a Harvard wartime training aircraft. When asked how it flew, he replied: *"It handled like a logging truck – nothing like the nimble Spitfire."*

With the passing of John Hart there are now just four survivors of *"The Few"*.

John Hart married his Scottish wife, Joan, in 1942; she died in 1977. He was married to his second wife, Bette, for 35 years; she also predeceased him. His three children survive him.

Source: <https://nationalpost.com/news/squadron-leader-john-hart-battle-of-britains-last-surviving-canadian-pilot-dies-at-102>

John Stewart Hart UE and Graham Hart UE are descendants of four Loyalists:

- ♦ Josiah Hart UE
- ♦ William Ward Atwater UE,
- ♦ William Atwater UE, and
- ♦ Hezekiah Ingraham UE.

The next veteran of World War Two is my late father, Collins Hillier McBride R.C.A.F., LAC, R186 107 (05 May 1908, At parents' home, 121 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto - 23 February 2005, Peterborough, Ontario):

In 1936, Collins McBride began to work for Grafton's Men and Boys Wear clothing store on the main street of Hamilton. After a couple of years he was transferred to their store in Brantford where he was in charge of the furnishings department.

Collins joined the air force in the spring of 1942, training with the R.C.A.F. at Clinton, in the then top-secret field of radar. He received the top marks in his class at Clinton and was recommended for a commission. However, there were no commission openings in the field of radar. Instead, he was sent to Corpus Christie, Texas, to become familiar with the American radar. In September 1943, he was posted overseas to join the R.A.F. airbase at Heliopolis, near Cairo, Egypt, Station 168, MU (Maintenance Unit).

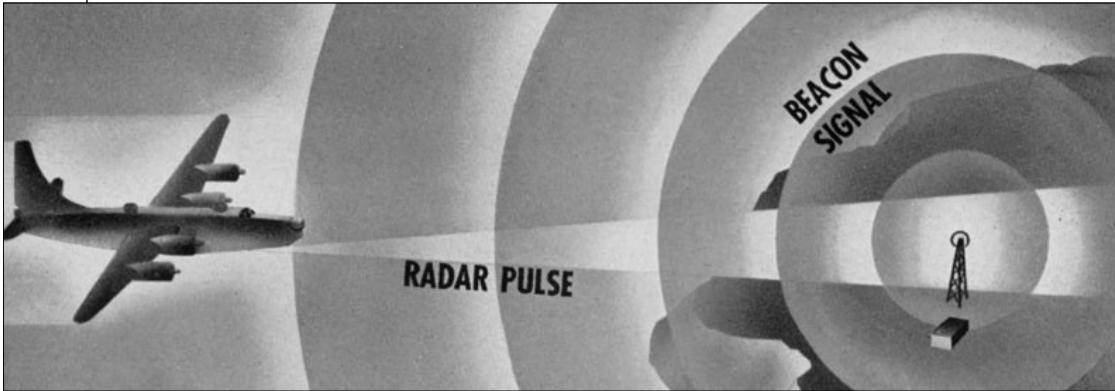
While there he was chosen to do special tasks for the R.A.F. There was a German submarine in the Mediterranean that was shelling Alexandria, Egypt, during the night hours. The Allied Forces couldn't find it during daylight hours as it remained

submerged. Collins was to install a special altimeter radar unit in a two-engine bomber that could spot the submarine in the dark



while an Allied plane flew over the water. They had to fly at exactly fifty feet above the water to drop their torpedoes to hit the target.

As a result the special altimeter radar unit had to be able to be calibrated with exact measurements.



To calibrate the altimeter radar unit, Collins was to fly in the aeroplane over a flat area. The only flat area was the windy Nile River.

He also created a radar transmitter that would respond to radar in aircraft so that pilots could determine the end of the runway during sand storms as a result of a large four engine Hercules crashing during one of these sand storms.

With a colleague and best friend, Lorne Mortson, Collins was able to tour the Holy Land and many other interesting sites of the area, such as climbing the Cheops pyramid where he carved his initials in the soft stone. He took many pictures on a box camera and wrote 293 letters to his wife back home in Hamilton. These have been retained and make for most interesting reading.



Returning home after the war, he returned to the Grafton's store in Brantford. In 1951 he was made manager of the Dundas store and bought 48 Kingsway Drive in Hamilton. In 1954 he was sent to Peterborough to replace the retiring manager, Peterborough being the largest of Grafton's ten stores, employing 20-plus staff, and later became a Director in the firm.

Collins's wife, Helen, didn't like the idea of moving all the way to Peterborough in 1954. In those days, there was no Highway 401 and one had to travel eastward on Highway 2 through each small town and city along the shore of Lake Ontario until reaching Port Hope. Highway 28 made its way northward to Peterborough, this highway being very narrow and windy as it followed the original course of the trail that had been used by pioneers when venturing into Peterborough County one hundred and twenty five or more years earlier. Helen had grown up in Hamilton and was concerned that she would find it difficult to visit her relatives back

in the Hamilton area.

Peterborough didn't have any apartment buildings in 1954 and so Collins sought out rental accommodations before moving Helen and Bob to Peterborough. An upstairs apartment was found at 205 Sherbrooke Street, within walking distance of the store on George Street. Although the upstairs' quarters were cramped, the apartment contained two bedrooms, a living room and kitchen.

- ◆ Jacob III DeCou UE,
- ◆ his third son, Lieutenant Frederick Dochstader UE,
- ◆ John Stevens Senior UE [Johannes Stephan],
- ◆ McGregory Van Every UE [McGrigery Vanevery / van Iveren / Maggere Van Everen],
- ◆ Adam Young UE [Johann Adam Jung],
- ◆ and his youngest son, Henry Young UE [Hendrick Jung].

The next one highlights the war adventures of some of the relatives of Bill Russell UE, Kawartha Branch First-Vice President and the UELAC Central Eastern Councillor:

This is a picture of my uncle, Bernard Hewie UE. Bernard served in the Royal Canadian Army at the rank of Private, and served overseas in the Second World War.



This is a picture of my uncle, Joe Hewie UE, taken as he was shipping overseas in Halifax. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy. Joe's ship was torpedoed during the battle of Sicily and he was wounded. After his discharge from the Navy, Joe returned to Peterborough and married Ola Stabler from Buckhorn. Joe worked at the Canadian General Electric.



This is a picture of my mother's first cousin, Robert Blake UE, of Campbellford. Robert served in the Royal Canadian Army Tank Corp. At the age of 20, he was killed in action when the tank he was riding in hit a land mine in France.

Robert was married the year before to Frances Hendy who became a widow at 18 years old. They had a daughter, Carol whom he saw as a three months old, when he was on leave before going overseas.

The Loyalist ancestors of Bernie, Joe, and Robert are:

- ◆ John Babcock UE,
- ◆ George Galloway UE, and
- ◆ John Munroe UE.



And finally, this is a collage of items from my father, Dean Russell. He was born in Island Pond, Vermont, and was an American citizen. He joined the Royal Canadian Army at 18 years old. Dean was sent to Peterborough for basic training where he met my mother Jean Hewie UE. He served in the ambulance Corp and served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. After the war, he returned to Peterborough and married my mother in 1946. Dean worked at the Canadian General Electric as a crane operator.

Loyalist ancestors of Jean (nee Hewie) Russell UE are:

- ◆ John Babcock UE,
- ◆ George Galloway UE, and
- ◆ John Munroe UE.



The next soldier described here was Private Ernest Ivan Purdy UE (16 January 1909, Amherst Head, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia - 27 March 1995, Kearney, Ontario), father of Grietje R. (nee Purdy) McBride UE, Foskea J. Purdy UE, John R. Purdy UE, and Roy N. Purdy UE (deceased).

As little kids, we always knew that Dad was a cook in the army and he did the cooking at our house. Written in the front of his Army cookbook is "*Hart House*" where training as a cook took place although Papa might have signed up in Brampton.

During training he stayed in the Automotive building at the Exhibition Grounds before going west for basic training at the Canadian Forces Base Shilo, located 35 kilometres (22 miles) east of Brandon, Manitoba.

There here he trained on a three-man Bren Gun carrier in the Canadian Light Infantry. He was the driver although each man on the team had to be adept at the duties of the other two positions.

He then went to Halifax and then on to England. He went to the Sicilian Campaign instead of Europe because he developed botulism from the bad meat he touched with his hands and, just as he was mounting the truck to go to Europe, he passed out and woke up in a military hospital in Wales. When well enough, he joined the Sicilian Campaign going up the east side of Italy.

He was re-deployed to Marseille, France, and worked his way through the countryside, through Belgium to Holland, particularly supporting the liberation efforts of the First to Fifth Army Divisions in the North West of Holland around Groningen.

He was with the Lorne Scots Army Support Division and served with many other regiments including the Princess Patricia Light Infantry, and Princess Louise Fusiliers, the Irish at Heerenveen and Perth at Sneek, and then at Ami(a)retia headquarters at Leeuwarden.





Because of his skill in making almost anything mechanical operational, he was a batman for several Officers, and worked as a courier delivering important messages, besides cooking.

Officers would trust their most valuable possessions with Dad because of his reputation for honesty and integrity.

It was while he was billeted at our mother's uncle's home in Groningen that Dad met our mother.



Returning home with the troops, he left his wife behind in Holland, expecting twins,



Foskea and Grietje, four months old, with their mother, Geertje, in Holland.

and, when the seas were declared safe, they came across the Atlantic aboard the *RMS Aquitania*, the sister ship of the *RMS Titanic*.

One day, while on the deck, Grietje wandered (crawled) away from her mother and was about to be swept through a porthole into the ocean when a resourceful soldier swooped down and rescued her, returning her to her much-relieved mother.

Can you find Grietje ???



She's the one on the right,
with Foskea on the left.



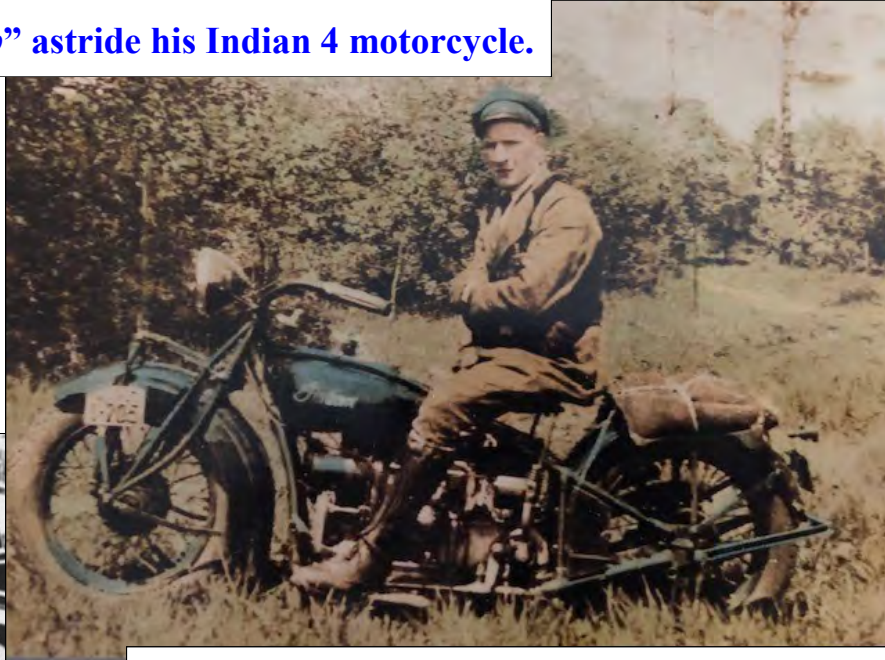
When they arrived at Pier 21 in Halifax, they boarded a train to take them to Toronto to meet Ernest. However, they arrived a day early, so there was a 23-year-old Dutch bride, with her 10-month-old twins, standing in Union Station and no one there to greet her. A kind taxi driver took pity on her and drove the family to his home, while the **Toronto Telegram** published a photo of them on the front page of their newspaper. When the newspaper arrived at his home, Ernest rushed to the home of the taxi driver to be reunited with his wife and daughters. They all stayed good friends for many years.

Ernest "Hap" astride his Indian 4 motorcycle.

Ernest Ivan Purdy UE,
Grietje R. (nee Purdy) UE,
Foskea J. Purdy UE and
John R. Purdy UE
are the descendants of the Loyalist:

♦ Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE.

When King George VI
and Queen Elizabeth visited Toronto



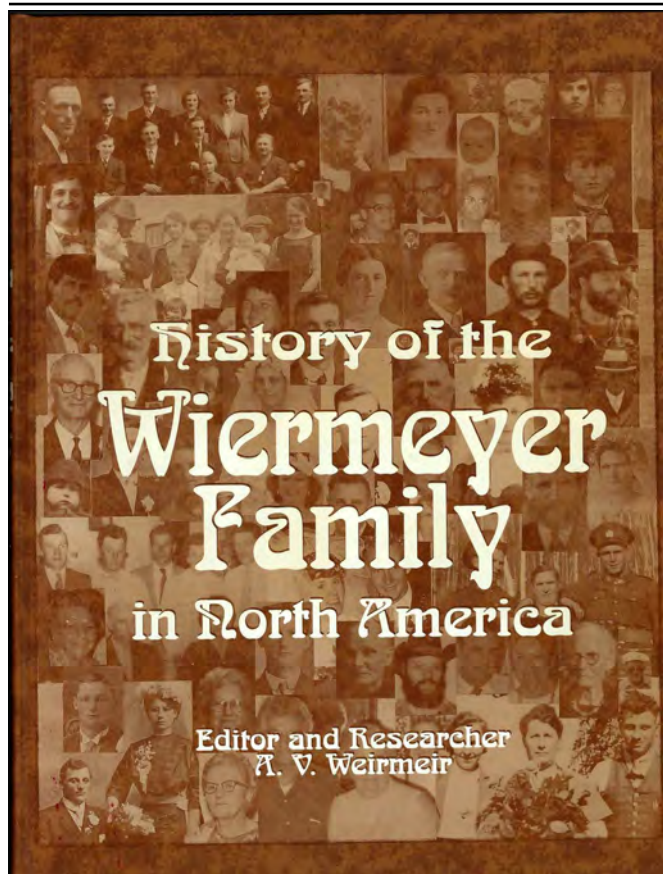
He played his harmonica as he drove along !!!



on 22 May 1939, while working at Petrie's Garage, next door to the Royal York, Ernest "Hap" Purdy was given the task to park the long Royal limousine under the hotel. However, as he drove down the steep grade, he sheared off the left running board, so he and the other chaps at the garage spent all night repairing the damage so that the limousine was ready to be used the next day in the parade !!! Since the paint wouldn't be dry yet, it must have been very sticky for the limousine chauffeur to step on !!!



While living at the orphanage in Halifax, as an eight-year-old, Ernest witnessed the Halifax Explosion on the morning of 06 December 1917. Over 1,600 people were killed instantly and 9,000 were injured, more than 300 of whom later died. Every building within a 2.6-kilometre (1.6 mile) radius, over 12,000 in total, was destroyed or badly damaged. Fortunately, the orphanage was behind a small hill and so many of the orphans, including Ernest, survived, and because of his innate sense of direction, he served as a guide for first responders.



The final soldiers being described herein are from the book, History of the Wiermeyer Family in North America,

Editor and Researcher: A.V. Weirmeir, Typeset, printed and bound by St. Jacobs Printery Ltd, St. Jacobs, Ontario, October 1992.

Arnold Weirmeir UE is a Past Director of the Kawartha Branch and a Past Dominion Awards Chairperson.

"When WWII broke out, Harvey ... and Archie, ... joined the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment and, shortly afterwards were sent to England, where they remained for four years before going to war. During this period in England, Harvey became an expert with the Bren gun and Archie was assigned to Brigade HQ as a clerical assistant to a senior officer.



Clifford Stewart Weirmeir



Archie, Edith & Harvey Weirmeir

In 1943 Clifford and Richard both joined the Army and Clifford was assigned to the Irish Regiment of Canada.

When the Irish were embarking for overseas, Richard would have loved to have gone with Clifford, and even tried to go, but the Army would not let him, and he remained in Debert, Nova Scotia, in support of training. ...

The Irish Regiment went to Italy with the 5th Armoured Division, joining the 1st Infantry Division, that included the H&PE Regiment (Hasty Pees), where Harvey was in the combat troops and Archie was in Brigade HQ. On 14 September 1944, Clifford was hit by shrapnel and severely wounded near Rimini. Although the injury was serious, it was not life threatening. Subsequently he suffered multiple wounds from machine-gun fire. These wounds were listed as the official cause of death. It was reported to Harvey by a member of the Irish Regiment that, after he was thus immobilized, he was shot between the eyes by a German sniper, from which he died.

When Harvey had gone to Italy in the invasion of Sicily, he told his Sergeant that he didn't want to use the Bren gun but his Sergeant kept prodding him to use it and Harvey kept refusing. About three months after Clifford was killed, Harvey heard the details of Clifford's death from a member of the Irish Regiment. Harvey's conclusions were that it was murder. Harvey then asked for his Bren gun back. He used it with a vengeance in his own private war.

One episode that gave Harvey great satisfaction was when the platoon captured a German-occupied house that was set up for dinner with a roast suckling pig with an apple in its mouth. When the Germans recaptured the house later on, all that was left of the pig was a pile of bones. The Germans were not at all happy.

Shortly before Harvey was taken prisoner by the German Army at the Battle of the Lamone River, he was in a slit trench with the rest of his platoon. "Gerry" hit a haystack behind the trench

with incendiary bullets. With the haystack on fire, they had to retreat but they were still under fire from a tank that was bogged down in front of them. When a shell blew the haystack apart, it created a smokescreen that allowed them to fall back to a farmhouse that had previously been the Company HQ. When the gun of a tank was poked through the window and the German soldiers came in the back door, it was time for them to surrender. There were 39 of them out of an original 49. This was in December, 1944, only three months after Clifford was killed. Harvey remained a POW until he was liberated in 1945, at which time he was still ready to fight and, for a short period, assisted the liberators in questioning German prisoners. He was sent back to England where he managed to spend quite a few months before being repatriated.

Meanwhile, Archie was still with Brigade HQ. Archie wanted to join the fighting troops but Harvey would not accede to Archie's request to be called to the front. When the 1st Division was pulled out of Italy, they went to Holland where Archie remained until the end of the war.



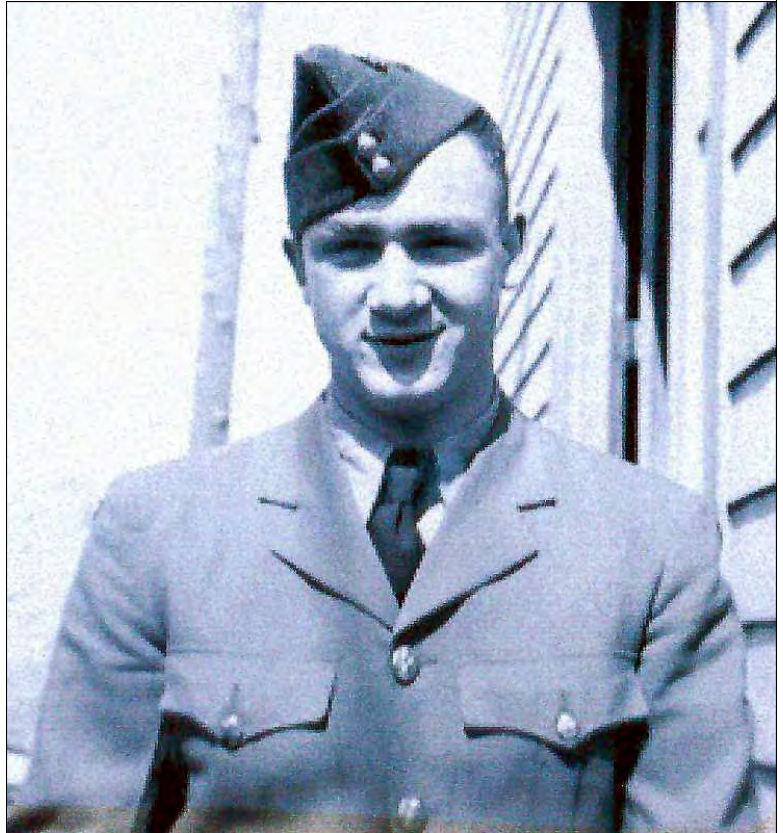
Archie was repatriated before Harvey because Harvey had found a way of staying in England, that entailed ensuring that he always had money left near the time he was required to report back off leave at which time, because he was a liberated POW, he was given more leave.

Arnold Vernon Weirmeir attended school in Dungannon Township, Hastings County, Bancroft, Peterborough, Pembroke and finally in Bancroft where he completed Grade 10.

He then worked for close to a year at the Canadian General Electric in Peterborough and another year selling magazines for the Davis Agency. During this period, he travelled around Eastern Ontario and Nova Scotia.

After he returned from Nova Scotia at Christmas time in 1949, Arnold joined the RCAF as an Instrument Technician. During his first two years in the RCAF, while he was stationed at Trenton, Ontario, Arnold and Ruby Mae Edwards became friends....

Shortly afterwards, Arnold was posted to Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, where he was joined by Ruby the following year. They were married at the First Baptist Church in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, on 01 September 1953. ...



After ten years as an Instrument Technician, during which time he completed his high school courses by correspondence, Arnold was accepted by the RCAF for subsidized university training.

At this time, Arnold and Ruby were at Camp Borden, where he was instructing in the RCAF Aircraft Trades School. He went to the University of Western Ontario where he graduated in 1964 with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduation, he was transferred to Ottawa as a commissioned officer with the rank of Flying Officer. ... After two years, Arnold was accepted for subsidized postgraduate training and received his Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Computer Technology, from the University of Toronto, in 1967.

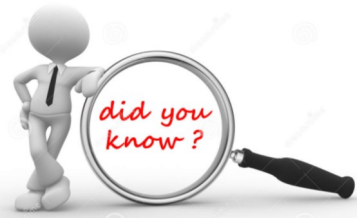
Arnold and Ruby then returned to Ottawa, now with two children, Clifford Stanley, and Julie-Anne Centenia. He was promoted to Major in 1972 and, four years later, left Ottawa for Trenton, where he hoped to remain until he retired. After only one year at Trenton, he was offered a three-year tour in California with the Canadian Patrol Aircraft Program. ...

After their return from California, Arnold started looking for a retirement job. A year later, the opportunity came up to take an engineering job on the Hornet Aircraft Program.

Arnold took his release, after thirty-two years in the RCAF / Canadian Forces, and started a second career as a Civil Service Engineer.

Arnold Weirmeir UE is a direct descendant of the Loyalists:

- ◆ Frederick Keller UE
- ◆ Cyrenius Parks UE and
- ◆ William Reed [Reid] UE.



DID YOU KNOW ???

If you haven't already ordered your UELAC Ribbon with one's Loyalist ancestor's name plate(s), please contact Patricia Groom UE at: Patricia Groom <patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com>.



A number of us here in Kawartha Branch have already bought our own and they are fabulous !!!



NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, GRIETJE MCBRIDE UE

If you haven't already done so, its time to renew your Branch Membership. One hundred and eleven of us have already done so !!!
Our Branch Treasurer, Frank Lucas, has already submitted those Per Capita Dues collected to-date to Dominion Office. For your convenience, here are the fees we collect from our Members:

Branch membership fee - \$10.00 for each and every member.
Per Capita Fee - \$40.00 (individual) or \$55.00 (family)
A single Member would pay \$50.00,
while a family of a couple and two children would pay:
 $\$55.00 + (4 \times \$10.00) = \$95.00$

The 2021 Membership renewal should sent to me, Grietje R. McBride UE, with a cheque made out to: "Kawartha Branch UELAC" with "Membership 2021" on the memo line. Memberships should be renewed as soon as convenient.

Grietje R. McBride UE,
Kawartha Branch UELAC Membership Chair.



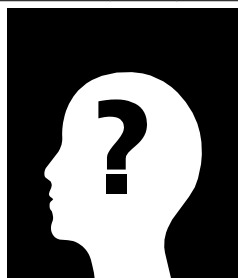


**Kawartha Branch
meets
six times a year:
in February, April,
June, September,
October and
November.**

Elections are held every April.

**The June meeting
is our annual
Loyalist Flag Raising ceremony
at City Hall, Peterborough.**

Did You Know ??



Liz Adair, Prairie Regional Councillor, and Frans Compeer, Pacific Regional Councillor, took on the responsibility of being co-chairs of the UELAC Membership Committee at the virtual AGM and got excited about the possibility of getting the Branch Membership Chairpersons together utilizing this technology.

It was exciting for all of us to be able to “meet”, even if virtually, as many have never had that opportunity in the past or were unable to attend the Membership meetings at the annual Conference.

Liz is helping all Branches get used to using virtual ZOOM meetings to conduct their meetings.

Join us here in Kawartha for our next virtual ZOOM meeting on Sunday, 21 February 2021 at 2:00 p.m. EST.



Important Reminder of Dues

**In December 2020,
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

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Kawartha Branch Membership Chair
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Indian River, Ontario. K0L 2B0
705-295-4556**

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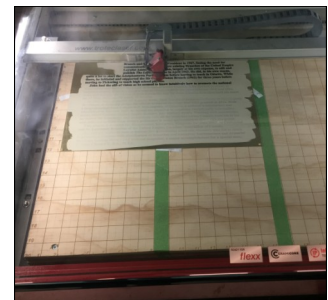


Did you know ???

Five UELAC Branches: Bicentennial, Kawartha, Kingston, Sir John Johnson Centennial and St. Lawrence, received a bequest from the estate of the late E. John Chard UE.

As a tribute to John, plans were underway, before COVID-19, to unveil a plaque in his honour in the Spring of 2020 at the UELAC Heritage Centre, located on the scenic shores of the Bay of Quinte, along the Loyalist Parkway, Highway No. 33, in the historic village of Adolphustown, Ontario.

This unveiling event will be re-scheduled and representatives of all five Branches will be present for the unveiling ceremony, with press coverage. The plaque, on brass with a walnut background, has been created by a local engraving company here in Peterborough.



It states:

**E. John Chard UE, B.A., M.Ed.
18 July 1922 – 17 May 2013**



E. John Chard UE, B.A., M.Ed., was a life-long resident of Stirling, Ontario. Son of Harriet and Clarence Chard, he was raised on a farm in Sidney Township and completed his education at the University of Toronto.

His interest in promoting Loyalist history began before World War Two and continued to develop as he and his father attended the Bay of Quinte UELAC Branch meetings. John went on to become President of this Branch and then Dominion President in 1967. Seeing the need for communication among the few existing Branches of the United Empire Loyalists' Association, he began, largely at his own expense, to edit and publish *The Loyalist Gazette* in April 1963. He did, in his own words, quite a lot to start the Adolphustown Park Museum before leaving to teach in Ottawa. While there, he initiated and supported the Sir Guy Carleton Branch (1962) for three years before moving to Pickering to teach high school physics.

John had the gift of vision as he seemed to know intuitively how to promote the national Association and increase the extent of branches across Canada. John worked tirelessly to establish sixteen branches out of a total of twenty-eight in the years between 1956 and 1984. John also became the Patron of both Kawartha and Sir John Johnson Branches until his death on 17 May, 2013, age 90 years, 10 months.

In 1969, John contacted Sir Conrad Swan, York Herald of Arms-in-Ordinary to Her Majesty the Queen, to formally design the official Armorial Bearings that were granted in 1972.

With a large donation from Colonel R.S. McLaughlin, of Oshawa, a national headquarters was established in Toronto. Here he turned his attention to acquiring exceptionally informative books about Loyalist history, family lineages, and military events. Working with universities, he shared his knowledge and enthusiasm with all the branches across Canada from sea to sea and collected articles from history professors in many universities to share with the public.

This plaque is donated by: Bicentennial, Kawartha, Kingston, Sir John Johnson Centennial and St. Lawrence Branches of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

This tribute is placed here to honour this unassuming academic visionary who did so much to promote a Canada-wide distribution of Branches and resources, headquarters and Armorial Bearings, lending library and national magazine: a major accomplishment for a special man, E. John Chard UE, B.A., M.Ed.



For the next while, Bill Russell UE, First Vice-President of Kawartha Branch, and Central East Regional Councillor for the UELAC, will include an article in each issue of ***The Kawartha Periodical***.

Here's his second one:

THE 1934 UEL COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

IN 1934, CANADA POST ISSUED A STAMP COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOYALISTS COMING TO CANADA. THE STAMP WAS ISSUED ON 01 JULY 1934. THE COST OF THE STAMP WAS 10 CENTS AND THERE WERE 3 MILLION STAMPS ISSUED.

THE STAMP DEPICTS THE SCULPTURE OF A FAMILY GROUP OF LOYALISTS, DRESSED IN PERIOD CLOTHING. THERE IS A FATHER, MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN. THE SCULPTURE WAS DESIGNED AND PRODUCED BY THE MARCH BROTHERS FOUNDRY IN TEDDINGTON, ENGLAND. THIS MONUMENT STANDS IN FRONT OF THE COURT HOUSE IN HAMILTON ONTARIO.

ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CENTRE DESIGN ARE THE FIGURES OF "BRITANNIA" AND A "MOHAWK CHIEF", BOTH SURMOUNTED BY THE CROWN AND BRITISH FLAG.

BRITANNIA IS INTENDED TO PERSONIFY THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND ILLUSTRATE FURTHER, THE ALLEGIANCE TO THE EMPIRE BY THE LOYALISTS.

THE MOHAWK CHIEF REPRESENTS THE ROLE OF THE IROQUOIS CONFEDERACY THAT SUPPORTED THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE CURRENT VALUE OF THESE STAMPS RANGE BETWEEN \$2.70 AND \$40.00, DEPENDING ON CONDITION AND DEMAND. THE PRICE MAKES THE STAMP VERY AFFORDABLE TO A COLLECTOR.



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.

***IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED
YOUR FREE PERSONALIZED NAME TAG
FOR KAWARTHA BRANCH UELAC***

CONTACT

***GRIETJE R. MCBRIDE UE
at maplegm@gmail.com !!!***

Views In And Around Kawartha Branch

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all of our planned meetings and events were cancelled except for our 20 September meeting that was held at the farm of Grietje and Bob McBride, to celebrate the retirement of Joan Lucas UE, our Branch Genealogist for the past thirty-two years.

Grietje McBride UE, Kawartha Branch President, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m., welcoming all to her home yard on the beautiful late summer's afternoon. Twenty-two Branch Members and three guests, representing the Dominion Association, were in attendance, suitably wearing masks and physically distancing about the spacious yard.



Some guests wore their UE attire.

Flags were presented by Bill Atkinson UE and Bill Russell UE, the Royal Anthem was heard as singing is not allowed during this time of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Grietje McBride UE then welcomed Trish Groom UE, who was representing the Dominion President, Sue Morse-Hines UE.

She then welcomed the Dominion Genealogists, Peter Johnson UE and Angela Johnson UE.



UE Certificates were then presented by Peter Johnson UE to Vandra Hussar UE, Bill Atkinson UE,



and Graham Hart UE.

Others to receive certificates but were not in attendance were Freyja Atkinson UE (certificate accepted by Bill Atkinson UE), and members of the Moorcroft family, as well as Allan McGillivray UE.

Certificates are pending for Judy Fisher UE and Maxwell Richardson UE.



Joan Lucas UE is retiring
as Kawartha Branch Genealogist.

Several Members spoke and sent letters
outlining how Joan was very helpful
with their research to obtain certificates,
their ongoing friendship with her
and her many other contributions to the UELAC.

Connie Crook UE noted that Joan
had been helpful in Connie's writing career.

Because Connie wasn't present,
Bob McBride spoke on her behalf:

Thank you, Joan, for all your hard work as
Genealogist at Kawartha Branch. You were a wonderful
help to me
in tracing my Loyalist ancestors. Only after retiring
from teaching, did I have time to discover more.

At a very early age, my mother's grandfather lived
with us from time to time, and he would sing songs
about those times. As a young pre-school child, I loved those story songs that Grandpapa sang and became aware
that my ancestors were Loyalists on both my mother's and father's side – but I did not know the details.
After I retired from teaching, my mother and I went to visit her double cousins in the Stirling area who belonged
to the Belleville Branch of the Loyalists. One had traced and proved her lineage through her father's side
of the family and the other through her mother's side. They had completed the Meyers and Carr lines
and they gave me copies of all this material and proofs. I understood none of it, and so I took it all
to you Joan. Thank you for explaining it all to me and for helping me fill out my own forms and add
my closer proofs. At that first meeting at your home, I was delighted to receive the book about my ancestor
that you loaned me. It was Loyalist Spy by Mary Beacock Fryer. How excited I was to read the book
and know that he was my ancestor!

Thank you, Joan, for that started me searching and reading more and eventually led me to write stories
about my ancestors!! We had so much history in our schools about American heroes when our own ancestors
had exciting and heroic lives also.

Then years later, Joan, you helped me complete the forms for my five grandchildren. I made sure they knew
their ancestry from a young age, by reading them stories since I could never sing like Grandpapa.
So my five grandchildren all came to our Kawartha Branch one Sunday afternoon to receive their certificates.
I remember Joan that you worked until midnight one night to complete this work.

Also, I very much appreciated your dedication as a nurse and asked for medical advice when needed in my stories;
for example, in my book, Meyers' Creek, where Catharine dies after giving birth to her second child.

As well, Joan, thank you yet again for coming one long night in November of 1997 and staying with me all night
at Civic hospital following a very hard surgery.

Thank you, Joan, many times over!! I can never thank you enough!

From Connie Brummel Crook UE



Bill Russell UE then spoke on behalf of Richard and Patricia “*Trish*” Staples UE:

Richard and I have great admiration for Joan Lucas and hold her in high esteem for a number of reasons. Certainly, one is the outstanding contributions she has made in her volunteer position as Genealogist for Kawartha Branch and Assistant to the Dominion Genealogist for over three decades.

She helps us to understand, in a human way, the role of our ancestors in helping to establish our present-day system of municipal, provincial and federal governments.

She is an excellent teacher and, with her vast encyclopedic knowledge of archival resources, can lead us efficiently and effectively through the complexities and vagaries of searching out our ancestors. In other words, she is a “*Whiz Kid*” [Radio Show 1946]

One characteristic which makes her one of “*the best in her field*” is the high standard she sets for herself and others. Her intense scrutiny and attention to archival detail ensures that applications will be accepted at the highest levels. Joan has worked tirelessly to help many of us reach a very worthwhile and significant goal. She has always been patient and kind.

Richard and I consider her a good friend.

We wish her well, in her “retirement”.

I hope that she will continue to be there for all of us as she relinquishes this important role.

Thoughts from Richard and Patricia Staples UE



Bob then brought greetings from Lois Barron UE and Kenneth Barron UE:

WE OWE OUR UE CERTIFICATES TO THE HELP AND WORK OF JOAN LUCAS.

Times flies so fast that we do not remember when we visited the Peterborough UE meeting the first time. We were greeted warmly by everyone, but especially by Joan Lucas. As we asked her some questions we had about our genealogy, she kindly offered to have us come to her home to see what we had and what we needed. From that day on, began a deeper study of books recommended by Joan, trips to cemeteries, and asking questions of relatives trying to help them remember things from their childhoods.

Joan directed us to government websites that helped us find old wills and documents that we needed. It was shocking to Lois to realize that she had no proof that her parents were her parents and because the church where she was baptized as a baby had closed over 60 years ago to make way for the St. Lawrence Seaway, we weren't sure where to look. It took some digging, letters and phone calls to get the copy of her baptismal record.

When we got discouraged and ready to quit, Joan encouraged and helped while her dear husband, Frank, disappeared to another room, and we took hours of Joan's time.

We finally got all of the information for Lois McNairn Barron's' lines to her third great grandfather, John McNairn UE, and her other third great grandfather, John Annable UE. We found that John McNairn was jailed twice for helping people who tried to be loyal to Great Britain. Both Johns finally came to Ontario from New York State to save their lives.

As well, we got the information for Kenneth Barron through his father, Harold Barron, and then his grandmother, Gertrude Breakenridge, back to his fourth great grandfather, James Breakenridge UE. James was also jailed for helping loyalists and eventually he and part of his family moved from Vermont to Ontario while two sons remained as Patriots in Vermont. We also got Ken's second line back to Samuel Wright UE.

We were finally ready to fill out the forms to be registered members of the United Empire Loyalists. That was difficult as the forms were hard to do online. Joan helped us through all of this and would have helped us do more genealogy lines but it becomes expensive and so we settled with two lines each.

We can only say “*Thank you, Thank you*”, Joan and Frank, and to all who encouraged us along the way.

We are glad that we can pass on these records to our family so they will know some of their family history. We wish you the best in your retirement Joan, but we wonder how long you can keep your mind and fingers from helping others with their genealogy, since it seems to be in your blood!!
Thank you again for all of your help. May God bless you is our prayer.

Bill Russell UE then spoke on behalf of Ann-Marie Dunford UE:

Hello Joan. I hope you had a safe and healthy summer. I wish to congratulate you and write a few thoughts. Joan grew up with my mother on Stoney Lake. Our families were closely connected. My parents attended Joan and Frank's wedding.

I was delighted to learn that I am also distantly related to Joan via The Crowe Family. I appreciated all her help with getting my application together and helping me become a Member of Kawartha Branch. 2020 was my year to travel. But, as you know, 2020 is cancelled for any travelling. I will be back with Kawartha Branch next year and hope to see you then. Thank you for everything you did to help me. See you hopefully in 2021.

Thank you, Ann-Marie Dunford

And on behalf of Vandra Hussar UE:

Joan has been an inspiration for me and my genealogy adventure. She has spent many hours with me going over many documents. She is extremely generous with her time and knowledge. I'd like her to know how privileged and honoured I am to have had her as a friend and mentor. My success was always a priority and I only have her to thank for that.

Bob McBride UE then spoke on behalf of Robert Moorcroft UE:

Joan was of inestimable assistance with the research into my family tree, particularly in areas that were not clear-cut. Since many of the usual primary sources were burned during several major fires, locating proofs became a challenge. Her suggestions led to a successful outcome and we are very grateful to her.

and then on behalf of Grietje and himself:

Grietje and I do not know a time when Joan was not a driving force in Kawartha Branch. To us, Joan represents what Kawartha Branch is about. Friendly, helpful, generous with her time and talents, she inspires confidence and taught us how to do research and where to look. No one celebrated more enthusiastically when an elusive proof was finally found! I believe that, of all Executive members in the past, Joan is one of the ones that stands out.



Dominion Genealogist, Angela Johnson UE, mentioned that, among other projects, Joan conducted workshops at Dominion Conferences, prepared the Genealogists' Handbook and helped update the application form.

Peter Johnson also offered his thanks to Joan and recited a poem that he had composed:

...for Joan Lucas UE on the occasion of her retirement as Branch Genealogist
for Kawartha Branch UELAC
20 September 2020:

G is for Gracious which you were towards those submitting applications and queries
E is for Energy which you had to have to continue for over 30 years
N is for Natural. You have a natural talent for Genealogy
E is for Enthusiasm and that's self-evident
A is for Archives, and you were a one-person Archives
L is for Loyal which you have always been to the Association
O is for Order as in Order In Council Dates and certainly your head must be full of OC Dates
after all that research
G is for Genealogy of course, which you have lived and breathed
Y is for Yikes! You really are just kidding about retiring? Aren't You?

Peter W. JOHNSON UE



Frank Lucas then reminded everyone that Joan was a past recipient of the Dorchester Award and pointed out that the UEL was a great part of their family life.

Grietje McBride UE presented Joan with a wall plaque from the Branch.

This plaque is presented to Joan Lucas UE
To honour her 41 years
of volunteer service
to Kawartha Branch and the UELAC and to recognize
her leadership on the Kawartha Branch Executive since 1981.
Joan has attended countless school presentations
and Heritage fairs across Ontario,
helped design display boards and "*Story Boards*" for Kawartha Branch
in 1984 and 2011 and assisted in completing over 600 certificate applications.
She encouraged Members to attend and mingle with other Branches
at annual national Conferences while faithfully attending regional,
provincial and national meetings and events.
Joan became Kawartha Branch Genealogist in 1988
and served as Genealogy Support Person
for Elizabeth Hancocks UE
at the National level from 1988 to 2012.
In this role, she designed and presented Genealogy workshops
for 17 National Conferences and many Board meetings.
Using her vast experience, she has helped to revise
the Dominion Genealogists' Handbook
and has proven a capable and expert resource
for new and experienced Genealogists across Canada.
For all this we say a heartfelt thank you!

Presented by Kawartha Branch UELAC
20 September 2020.

Grietje R. McBride UE
Kawartha Branch President

William D. Russell
Kawartha Branch First Vice-President



Joan then eloquently expressed her thanks for all the remembrances.



Trish Groom UE led the Executive Members with the swearing in and reading of the Installation of Executive Officers pledge.

Kawartha Branch Secretary, Margaret Pulver UE, read a synopsis of the minutes from the 16 February 2020 meeting.

O Canada was 'sung' and the flags were retired at 3:26 p.m.



Even
the
Loyalist Banners
kept
a safe distance
from
each other !!!

Kawartha Branch, with the help of Bill Russell UE,
incoming Branch President as of April 2021,
is investigating the creation of two new story boards
to showcase the story of the Indigenous peoples and the Black Loyalists,
both of whom were an important part of the Loyalist story.



Because of the COVID-19 situation, Remembrance Day services were minimized this year with a very small group of people attending the ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 November 2020.

However, Past Branch President, Bill Atkinson UE, Past Branch President and Past Dominion President, Bob McBride UE, and Branch President, Grietje McBride UE, laid a wreath at the Peterborough Cenotaph prior to the ceremony and then left so as not to disturb the solemnity of the service.

Before we left, CHEX (Global) TV interviewed Grietje and she appeared on the evening's broadcast and again the next day.



Then, on Sunday, 15 November 2020, with a virtual ZOOM meeting at 2:00 p.m. EST, we hosted Captain David Rumball UE, who spoke about the importance and history of Remembrance Day.

David Rumball UE was born in Peterborough but raised in Cobourg, Ontario. He returned to Peterborough in 1980 to attend Trent University, where he met a young lady whom he later married.

He served for eighteen years in the Canadian Army, retiring in 2000 as a Captain. His civilian employment was as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Security Supervisor at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre for eighteen years.

David graduated from the American Military University in Virginia with a Master of Arts in History, in April 2000. Before that, he graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Arts from Trent University, Peterborough, in June 1984.

He has been involved in a number of volunteer positions throughout his time in Peterborough, including: The Canadian Red Cross; Saint John's Ambulance; Chair of an affordable housing charity; over 200 blood donations; a charter member of Basset Hound Rescue of Ontario; and is a Past President of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada.

Honours and Awards:

- 2016: Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers
- 2012: Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal
- 2010: Honorary Fellow, Royal Heraldry Society of Canada
- 2009-2014: Appointed an Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- 2007: Good Conduct Medal from the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires
- 2005 and 2003: City of Peterborough Civic Award
- 2004: Service Medal for the Venerable Order of St John
- 2002: Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal
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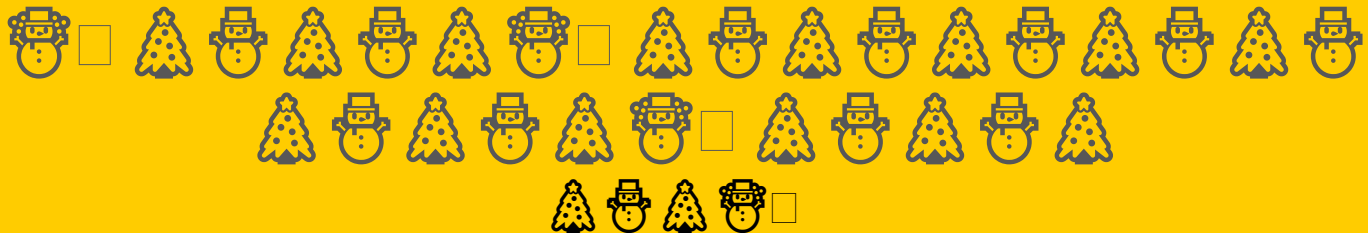
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On Thursday, 26 November 2020, I received a Christmas poem from Brigitte, wife of R.W. Bro. Ziggy Loos, from Lancaster Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 207 G.R.C., who is also a Member of Herman Humboldt Lodge No. 125 F&A.M. in Pennsylvania, the oldest German-speaking Lodge in the United States still performing the Ritual in the German Language. R.W. Bro. Loos was elected as Grand Registrar, 1998 - 1999, and then appointed the Grand Representative to the five United Grand Lodges of Germany, attending their fiftieth anniversary and re-visiting them twice again.

I know you will enjoy reading this most timely and poignant Christmas message.



T'WAS THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2020



T'was a month before Christmas, and all through the town,
 People wore masks, that covered their frown.
 The frown had begun way back in the Spring,
 When a global pandemic changed everything.
 They called it corona, but unlike the beer,
 It didn't bring good times, it didn't bring cheer.
 Contagious and deadly, this virus spread fast,
 Like a wildfire that starts when fueled by gas.
 Airplanes were grounded, travel was banned.
 Borders were closed across air, sea and land.
 As the world entered lockdown to flatten the curve,
 The economy halted, and folks lost their nerve.
 From March to July, we rode the first wave,
 People stayed home, they tried to behave.
 When summer emerged, the lockdown was lifted.
 But away from caution, many folks drifted.

Now it's November and cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived, much to our disliking.
Frontline workers, doctors and nurses,
Try to save people, from riding in hearses.
This virus is awful, this COVID-19.
There isn't a cure. There is no vaccine.
It's true that this year has had sadness a plenty ...
We'll never forget the year 2020 ...
And just 'round the corner - The holiday season,
But why be merry? Is there even one reason?
To decorate the house and put up the tree,
When no one will see it, no-one but me.
But outside my window the snow gently falls,
And I think to myself, "*Let's deck the halls!*"
So, I gather the ribbon, the garland and bows,
As I play those old carols, my happiness grows.
Christmas ain't cancelled and neither is hope.
If we lean on each other, I know we can cope.





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