



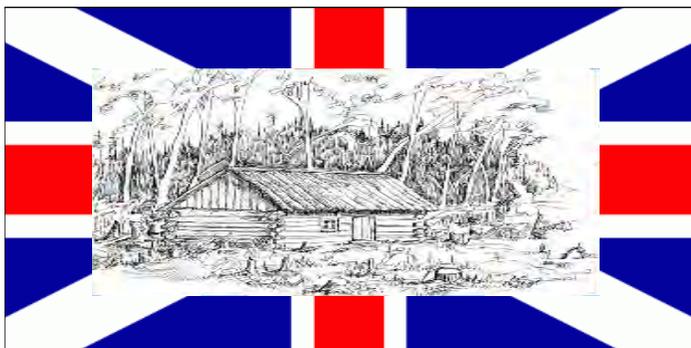
The Kawartha Periodical



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The President's Message

As we approach the summer, we will see more Covid restrictions removed. There have been many changes to our organization since our last newsletter. Dominion Head Office has officially moved to Cornwall Ontario after many years in Toronto. The reason for the move is they ran out of space and there was no more to be had. The move to Cornwall will give us three times the space at the same rent. The location is part of the Cornwall museum and is located on the original landing site of the Loyalists.

On a personal note, I will be moving to Moncton, New Brunswick, at the end of June. The Executive have asked me to stay on as President for the remainder of my term. Through Zoom, I will be able to attend the Executive and General Meetings. I will also be coming back to visit family and will co-ordinate my visits around some of our Meetings.



Dominion has given our Branch a \$1,000.00 grant to purchase audio visual equipment to continue our Zoom meetings. Grietje and I investigated various equipment and purchased a unit locally that will enable us to broadcast our meetings when we resume in-person meetings which I hope will be in the Fall.

June was a busy month. We co-hosted the War of 1812/UEL Graveside Ceremony in three cemeteries in the Warkworth region. We held our in-person Flag Raising Ceremony at Peterborough City Hall, whereas last year it had been virtual. We ended the month with the E. John Chard plaque ceremony at the UELAC Heritage Park in Adolphustown. Representatives of five Branches took part. We also laid a wreath at the Monument as part of the Bay of Quinte Flag Raising.



As we look to the Fall schedule, we have booked Debra Turrell UE, for our September meeting. Debra recently received her Loyalist Certificates at the Ceremony in Warkworth. Debra is a seamstress and period clothing designer and the owner of *The Loyal Needle*. Debra will speak to us about "*Loyalist clothing and fashions.*"

In November, our virtual ZOOM guest speaker will be Stephen Davidson UE. Stephen has written several books and submits articles to *Loyalist Trails* and *The Loyalist Gazette*. His topic is entitled: "*Birchtown, the Black Loyalist Settlement.*"

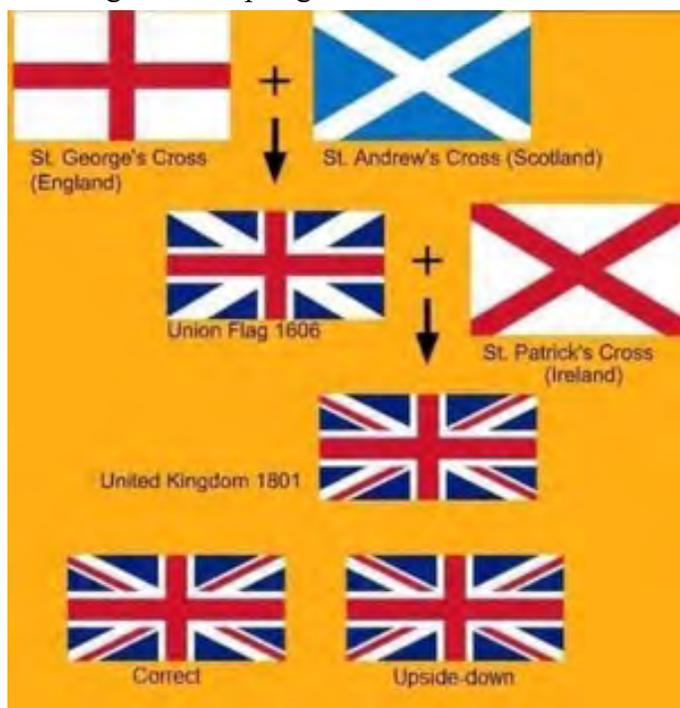
Have a safe summer and the Executive look forward to seeing everyone in person and by Zoom at our September meeting.

Loyally yours, Bill Russell UE
Kawartha Branch President, 2022 - 2023.

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On Friday, 22 April 2022, Kawartha Branch President, Bill Russell UE, asked if I would include this image in our Spring - Summer 2022 issue:



From The Editor's Desk



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Here in Kawartha Branch, we feel that we have a great deal to offer to our Members as we continue into the future.

To maintain an informative and interesting newsletter, we are actively seeking your family history or passed-down

stories of Loyalists and their family adventures. I trust that you find this Spring - Summer 2022 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.

Genealogists' Report



Kawartha Branch has a number of Members researching their connections through generations to a Loyalist ancestor. These include: Robert Brown, Shelley Hermer, John Hooper, Vandra Husar, Maida Purdy, and Muriel Sokach. Sharon Farquhar has recently received her UE certificate naming her Loyalist ancestor, William Howe UE. We hope to honour her work with a Branch presentation in the near future. There are quite a few Members at various stages in researching their ancestor. We have used our resources to assist several trying to connect grandchildren of a Loyalist to the next generation. At the Genealogist Conference Meeting on 26 May, several pieces of information were shared with Branch Genealogists. When a researcher can't locate primary proofs for a family relationship, they may submit a genealogical proof argument (GPA).



Kawartha Branch Genealogists can assist with this form of proof. When no primary proofs can be found, several secondary proofs may be used to create strong documentation that a family relationship is correct. The Branch Genealogist then sends the GPA

to the Dominion Genealogists for review and instruction before submitting the complete application, with the Certificate Application fee attached, to Dominion Office for processing and examination. It is a rewarding process well worth celebrating when a Member does the research and receives their UE Certificate. For those working on their applications or researching and digging for elusive proofs, keep going! We're here to help.



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Treasurer's Report 01 January to 30 June 2022



- Opening bank balance Jan 1: \$221. (all figures rounded)
- Paid \$1,000 to Trent University for Ukrainian Student relief.
- Paid \$1,000 to Friends of St. Alban's for their Anglican Church restoration project in Adolphustown.
- Paid \$2,000 to Fleming College for four \$500 scholarships.
- Paid \$1,000 to Old Hay Bay Church for their church restoration project
- Paid \$2,045 to L.R. Brown Ltd. for Audio/Visual Camera to run Zoom/in-person meetings. A \$1,000 grant from Dominion Headquarters has been applied for and received.
- Paid \$452 to Bay of Quinte Branch for one half share of War of 1812 grave markers of Loyalists in three cemeteries near Warkworth.
- Paid \$1,725 per capita dues both by cheque and on-line for 107 members.
- Paid David Smith \$100 as guest speaker at our February Branch General meeting.
- Paid \$1,175 operating expenses: locker rental, newsletter, genealogy program, bank charges, etc.
- Received \$1,800 Branch dues and per capitass.
- Received \$8,000 interest and dividends from investment portfolio.
- Closing bank balance June 30: \$1,502.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Lucas, Treasurer.



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 maplegrm@gmail.com !!!**



- painting by Garth Dittrick



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





With Frank Lucas wanting to retire soon from his role as Kawartha Branch Treasurer, having started in 2014, Troy Easter UE has agreed to take on this role.



Recently Troy answered these questions so that our Membership can get to know him better:

How did you become interested in the United Empire Loyalists?

“It started when my wife’s uncle, Steven Glover, was speaking about the family ancestors of the Glover Family. Then something clicked inside me to go and search for the gravestones of the said relatives of the Glover Family. I soon found the patriarchal Glover, David Glover’s headstone, in Stone’s Cemetery, south of Warkworth, Ontario. The stone was in terrible shape and could barely be read, so I went about finding how to clean the stones without doing any harm to the stone. After I had finished cleaning David’s stone, I found out David was a Mason. Cleaning the headstones continued throughout the cemetery. I came across another headstone: it was of the United Empire Loyalist, Michael Cryderman UE. This led me to search for my ancestors in Dundas County to see if I had any Loyalists in my family line. I then joined the Saint Lawrence Branch UELAC and purchased a subscription to Ancestry.ca. Now I have a total of eight certificates so far.”

Is anyone else in your family interested in this part of our heritage?

“I have been showing my young boys how I research and I have read them stories that I find about their ancestors and have shared with them the UE certificates I have received, explaining to them the work that is involved in trying to prove an ancestor as a United Empire Loyalist.”

Who are some of your Loyalist ancestors?

“My United Empire Loyalist ancestors are: Joachim, Eberthard, and Christian Barkley UE. Adam Bouck UE. Cephrenus and Wilhelmus Casselman UE. Martin and Nicholas Silmeser UE. I have been working on four others as well. Philip Eamer. John Cameron of Clunes, a small hamlet, located on the west shore of Loch Lochy, less than 0.5 miles northeast of Bunarkaig in Inverness-shire, Scottish Highlands, and is in the Highland council area of Scotland. Heinrich (Henry) Garlough. John Shaver.”

Where do you and your family live?

“We live in a small farming community called Warkworth, Trent Hills, in Northumberland County.”

What are some of your hobbies and interests?

“My hobbies and interests are Genealogy, Sport shooting, Hunting, Gardening, Technology, Reading, Agriculture, and maintaining and cleaning cemetery headstones.”

What motivated you to join Kawartha Branch and serve as incoming Treasurer?

“As I have met Bill Russell UE, and got to know him, we discussed about joining the Kawartha Branch UELAC because it is in close proximity to me, so I could attend and get to see what meetings were about and meet new people. I attended most of the Zoom meetings at Kawartha this year, and came to realize that a lot of the Members who serve on the Board have been there for quite a while. I felt a need to do something to help out and give back for those to gave help to me. When I saw that the Branch needed help in positions, and no one was being nominating, I felt I had to do something.”

**Welcome to Kawartha Branch UELAC, Troy,
and thank you for taking on the role of Branch Treasurer !!!**



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The Can Of Orange Juice Riddle

Why did the man stare at the can of orange juice?

Because it said “concentrate.”





We need volunteers to serve as

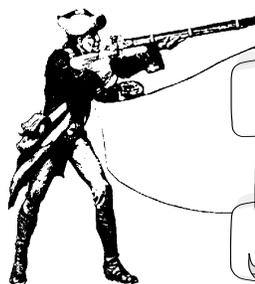
Second Vice-President.

Branch Secretary.

(training and mentorship provided)

If you are interested, please contact Kawartha Branch President, Bill Russell 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 · McGregory Van Every UE
Volume 8, Issue 2	· Thomas Goheen Sr. UE · John Howell UE · John Stevens Sr. UE
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Volume 9, Issue 2	· Philip Hartman UE
Volume 10, Issue 1	· David Springer UE
Volume 10, Issue 2	· John Howell UE · Descendants of Adam Young UE
Volume 11, Issue 1	· Henry Munger UE
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Volume 12, Issue 1	· John Lake Senior UE
Volume 12, Issue 2	· Robert Land UE
Volume 13, Issue 1	· Col. William Marsh UE
Volume 14, Issue 1	- Ordelia Pymar, Mrs. (John) Eastman Orser UE
Volume 14, Issue 2	- The Palatine LOTT Family
Volume 15, Issue 1	- Robert Bessey Senior UE
Volume 15, Issue 2	- The Finckel Family



Volume 16, Issue 1	- "Old" John Conklin UE
Volume 16, Issue 2	- Fort Ninety Six and Robert Graham UE
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
Volume 21, Issue 1	- Troy Easter UE restores tombstones
Volume 21, Issue 2	- War of 1812 Veterans: Alexander McDonnell Captain Charles Rubidge Francis Brockell Spilsbury
Volume 22, Issue 1	- Loyalists As Absentee Owners by Allan McGillivray UE

Next Kawartha Branch Meeting

In-person Meeting:

**On Sunday,
18 September 2022,
at 2:00 p.m. ET
our guest speaker will be
Debra Turrell UE
talking to us about
"Loyalist clothing
and fashions".**



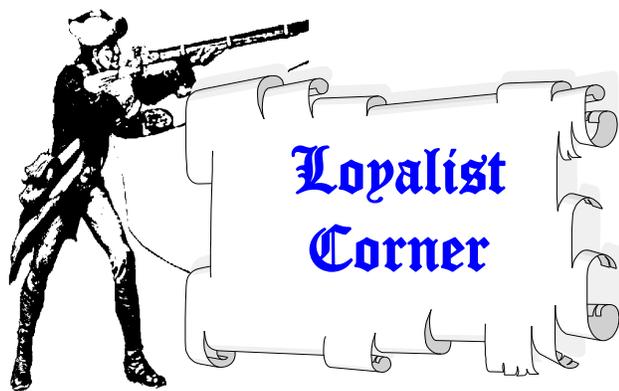
Reminder

**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 !!!**

She can be reached at:

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Rather than highlighting a Loyalist from our Branch in this issue, here instead is an article sent to me by Allan McGillivray UE, on 27 January 2022:

LOYALISTS AS ABSENTEE OWNERS

by Allan McGillivray UE

I live in the former Township of Scott which is now the north part of Uxbridge Township northeast of Toronto. Uxbridge and Scott Townships were originally in Ontario County and they became a part of the new Region of Durham in 1973.

In the 1980s, I did research on the history of Scott Township, and in 1986 published the information I had collected in a book called Decades of Harvest.

Scott Township was surveyed in 1807 by Samuel S. Wilmot. It contained 259 lots of 200 acres each, and 37 lots of 25 acres. Forty of the lots were Crown Reserves, and another 40 lots were set aside as Clergy Reserves. That left 216 lots that would be granted to actual “settlers.”

I would have expected that, following the 1807 survey, people who had received grants would have started moving into the township.

However, there is a document, written and signed by John Plank, Uxbridge settler, farmer and innkeeper, who stated that, in 1830, there were still no settlers in Scott Township. That was 23 years after the survey. Actual settlers started arriving in the 1830s.

I was amazed to find that, although the 216 lots had been granted to individuals, none of them came onto their properties. I was even more amazed to find that 39 of the lots had been granted to women. What was that about?

After more research, I learned that many of those grantees, including many of the women, had Loyalist connections.

Many of those who received land grants in Scott Township lived along the St. Lawrence River, in the Prince Edward County area or the Niagara area.

Here are the names of the women. You may find one of them in your family tree. Many of them would have had Loyalist connections: Lydia Seager, Ann Reilly, Maria Corus, Anne Bradshaw, Susannah McDonell, Elizabeth Page, Ann Parker, Elizabeth Smith, Rebecca Willcott, Eleanor Wood, Elizabeth Weaver, Margaret De Shea, Rebecca Thomas, Mary Smith, Martha Shotwell, Rebecca Acker, Nelly McCormick, Sally Carrol, Elizabeth Taylor, Sarah Moore, Mary Stevens, Mary McCollum, Hannah Jenings, Christiana McKenny, Sarah A, Boulton, Catherine Patterson, Elizabeth Roy, Ann Judd, Hannah Frey, Mehitable McDowell, Hannah Warren, Mary Cudney, Margaret McCarthy, Elizabeth Muttelbury, Dorothy Ashley, Margaret Murray, Ann Stevenson, Hannah Conat, and Mary Rambough.

The names of the male grantees are as follows: John Burnell, Richard Beasley, Springsteen, George Bond, Adam Simmerman, William Hare, Alex Gray Jr., John Muirhead, George Fields, Andrew Thompson, Jacob J. Ball, Christian McDonell, George Storing, Charles Anderson, James Everingham, John Park, John McNamus, John B. Cherriman?, Felix Harson, Bernard Frey, Peter Stoner, Angus McLaren, Abraham Twohy, Phillip Simmerman, Thomas Lucas, William Filler?, George Carey, George Sheats, John Snider, Joseph D. Rideout, John Fralick, Thomas Heaslip, Thomas Gardiner, Thomas Hewitt, Peter Sykes, Capt. Nicholls, Edward M. Hodder, Frederick Smith, John Hunter, Jacob Schram, Charles Hobbard, Jacob Neil, Stephen Bedford, David Babcock, George Rider, Ben Sutton, Abraham Hill, Wilkinson Ferguson, John Silverthorn, Jeremiah Moore, John Cohoe, John Dunham, James Henderson, James Burns, Isaac Thompson, Samuel Street, William Barrett, William Hawkins, Henry Grassett, John Farr, Andrew W. Moore, Charles Jones, Pat McCrae, David Jones, Patrick McCren, Jacob High, Nathan Cohoe, Francis Billet, Donald McIntosh, James Cochrane, David Cochrane, William Pound, Isaac Shaw, William McNeish, James Taylor, James Shannon, George Cosby, Hiram Starr, Henry Shram, James McGloughlin Jr., Cuffe Duggan, Jacob Anderson, Abraham High, Henry Pott, Daniel McCollum, Peter McCallum, Andrew Van Every, Thomas Barnes Gough, Tom Pomroy, Ben Richardson, Samuel S. Wilmot (surveyor), James Dettrick, James Glendinning, Henry Pauling, Michael Horts, and Angus McDonald

Is one of your Loyalist ancestors in the above lists?

I know there is microfilm at the Uxbridge Public Library that would help me sort out those who received these grants in Scott Township. However, I will not be looking at it until Covid-19 has ended.

As I mentioned above, there were no known settlers in Scott Township until after 1830. So I expect none of the grantees ever saw their properties. I don't know what happened in regards to settlement duties.

I do know about one lady who received a grant in Uxbridge Township just south of the town line with Scott Township. She was Laura Secord. Her maiden name was Ingersoll, and her parents were Loyalists, so she received the land as a daughter of a Loyalist. I feel that Laura Secord never saw her Uxbridge property because it was too far for her to follow a cow all the way from Niagara. Anyway, she kept the property for quite a number of years, and then sold it to a man from Montreal, another absentee owner.

Both Captain Bernard Frey and his wife Hannah, also Niagara folks, received grants in Scott Township. Bernard Frey can be found in the Directory of Loyalists.

As well Jeremiah Moore and Andrew W. Moore had Niagara connections and were Loyalists.

I also expect that some people with Loyalist connections received grants in other townships and as absentee owners either sold them right away, or kept them for a number of years before selling.

Anyway, I am still amazed that the above people, including many Loyalists or many with Loyalist ancestry, never came to live on their properties.

On a personal note, the Andrew Van Every referred to in Allan McGillivray's article, was a son of one of my Loyalist ancestors, Gregory Van Every UE.

Andrew Van Every UE (1773, at or near Kinderhook, Province of New York
– 1832, probably West Flamborough Township, Wentworth County, Upper Canada)
Married: Jane Purvis (Purbus), daughter of John Purvis UE

On 02 July 1794, in Newark, Andrew Van Every submitted an Upper Canada Land Petition as follows:

Petition of Andrew Van Every of Flamboro (2 July 1794, Newark):

- source: Ontario Archives, Toronto, Ontario, Upper Canada Land Petitions, Reel C 2842

File 6: Upper Canada Land Petitions, "U-V" Bundle 1, Numbers 1 – 22,
1792 – 1795 or 1796 (RG 1, L 3, Vol. 514)

2. *Van Every, Andrew, Flamboro, 1794 (2, 2a)*

No. 2:

*To His Excellency John Graves Simcoe Esqr Governor
and Commander of His Majesty Province of Upper Canada
In Council*

The Petition of the Subscribers

Humbly Sheweth –

That your Petitioner was in this Province in the late war and his father and five brothers – served his Majesty in Col Butler's Corps of Rangers and altho your Petitioner was too young to ingage in actual Service the care of his mother and family devolved in a great measure on him.

*Your Petitioner begs leave to inform your Honors that he married the daughter of A ranger –. From the foregoing considerations he most humbly prays Your Honors that some indulgence may be extended to him and that your Honors would grant him Lots No. 1 [number scratched out] in the first concession and Lot No. [number scratched out and illegible] in the second concession Township of Flamborough west in his own right and that your Honors would be graciously pleased to give him a further location in favour of his wife.
ever pray –*

[signed] *Andrew Van Every*

Newark July 2nd 1794

No. 2a:

Petition UE July 2 / 74

*A Lot if _____
has been granted him*

Read in Council

July 8 1794

gave the minutes

Entered P. 193 of Land Book A

also See another Petition

V 7 Bundle

No. 8

1793

Here is a map of the area where Andrew Van Every received land in Scott Township.

Allan wrote to me:

*"I have attached here a map showing the area where his lot was located.
His lot was Lot 6, Concession 5, Scott Township. This is just east of Sandford.
Zephyr is shown to the northwest. That's where we live."*



Another individual whom Allan McGillivray referred to in his article, *Loyalists As Absentee Owners*, is Laura Secord.

Laura ended her trek to warn Lieutenant James FitzGibbon of the advancing Americans at the home of my third great grandfather, Captain John DeCou, in the War of 1812.

Captain John DeCou was born on 03 February 1766, probably in Oxford Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

On 02 January 1809, John DeCou, age 43, was commissioned a “*Lieutenant of a company of militia in the Second Regiment of Lincoln, District of Niagara*” and “*with the war coming on and our men being obliged to retreat from Niagara, my house was used as a military storehouse. By that time the country had become pretty well settled and I was appointed Captain.*”

Captain John DeCou’s house at DeCew Falls was a pivotal point in many skirmishes and battles.

Illustration by
Collins H. McBride.



On 27 May 1813, Niagara and Fort George were abandoned, the survivors of General Vincent’s force retired, gathering as they went the guards and pickets that had been stationed at various points. At nightfall the little army reached DeCou’s and there halted to rest. The house accommodated the headquarters, outbuildings sheltered the wounded, and regiments bivouacked in the fields. Before morning they were joined by the regulars that had formed the garrisons of Fort Erie and Chippawa and by Commodore Barclay and his sailors en route for Malden. It was the first of many stirring experiences of the war-time that the DeCou family was destined to pass through. With sinking hearts the loyal DeCou family watched the rear guard of the British forces disappear on the road to Burlington and turned their eyes eastward to watch for the first scouts of the victorious American army. The enemy’s patrols were at the line of the Twelve Mile Creek and DeCou’s house the next day, and on June 1st, that position was occupied in force.

Records show that Captain John DeCou was among twenty-one men seized on the 19th, 20th and 21st of June 1813. They were taken from the Canadian side of the Niagara River to Fort Niagara on June 22nd and were kept there three days before beginning a long journey into the interior of the States.

On 12 June 1813, Lieutenant James FitzGibbon, of the 49th regiment obtained permission from General Vincent to organize a troop of mounted volunteers, the “*Green Tigers*” to do scout and patrol duty in front of the British position. In three days the troop, 46 men, was completed and outfitted and on the 16th they advanced and took up headquarters at DeCou’s Georgian-style stone house.



“FitzGibbon had chosen DeCou’s house as his headquarters, a choice which evinced an intimate knowledge of the locality as well as considerable strategic ability. The position gave him the command of four roads – to Queenston via St. David’s, to St. Catharines and the lake, to Colonel Bisschopp’s station, and to that most important post, Burlington Heights.”

“Immediately they entered upon a career of the most daring, picturesque and useful character. They struck the foe at many and widely-distant points, routed his patrols, ambushed his wagon-trains, seized his spies, raided his depots and so circumscribed the area within which small bodies of his troops could operate ...”

“Complaints being made by the authorities at Washington of the sluggishness of the generals in command, orders were issued at headquarters that, at all hazard, an effort must be made to dislodge or capture this irrepressible soldier, batter down DeCou’s house, and, by securing the road to Burlington Heights, open the way to a successful attack upon that key to the position.”

The American general, in turn ordered Lieutenant-Colonel Charles G. Boerstler, of Maryland, on 23 June to take a force of 500 men and two field guns and advance to DeCou’s house, which he knew to be FitzGibbon’s headquarters, seventeen and a half miles from Fort George via Queenston and sixteen miles via St. Catharines, and destroy it.

At DeCou’s nothing was known of the impending attack. The pregnant 32 year-old Mrs. Katherine DeCou and her five young children: John Junior, age 12; Catharine, age 10, (this researcher’s second great grandmother); Robert, age 6; Frederic, age 4; and Edmund, age 1; living in one or two rooms while the soldiers occupied the rest of the house and its dependencies, must have rejoiced to have so many gallant protectors about them while Captain John DeCou was a prisoner in the enemy’s hands.

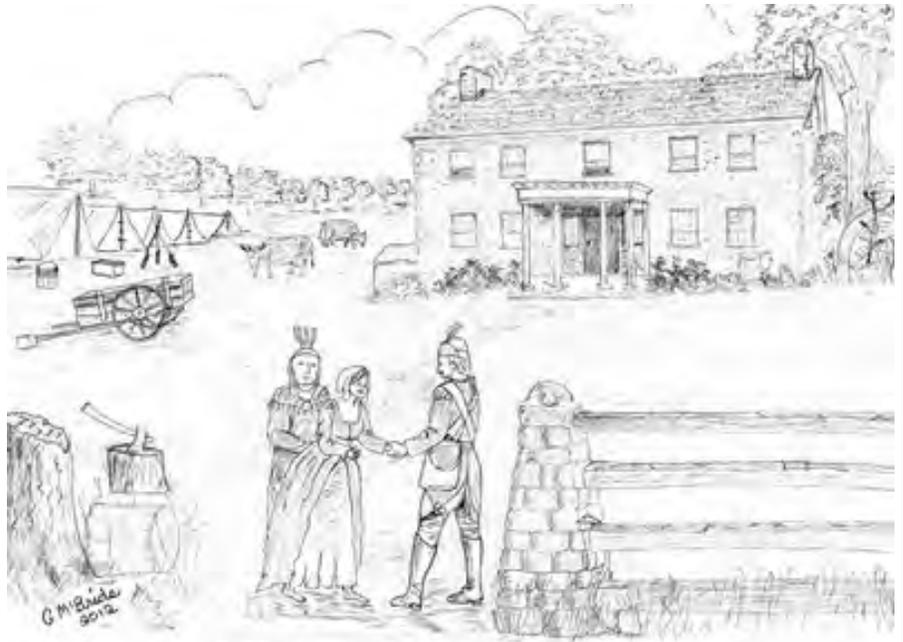
In DeCou’s fields, to the east, a large party of 160 Caughnawaga Indians were encamped under the command of Captain Dominique Ducharme.

However, the sense of security was rudely disturbed in the evening of 22 June when a party of the Indians came to the house, having in their custody, Laura, wife of James Secord, of Queenston, whom they seized when she strayed into their camp in the darkness.

The story of Laura Secord's perilous journey to warn FitzGibbon of the advancing American troops is too well known to repeat herein.

Illustration by
Grietje R. McBride UE

While she was describing to FitzGibbon the strong enemy column advancing towards him and the DeCou house, Indian runner brought forth the news that the foe

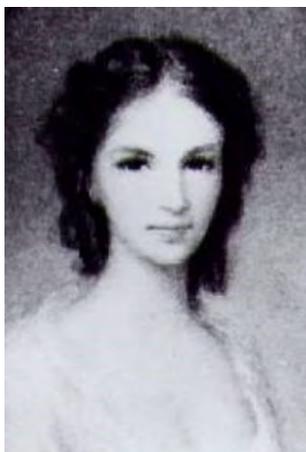


had already passed St. Davids and had met with the British pickets.

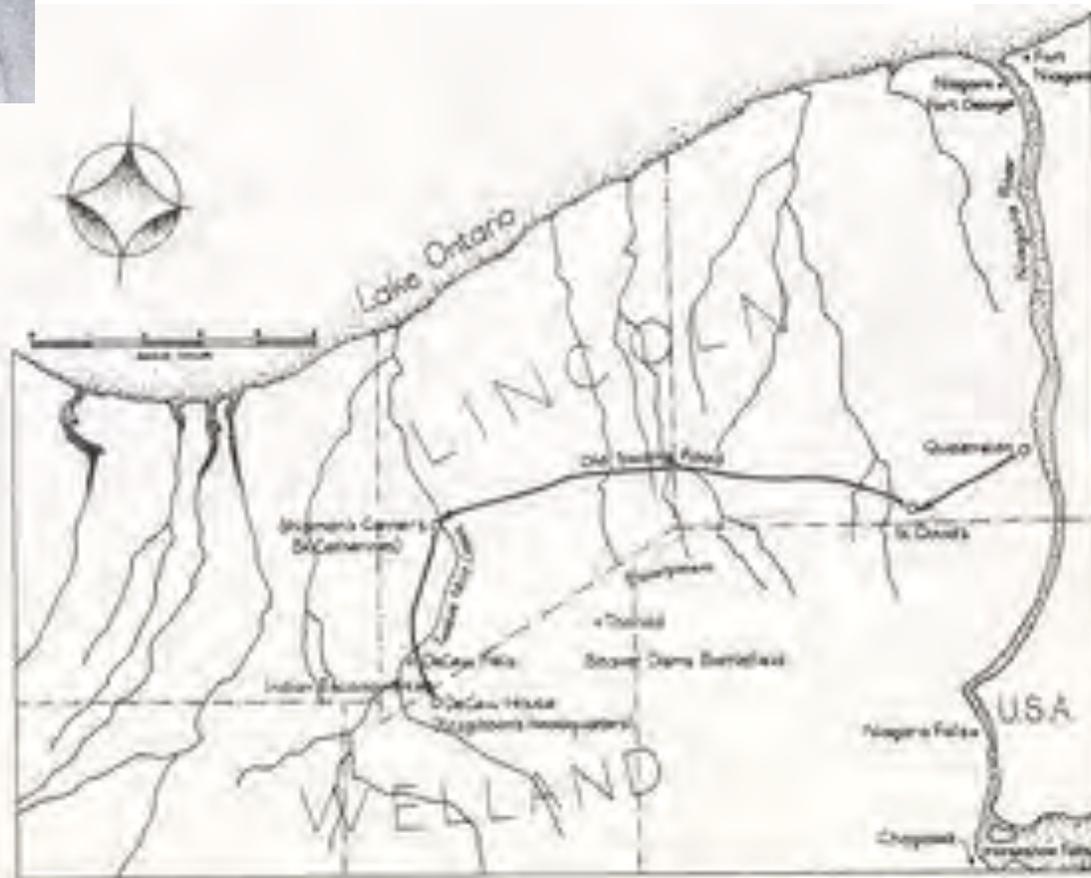
“Then ensued a time of wild excitement at ‘DeCou’s’. The whole body of Indians rushed away to ambush the advancing column, couriers galloped to appraise DeHaren at the Ten Mile creek, and Bisshopp at ‘the Twenty’, of the sudden developments in the situation, while FitzGibbon’s men dragged out all the stores that would stand such treatment and sank them in the waters of DeCou’s mill-pond.

Accompanied by a handful of his men, the commander himself went forward to the scene of conflict.

Meantime, Mrs. Katherine DeCou and her daughter, Catharine, did what they could to relieve the exhaustion of Laura Secord. Food was set before her, her bare and lacerated feet and limbs were bathed and bandaged and the shoes and stockings of the daughter, Catharine DeCou, replaced those lost in the woods and bog. Mrs. DeCou and her children were resolved to remain in their home until it should be actually assailed by the approaching foe, but Mrs. Secord was unequal to facing any additional trials of strength or courage that day, and she desired to be taken to the home of her friends, the Turneys, below the mountain, a mile or so distant.



Her exhausted body was incapable of any further exertion, so a hammock was made by fastening a long blanket to a pole, two Indians took her light weight upon their shoulders and one of the DeCou boys [probably the 12 year-old John Junior] walked beside, as guide and protector. So Laura Secord went to a place of comparative safety while the inmates of DeCou's house trembled at the boom of artillery, rolling through the woods and fields from the direction of the Beaverdams. ...”



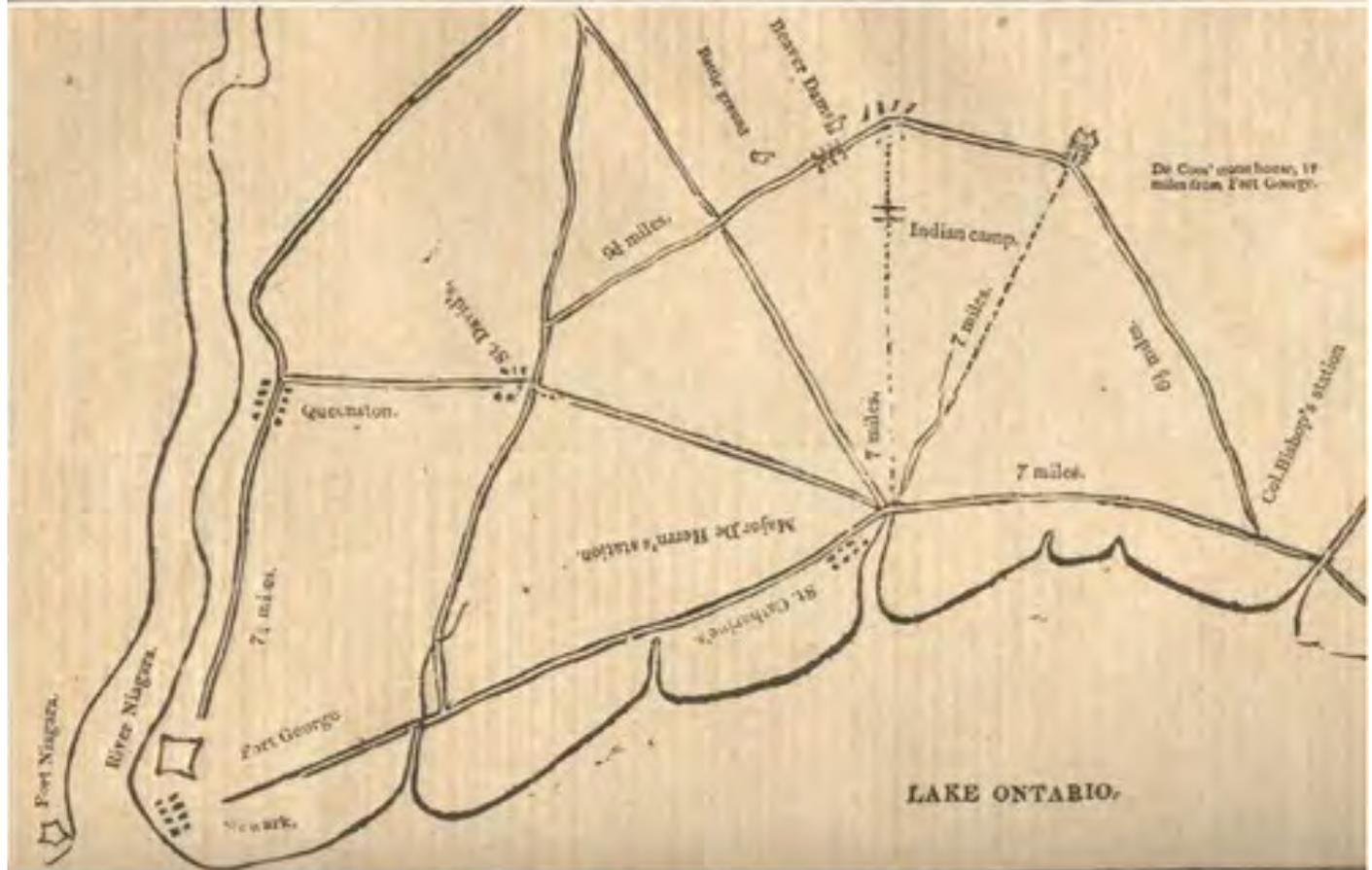
Map of Laura Secord's walk

“Ere the sun had set, DeCou's saw, with inexpressible delight, the long column of enemy prisoners plodding along the highway towards Burlington, protected by redcoats from the enraged and vindictive Indians. Captain DeCou, prisoner in Fort Niagara, only twenty miles away, knew nothing of the stirring events of that day nor the perils from which his wife and little ones had so providentially escaped. He was to pass through even greater perils himself ere he could listen to the tale from their own lips. During the remainder of 1813 and for many periods in 1814, 'DeCou's' was a military post. Stores were collected there, the mills ground grain for the army, detachments proceeding to or from the frontier halted there for rest or refreshment, and it was constantly a centre of military activity.

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DIAGRAM,

To shew the relative positions, distances, &c. attached by the court to the proceedings in the case of colonel Bærstler.

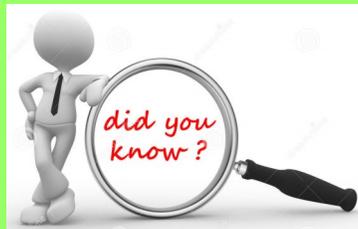


In the autumn of 1813 and again in July 1814, when temporary misfortune forced the British to abandon the DeCou encampment, enemy parties ransacked the place and the family were subjected to hardship and indignity. So commonplace, however, were experiences of that kind in the Niagara region in those days that details of the occurrences did not even become subjects of tradition.”

As Ernest Green wrote in “*John DeCou, Pioneer*”, 1925, pp. 111 – 112.

“Captain John DeCou’s life was of extraordinary span as measured by the history of this country. When he was born, Canada, but three years a British possession, was still under military rule and this Province was an unbroken wilderness. He was nine years old when the first shot was fired at Lexington; he fought in the War of 1812-14 as a middle-aged officer. He was past the allotted span when Mackenzie took up arms, and could not bear to see his country at odds with itself, preferring to remain on the sidelines of this fray, yet he lived to within a dozen years of the formation of the Dominion. Through the whole long story of transformations, he was a pioneer.”

He was with the first surveyors in the Province; he became a pioneer settler; he built some of the earliest mills; he led in the betterment of agriculture, housing and means of communication, and in the encouragement of education and religion. He held a commission in the first complete militia organization; he was a projector of the first Welland canal; he was one of the first municipal officers. He struggled for parliamentary reforms; he was in the van of every movement for the development and improvement of the country."



DID YOU KNOW ???

If you haven't already ordered your UELAC Ribbon with your 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 !!!

You can also order other Loyalist items at uelac.ca



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 07 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



Kawartha Branch meets five times a year: in February, April, June, September, and November. Elections are held every April.

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

Did You Know ??



UP-COMING MEETINGS !!!



On Sunday, 18 September 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET, our in-person guest speaker will be Debra Turrall UE, talking to us about *“Loyalist clothing and fashions”*.



Then, on Sunday, 20 November 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET, we will host a virtual ZOOM meeting with Stephen Davidson UE, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, whose topic will be *“Birchtown, the Black Loyalist Settlement.”*

Hope to see you at both these meetings !!!



Important Reminder of Dues

Starting in November 2021, it was 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-16.07 The Treasurer shall work with the Membership Chairperson who will record payments electronically using civiCRM. He or she will pay all appropriate per-capita dues to the UELAC on an annual basis by 01 February. Using data from all sources, he or she will complete the Membership form, as well as *The Loyalist Gazette* choice of paper or e-copy, 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. \$25 for a single membership and \$37.50 for a family membership.

Mail your Dues Cheque to
Grietje R. McBride UE
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 Indian River, Ontario. K0L 2B0
 705-295-4556 e-mail: maplegm@gmail.com

UP-COMING BRANCH MEETINGS:



Debra Turrall UE, seamstress for period attire, owner of **The Loyalist Needle**, from Tyendinaga, Ontario, will join us for an in-person 2:00 p.m. ET start-up.

To learn more about her period attire, please look at **The Loyalist Gazette**, Volume LII, Spring 2014, pages 15 to 17. She is a long time re-enactor along with her husband, Scott, 2nd Lieutenant, Grenadier Coy, KRRNY, and son, Thomas, in both the King's Royal Yorkers (American Revolution) and Canadian Regiment of Fencibles Infantry (War of 1812). She produces extremely accurate 18th and 19th century clothing

for re-enactment and other purposes and is interested in letting others know what goes into creating proper clothing.

"When a soldier can be brought to take delight in his dress, it will be easy to mould him to whatever else may be desired, as it is general proof that he has thrown off the sullen, stubborn disposition which characterizes the peasants of most countries; therefore every method should be pursued to accomplish what may so justly be looked on as the foundation of order and oeconomy in a corps. (*oeconomy means economy.)"*

- Bennet Cuthbertson, from A System for the Compleat Interior Management and Oeconomy of a Battalion of Infantry. (Dublin, Ireland, 1768)

In the 18th century, just as it is today, the uniform a soldier wore conveyed the nationality, regiment, rank and years of service of the soldier, and set him apart from the ordinary people of his community.

Today, in order to make an authentic uniform of an 18th century soldier, consideration must be given to the colour, style, silhouette, and decoration of the uniform.





Then, on Sunday, 20 November 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET, we will host a virtual ZOOM meeting with Stephen Davidson UE, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, whose topic will be “*Birchtown, the Black Loyalist Settlement.*”

Stephen Davidson, educator, writer of adult and children’s books, black Loyalists, women Loyalists.

Stephen Davidson’s interest in Black Loyalist history has been life-long. His bachelor’s thesis, entitled *The Leaders of the Black Baptist Church of Nova Scotia, 1782-1832*, resulted in his contributing a clergyman’s biography to ***The Dictionary of Canadian Biography***. In 1976, Davidson designed the education kit that accompanied the New Brunswick

Museum’s first travelling exhibit, *The Spirit of the Windships*. In 2000, he introduced Historica Fairs to the students of the Halifax Regional School Board. As a member of the research team for the University of New Brunswick’s Loyalist websites for schoolchildren, he contributed biographies for both black and female Loyalists. Davidson had his first Loyalist history book, *The Burdens of Loyalty*, published in 2007, followed by *Letters for Elly*, a young adult novel set in the Loyalist era. His research later determined the identity of New Brunswick’s first Black Loyalists. Since 2006, Davidson has been a regular contributor to the weekly e-newsletter, ***Loyalist Trails***. The August/September 2008 issue of ***The Beaver Magazine*** featured his article on the passengers on the first ship to bring Loyalist refugees to New Brunswick.

Source: Stephen Davidson | The Loyalist Research Network (unb.ca)
loyalistresearchnet.lib.unb.ca/node/56

Writer, Loyalist Historian, Educator, free lance: Jul 2001 - Present, 21 years
 Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia

I am continually researching the Loyalist era with particular interest in the stories of women and Black Loyalists. As well as writing historical articles for genealogical and history magazines, I have sold a number of children’s stories. My young adult novel, *Letters for Elly* and my e-book “*The Burdens of Loyalty: Refugee Tales from the First American Civil War*”, were both published in 2007. I have spoken on Loyalist history at local and regional conferences, and was a consultant for two Loyalist websites created by the University of New Brunswick. Earlier, in 2014, I was a historical consultant and research assistant to Peter C. Newman.

Retired school teacher, Halifax Regional School Board, 1986 - 2012, 26 years
 Before teaching elementary students in the Halifax Regional School Board, I taught Grade Three in Winnipeg, Manitoba’s Assiniboine-South District (1981-1984) and I was the teaching principal at a private school in Truro, Nova Scotia (1984-1986). Previous to my teaching career, I was a field worker with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in Moncton, New Brunswick (1976-1979) and its office manager in Halifax, Nova Scotia (1979-1981).

Source: Stephen Davidson - Writer, Loyalist Historian, Educator - free lance | LinkedIn
ca.linkedin.com/in/stephen-davidson-b1719577

On a personal note, Stephen was very helpful in locating the names of the Black slaves who accompanied Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE to Nova Scotia:

The Loyalist Gazette, Spring 2016, page 18:

SERGEANT GABRIEL PURDY UE

had a number of slaves who joined him in Nova Scotia following the Revolution.



By Robert McBride UE

My wife Grietje and I wrote the article, *A Family Divided by the American Revolution: Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE of the Guides and Pioneers and Colonel James Delancey's Regiment*, published in *The Loyalist Gazette*, Volume XLV, No. 1, Spring 2007.

It explored the life of Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE, the third-great-grandfather of Grietje R. (nee Purdy) McBride UE, B.Sc., and second great-grandson of Francis Purdy (1587, England – 1658, Fairfield, Connecticut), a Puritan who moved from England to Fairfield, Massachusetts, [later Connecticut] within the first few months of its founding in September 1639.

Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE was born on 18 May 1755, in Philip's Manor, West Chester County, Province of New York, the sixth and youngest child of Samuel Purdy and Winifred Griffin.

At the age of 21, Gabriel joined the British Army and fought in the Battle of White Plains on 28 October 1776 under Colonel Emerick and then Major Holland. He was made a Sergeant at the close of the battle and served as a non-commissioned officer during the War.

"From 16 November 1779 to 04 February 1780, he was a Sergeant in the Corps of West Chester Refugees and Light Infantry, commanded by Isaac Hatfield and, on 05 February 1780, he continued as a Sergeant in Captain Henry [his older brother] Purdy's Company of Light Infantry, commanded by James Delancey."¹

A searching [Patriot] officer thrust a sword . . . in Gabriel's head.

"As a Loyalist, to escape soldiers, Gabriel hid in a barrel of tow. [tow = uncleaned flax or wool] A searching [Patriot] officer thrust a sword into the barrel, cutting a gash in Gabriel's head. He received medical attention later and had to wear a silver tube thereafter in the wound."²

28-year-old Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE and Esther Angevine, his second wife, left New York on 15 June 1783, bringing their coloured maid with them and settled in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, near the top of the Cobequid range of mountains that separate Cumberland and Colchester Counties, naming the place Westchester after their New York home.³ In 1784 he received a grant of 400 acres in Clements Township, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, then, in 1785, he received grants of 1,000 acres and 200 acres on the Remsheg River in Cumberland County. In 1786, he received 334 acres in Clements Township and in 1787 another 334 acres in Clements Township.⁴

Carleton's Book of Negroes: A Ledger's Legacy, by Stephen Davidson UE, that was published in *The Loyalist Gazette*, Volume LIII, No. 2, Fall 2015 issue, states that there are lists about the details of 2,744 Africans who were evacuated in over a hundred ships from New York to the Maritimes between April and November 1783.

When I contacted Stephen about Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE, he found the following in Carleton's *Book of Negroes*:

Caron bound for Annapolis Royal, David Balmanno {captain} (22 September to 03 October 1783)

Belinda, 43, stout wench with a boy 3 years old, (Gabriel Purdy). Property of Gabriel Purdy.

Sue, 21, stout wench, (Gabriel Purdy). Property of Gabriel Purdy.

Ned Moore, 45, stout fellow, (Gabriel Purdy). Property of Gabriel Purdy.

Peter, 19, stout fellow, (Gabriel Purdy). Property of Gabriel Purdy.



The gravestone of "GABRIEL PURDY ESQ. AGED 92 YRS" located in Rose Cemetery, Westchester Township, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. This cemetery was located on land that Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE received as a Loyalist and cleared as his home farm. Photo by Grietje R. (Purdy) McBride UE, August 1998.

Stephen wrote:

"As you can see, if one is willing to confront the skeletons in the closet of one's ancestors, one can find out the name of the ship on which the ancestors travelled, its captain, and its travel dates. The parentheses that say (Gabriel Purdy) indicate that he accompanied four slaves to Annapolis Royal. They were clearly his slaves, not his servants, because they are listed as property. While a number of free Black Loyalists left Annapolis Royal to sail for Sierra Leone in 1792, Purdy's slaves would not have that option."⁵

It is interesting to note that at the bottom end of the grave site of Esther (Angevine) Purdy one finds two granite fieldstones that were identified in August 1998 by the caretaker of Rose Cemetery as being the gravestones for two coloured slaves of Esther.



In 1777, Col. James DeLancey organized for patrol duty four troops of light dragoons, and seven companies of infantry to bring cattle to the British Army in New York City.

Endnotes

1. Clayton C. Purdy, *Gabriel Purdy, his ancestors and descendents, born Westchester, N.Y., 1754, died Westchester, Nova Scotia, Cumberland County, 1841*, (Oracle Press Ltd., Baton Rouge, L.A., 1983), p. 44.
2. Purdy, Clayton C., *Gabriel Purdy*, 1983, p. 45.
3. Purdy, Clayton C., *Gabriel Purdy*, 1983, p. 45.
4. Purdy, Clayton C., *Gabriel Purdy*, 1983, p. 436.
5. E-mail to Bob McBride UE from Stephen Davidson UE, stephendavids "at" gmail.com, Thursday, October 15, 2015 4:25 p.m.

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

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

***VIEWS IN AND AROUND
 KAWARTHA BRANCH***

Because of on-going COVID restrictions, Kawartha Branch met virtually via ZOOM on Sunday, 20 February 2022, when we welcomed **David Smith**, a Member of the Bay of Quinte and Bridge Annex Branches of the UELAC, who spoke about the War of 1812 burial sites in this region. Mr. Smith said he enjoys bringing history to life. His involvement in the current project came from his investigating cemeteries in the region. Since June 2012, following the 200th Anniversary of the Celebration of the Declaration of the War by the Americans, fourteen graves of Canadian Veterans have been



located in cemeteries around eastern Ontario. He gave a short history of some of these men including: Charles Doller, Thomas Fuller, and Richard Hagerman. Many others have since been located. Mr. Smith outlined the methods involved in the searches and the installation of the



recognition markers. He pointed out the current projects which the Kawartha Branch are involved with including War of 1812 veteran gravestones in the Warkworth, Stone's and Crahame Hills Cemeteries. He thanked our Branch for our involvement in these three cemetery unveilings.



Then, on Sunday, 10 April, Kawartha Branch welcomed Dan Buchanan to our next virtual ZOOM meeting.

Mr. Buchanan is a "history geek", very interested in genealogy and an engaging story teller. He has two websites and has written several books. At this meeting he discussed his work on his book, 38 Hours to Montreal: William Weller and the Governor General's Race of 1840, stating that this is the story of a road trip to Montreal by sleigh in February 1840 to be completed with 38 hours. William Weller, the Stagecoach King based in Cobourg, was contracted to transport the Governor General of the British North American Colonies, Charles Thomson, to Montreal rapidly as Mr. Thomson was in a hurry to begin his work of modernizing the Government of Upper Canada.

Dan showed slides and maps of the journey that began at 7:00 a.m. on February 17, 1840 and ended at 6:40 p.m. the next day at the door of the Exchange Coffee House in Montreal. The journey was completed in less than the allotted time.

Grietje McBride thanked Dan for this amazing story, pointing out that he had told of the problems of travel at that time and how Mr. Weller was a great visionary to plan and complete this feat.

In lieu of an Honorarium, the Branch purchased five books from Mr. Buchanan for a draw of Members attending. Each Member was given a number corresponding to the order in which each person had joined the meeting. Mr. Buchanan randomly called out

five numbers to allocate the winners of the books:

John Hooper, Troy Easter,

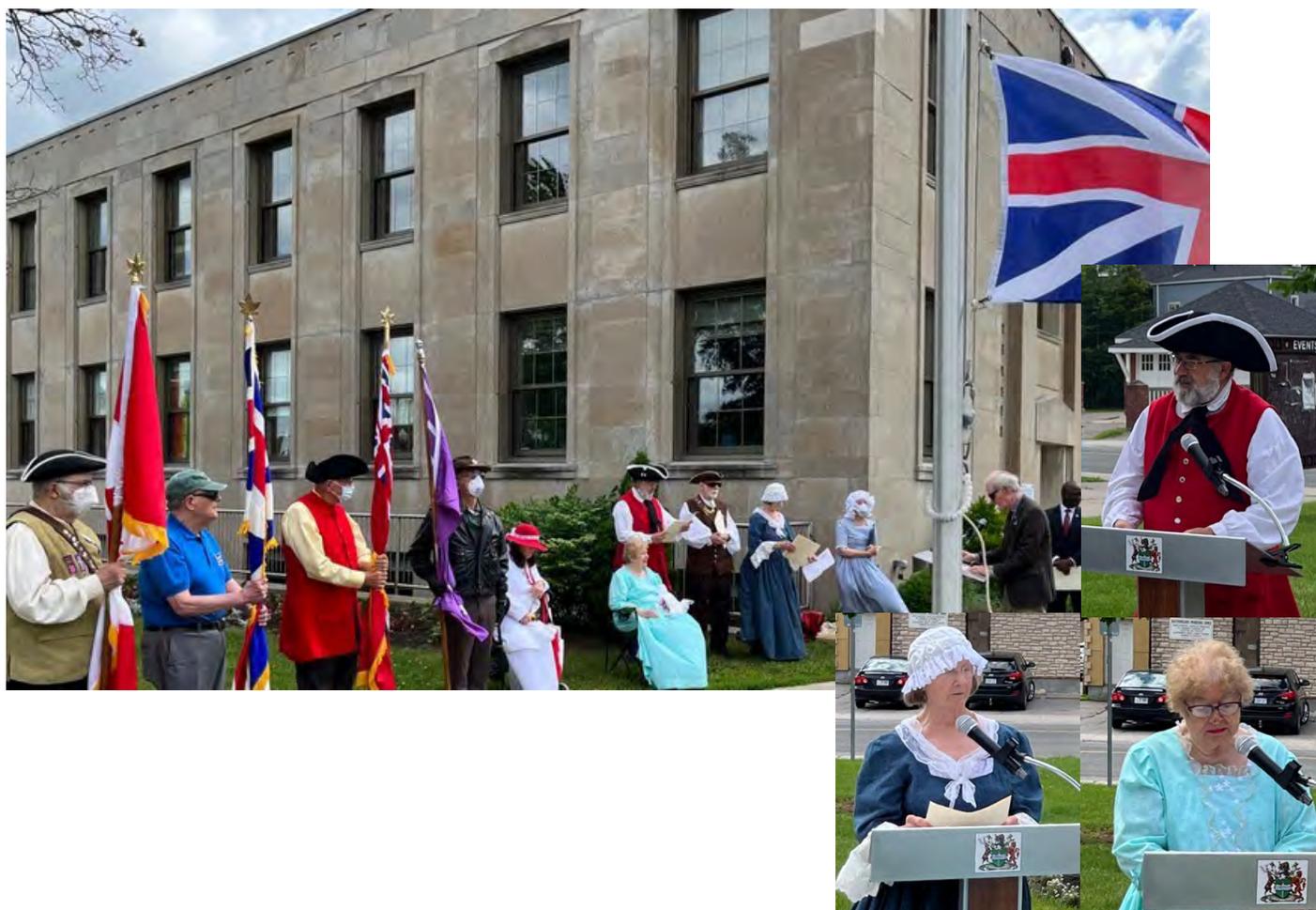
Bob and Grietje McBride, Kevin McCumber,

and Michael Sloboda.



June was a very busy month for Kawartha Branch UELAC.

On Friday, 17 June, at 11:00 a.m. ET, we raised the Queen Anne (Loyalist) Flag at City Hall in Peterborough, Ontario.





Then, on Saturday, 18 June, Kawartha Branch UELAC took part in three cemetery unveilings:



Warkworth Cemetery:



Stone's Cemetery:





and Crahame Hill Cemetery
near Morganston:





Finally, on Sunday, 19 June, Members of Kawartha Branch UELAC, accompanied by representatives from Bicentennial, Kingston, Sir John Johnson, and St. Lawrence Branches, travelled to the UEL Heritage Centre and Park in Adolphustown where the commemorative plaque for E. John Chard UE, was finally unveiled, after waiting for over two years because of COVID.

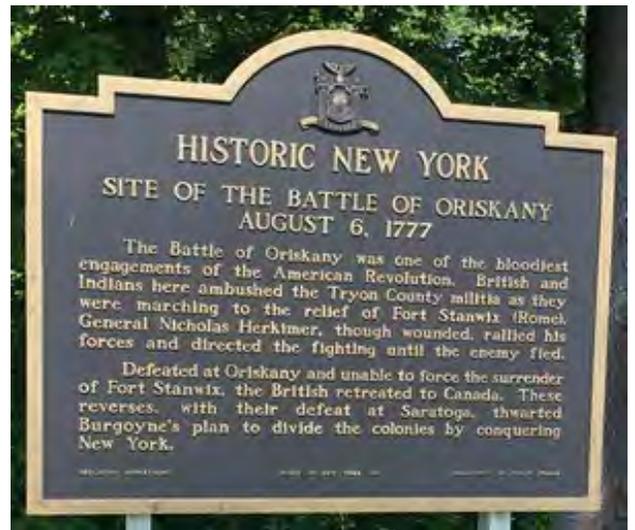




Left to right: Carl Stymiest, UELAC Senior Vice-President; Patricia (Trish) Groom, UELAC Dominion President; Marian Webber, Bicentennial Branch; Adelaide Lanktree, Jo-Ann Savage, Michel Racicot, Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch; Bill Russell, Central East Regional Vice-President and Kawartha Branch President; Lorraine Reoch, St. Lawrence Branch; Anne Redish, Kingston & Area Branch; Bob & Grietje McBride, Kawartha Branch.

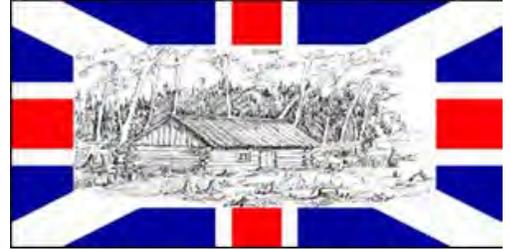


On Monday, 06 June 2022, Kawartha Branch President, Bill Russell UE, toured Fort Stanwix in Rome, New York, and the Oriskany Battle site.





Kawartha Branch UELAC



KAWARTHA BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

c/o Grietje R. McBride UE, Membership Chair

Maple Grove Farms, 2260 North Esson Line, Indian River, Ontario, K0L 2B0

Membership Renewal Form

Please complete the following form on or after 01 November 2022
and submit with payment to the address above
or electronically at uelac.ca.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Cheques may be made out to: *Kawartha Branch UELAC*
and mailed to Grietje McBride c/o 2260 North Esson Line, Indian River, ON K0L 2B0

Please select one category for Membership:

_____ Single \$ 40.00 Add \$ 10.00 for the Branch = \$ 50.00

_____ Family \$ 55.00 Add \$ 10.00 for each person in your household.

_____ * Additional Branch \$ 10.00

If you have selected Family, please print names.
(This enables us to accurately order pin-less magnetic badges for Members)

* If a second Branch is selected, What is its name? _____

Would you like to receive your twice-yearly national magazine, *The Loyalist Gazette*,
in electronic form? _____ or in print form by postal delivery? _____, or both? _____

Signature _____

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and returned to me electronically at the above address.**