



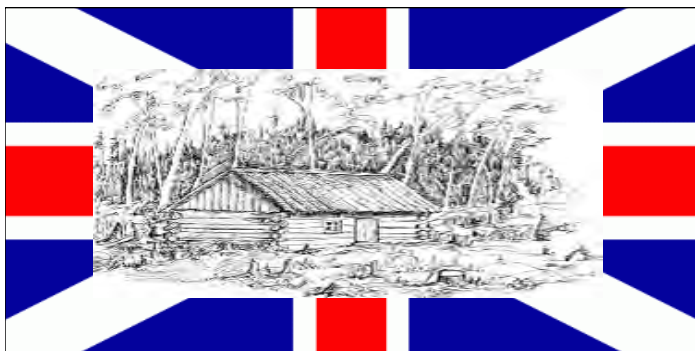
# The Kawartha Periodical



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## The President's Message

Well, Christmas is near and a New Year too. Time to look back and look ahead. This year we had ZOOM meetings with several guest speakers, Executive meetings, and a Spring dinner that was live and in-person. At this special event, I was named President of Kawartha Branch and given the Order of Office by newly minted past-President, Bill Russell UE. Bill has been named Dominion Vice-President, a role that keeps him very busy editing the national magazine, *The Loyalist Gazette*, among other duties.

We held a flag raising at Peterborough City Hall on June 19 to which I invited the Aces of Harmony to lead us in singing the Royal Anthem and Our National Anthem. Thanks to my friend and band leader, Max Vandervoigt.

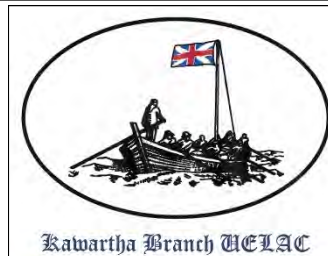
I attended the November 11 Remembrance Day ceremony at City Hall in Peterborough. Several Members of our Branch were there as well. We had an in-person meeting at Activity Haven on September 17 where speaker, Andrew MacLean, talked about Elizabeth Beard, an unbelievable story about bravery, resilience and strength during the American Revolution. We met again at Activity Haven on November 19 to hear Phil Mintz talk about his hobby of creating family tree charts. We held a draw after his talk with the winner of a family tree chart being number 21, Foskea Purdy UE. It was very nice seeing 22 Members out and on ZOOM to hear about his Genealogy story.

Enough about the past, now to the future! We are organizing speakers for our meetings in 2024.

Mark February 18 and April 19 on your calendars.

Those are our last two meetings before the Conference in early June.

Because of the unpredictable weather in February, our meeting will be totally on ZOOM. We will announce the topic and speaker in the new year.



Kawartha Branch UELAC



Our next special event is an informal Christmas luncheon at Kelsey's Road House on Lansdowne Street in Peterborough, opposite Canadian Tire. There is no rental charge.

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It is a private room: ours from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. during which we order from the menu. Draw prizes will be given. Your donations of a door prize are most welcome! Let us know if you can come.

BOTTOM Line folks: The number of Members in our Branch is 105, a respectable number for any organization in this area.

However, what we need are more folks to get involved and volunteer to be part of the team that makes things happen at the Branch. The more folks you know, the more active and better life is.

The teacher says,  
*"We're doing math today. Jim.*

*If you have 5 cents in one pocket and 10 cents in the other pocket, what do you have?"*  
 Jim: *"I'd have someone else's pants on."*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ken Spry UE  
 President, Kawartha Branch UELAC.



## 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 Fall 2023 - Winter 2024 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



December 2023

Bob and I are very proud to announce

that our Branch Members, Muriel Sokach UE, Penelope Warriner UE and her son, Jeremy Walls UE, have submitted applications for their Loyalist Certificate. Their three applications have been approved and Loyalist certificates have been mailed to their homes. Kawartha Branch will celebrate this achievement with them in an upcoming meeting in 2024.

Boltus Harris UE is their common ancestor. He served in the 5th Regiment of the Dutchess County Militia and heard about the offer by John Graves Simcoe, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, of free land to those who would take the Oath of Loyalty to the Crown and perform settlement duties within a specific time frame. Boltus and Anna Noxon, his wife, travelled 400 miles by oxcart to reach what is now Rochester, New York.

He received an Order in Council for land as a UE Loyalist in 1797. The land grant was on Lot 32 in the fourth concession in the Township of Hamilton.

His famous neighbour was Susannah Moodie - that writer! She stated that Boltus and his family were the first settlers in Hamilton Township.

Boltus had 10 children but only one son, Joseph, from whom Muriel, her sister and nephew descend. The farm stayed in the family until 1832 when the Moodie family bought it.

Some of the Harris family members are buried on this farm which is considered to be the earliest burial ground in Hamilton Township. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find records about their family written by someone who lived and interacted with the family and wrote about it.

While we rely of facts in our genealogical research, it is icing on the cake if we can find out information about how our ancestors lived and what trials they faced and overcame while they lived in Upper Canada.



## HARRIS BURIAL GROUND – SUSANNA MOODIE HOME

Boltus Harris, a United Empire Loyalist from New York, was granted this property (Lot 32 Concession 4 of Hamilton Township), in 1797. Known as the township's "first settler", Boltus and members of his family (plus others) are buried here. The graveyard, considered to be the first in the township, is located on the hill just south of the creek. In 1832 this lot became "Melsetter Farm", first home in Canada of Dunbar and Susanna Moodie. Mrs. Moodie's book Roughing It In The Bush, relates the story of the Harris family she found here and of her adventurers with them.

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - 1984

The Harris Burial Ground is located on McClelland Road in Hamilton Township, Ontario, Canada. It is the final resting place of Boltus Harris, a United Empire Loyalist from New York, who was granted the property in 1797. Boltus and his family, along with others, are buried on the hill just south of the creek. The cemetery is also part of the Susanna Moodie Home.

Several other Kawartha Branch Members have submitted their research and proofs to Bob and me. We are processing them and preparing them for submission in 2024 to the Dominion Genealogist.

Sources: 1) **Cobourg Daily Star**,  
Friday, February 18, 1994, page 2.  
2) [www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2680258/harris-burial-ground](http://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2680258/harris-burial-ground)

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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



## Treasurer's Report

For the period May 31, 2023 through November 30, 2023

Opening Bank Balance May 31, 2023: \$1,360 (All figures rounded)

Received \$2,000 from CIBC Wood-Gundy investment portfolio.

Received \$5 from book sales

Received \$175 from UELAC for Branch dues rebate for 2023

Paid \$500 to UELAC Scholarship Endowment Fund

Paid \$50 to "Aces of Harmony" men's chorus at flag raising June 19th

Paid \$200 to guest speakers: MacLean and Mintz

Paid \$178 for Newsletter printing and postage

Paid \$55 to OHS for 1 year membership

Paid \$654 for liability insurance

Paid \$1,243 for storage locker rental for one year

Paid \$15 bank charges.

Closing bank balance November 30, 2023: \$645.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Lucas, Treasurer.





# FROM THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER:

Our Kawartha Branch UELAC Historian, Joan Lucas UE, has offered to share with you an article in each up-coming issue of *The Kawartha Periodical* newsletter.

Here's the one that she wrote for this issue:



Imagine yourself in 1794. Standing on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, or on the shore of the Bay of Quinte, or hearing the thunder of the Niagara Falls and the raging river you must cross. All about you are massive trees, raw rock outcroppings and marshes. You are probably hungry and wondering where you will lay your head that night.

Shelter and food were uppermost in the minds of Loyalist settlers and they needed to find both for themselves. They were given two years of army rations, and two years to become self-sufficient in this foreign land.

We have all seen the pictures of the next fifty years of development of the early farms, from primitive log cabins to well-established farms with outbuildings and cleared land. But what did they eat every day all year long? Several died during the "hungry year" of 1797.

They gathered what they could from the land: lambsquarters, mushrooms, fiddleheads, cattails, acorns, and pine nuts as well as fish from the waters and game from the woods. They learned to make maple syrup and birch vinegar as well as cutting marsh grass for animal feed.

With the clearing of fields, they grew wheat for bread and oats for feed, flax for making clothing, corn and squash and other foods from the dried seeds that they brought with them.

In an early 1800's cookbook we found this list entitled, "Preparing for winter".

For a family of four, put in the root cellar by November:

Beets, 1-2 bushels	Cabbage, 30 heads	Carrots, 2-3 bushels
Celery, 10-20 heads	Garlic, 8 pounds of cloves	Leeks, 15-40
Onions, 1-2 bushels	Parsnips, 1-2 bushels	Potatoes, 6-14 bushels
Pumpkin or squash, 30-40	Sweet Potatoes, 2 bushels	Turnip, 1 bushel

By the 1830s in our area of the Province, one pioneer wife, Mrs. David Fife, received in a letter from "home" (across the sea), a few wheat seeds. She planted them in her garden. The cow got into her garden so she harvested only five heads of wheat, but it was hardy and rust free. This wheat was carefully sorted and gradually enough was grown to share with her neighbours. It was the beginning of Red Fife wheat seed that would open up western Canada to the benefit of Loyalist settlers as they migrated west and those who "came from away".

Joan Lucas UE. Kawartha Branch Historian, 03 - 11 - 2023



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*What are two things that you can never eat for breakfast ???*

*Lunch and Dinner*



**We need volunteers to serve as:**

- Second Vice-President.**
- Branch Secretary.**
- Branch Treasurer.**
- Social Convenor.**
- training and mentorship provided for each position !!!**

**If you are interested, please contact our Kawartha Branch President, Ken Spry UE, or any other Members of the Executive.**





Here's a new postage stamp from Bill Russell UE, Immediate Past President of the Kawartha Branch UELAC and Senior Vice-President of the Association, for your interest:

## ***WILLIE O'REE***

On January 18, 1958, Willie became the first Black hockey player to play in the NHL.

On October 29, 2023, Canada Post issued a stamp to commemorate his historic achievement. Willie was born in Fredericton N.B. and is a descendant of Paris O'Ree, a Black Loyalist, who arrived there after the American Revolutionary War.

Willie played minor hockey in Fredericton before moving on to the Quebec Aces in the senior ranks.

While playing for the Ace's, Willie was called up to play for the Boston Bruins for two games against the Montreal Canadiens. His professional career was short; he only played 45 games in two seasons and was sent down to the minors, where he played for teams in California until 1979. During his career, he received threats and taunts because of his race.

Willie was hired by the NHL as their Diversity Ambassador. For two decades, Willie travelled to all the NHL cities and teams to promote the message of diversity, inclusion and confidence to players and fans.

Willie's great, great, grandfather was named Paris O'Ree, he was born into slavery in 1764, in Charleston, South Carolina. Willie went to South Carolina to appear in a documentary to discover his roots. He found his surname was handed down from a retired army officer, Peter Horry. In those days, retired officers who had served in the Revolutionary War were given a parting gift from the military of land and human slaves. He received three grown Negroes and one small Negro.



According to the archives of Charleston, Peter Horry was of French Huguenot decent. Pronounced o"Ree, Paris was one of Horry's slaves.

Paris ran away at age 15 after hearing that the British would offer any slave free status if they served with their ranks for one year.

After the defeat of the British, Paris made his way to New York City to seek refuge. Paris O'Ree is noted in Carleton's Book of Negroes. Paris boarded a ship and was sent to New Brunswick, where he raised a family and resided there until his death.

References: Toronto ***Globe and Mail***,  
Wikipedia,  
NHL Official Hockey Site,  
and Canada Post Website.

Bill Russell UE

I will provide more information on the "Cowboys" in the next issue.



**Next Kawartha Branch Meeting**

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**  
**on ZOOM only.**  
**2:00 p.m. ET**

### What Does Your Last Name Mean ?



### Does your surname have a meaning?

Anyone doing research on their family surname will know that their ancestors didn't always have a surname. You also learn that in some parts of the world, "Mac" or "Mc" means "Son of".

If your father was "Gregor", then your name became "MacGregor" or "son of Gregor".

You can visit the following web sites to learn more about the origin of your surname.

#### Meanings of Surnames:

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/names/origins/index.html>

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/topics/surnames.htm>

<http://www.mayrand.org/meaning-e.htm>

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## Loyalist Corner



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

Issue	Loyalist
Volume 5, Issue 1	· William Fairchild UE · Andrew Denike UE · Adam Young UE & Henry Young UE
Volume 5, Issue 2	· Sgt. Henry Buchner (Boughner, Buckner) UE · Jacob DeCou UE & Captain John DeCou
Volume 6, Issue 1	· Martin Silmzer UE
Volume 6, Issue 2	· Richard Rogers UE · James Rogers UE
Volume 7, Issue 1	· Capt. Jacobus Peck Jr. UE · James Peck Jr. UE
Volume 7, Issue 2	· Sgt. Gabriel Purdy UE · Timothy Pringle (Prindle) UE · Daniel Fraser UE
Volume 8, Issue 1	· John Hagerman Sr. UE · Peter Irish UE · McGregory Van Every UE
Volume 8, Issue 2	· Thomas Goheen Sr. UE · John Howell UE · John Stevens Sr. UE
Volume 9, Issue 1	· Col. David Breakenridge UE
Volume 9, Issue 2	· Philip Hartman UE
Volume 10, Issue 1	· David Springer UE
Volume 10, Issue 2	· John Howell UE · Descendants of Adam Young UE
Volume 11, Issue 1	· Henry Munger UE
Volume 11, Issue 2	· Catherine Kester
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	- Ordella 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
Volume 22, Issue 2	- General James Wolfe, Sir Guy Carleton, Chief Joseph Brant THAYENDANEGEA
Volume 23, Issue 1	- A Descent into Heritage Research by John Hooper UE
Volume 23, Issue 2	- "Christmas With The Loyalists" by Marcus Van Steen (originally published in the <i>Family Herald</i> , No. 26, December 21, 1967, pp. 33, 35.



## Reminder

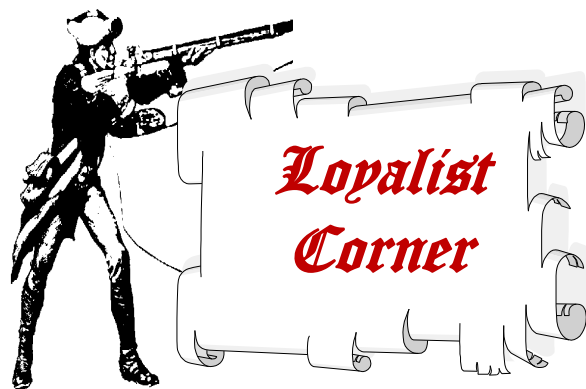
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Rather than highlighting a Loyalist from our Branch in this issue, here instead is a Christmas Message from the past:



## **CHRISTMAS WITH THE LOYALISTS**

By Marcus Van Steen

- originally published in the *Family Herald*, No. 26, December 21, 1967, pp. 33, 35.

Source: excerpts from an article supplied by Lois Dickinson UE, Chilliwack Branch, and published in *The Kawartha Periodical*, Volume 9, Issue 3, Christmas 2001, pp. 8 - 9.

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A good old-fashioned Christmas – that's what most people say they want. But the fact is many things we now associate with Christmas have developed only within the past half-century or so, and most of us would not recognize a really old-fashioned Christmas if we came across one.

When the Loyalists first started arriving in Upper Canada, around 1785, Christmas was far from being the generally-recognized festival it is in Canada today. The Presbyterian Loyalists preferred the New Year Hogmanay festival of their Scottish homeland. But there were many who remembered the Christmas festivities of far-off England and tried to duplicate them in their new environment.

There were enormous difficulties, of course.

At the core of the English Christmas of those days was the church decorated with red-berried holly and green ivy, resounding with the sweet, familiar carols.

All this was denied to most of the early settlers of Upper Canada, who were remote from any church in spite of the efforts of the first Lieutenant-Governor, John Graves Simcoe, to attract ministers to the new colony.

Even many years later, in the mid-1830s, Catherine Parr Trail said of the Peterborough District:

*“One great want which has been sensibly felt in this settlement – I mean the want of public worship on the Sabbath day – promises to be speedily remedied. A subscription is about to be opened among the settlers for the erection of a small building which may answer the purposes of a church and a school-house ...”*

Only the simplest aspects of the Christmas festival were possible to the Loyalists. Instead of the fat and noisy Santa Claus who dominates our Christmas, there was the sober and retiring Father Christmas of English legend.

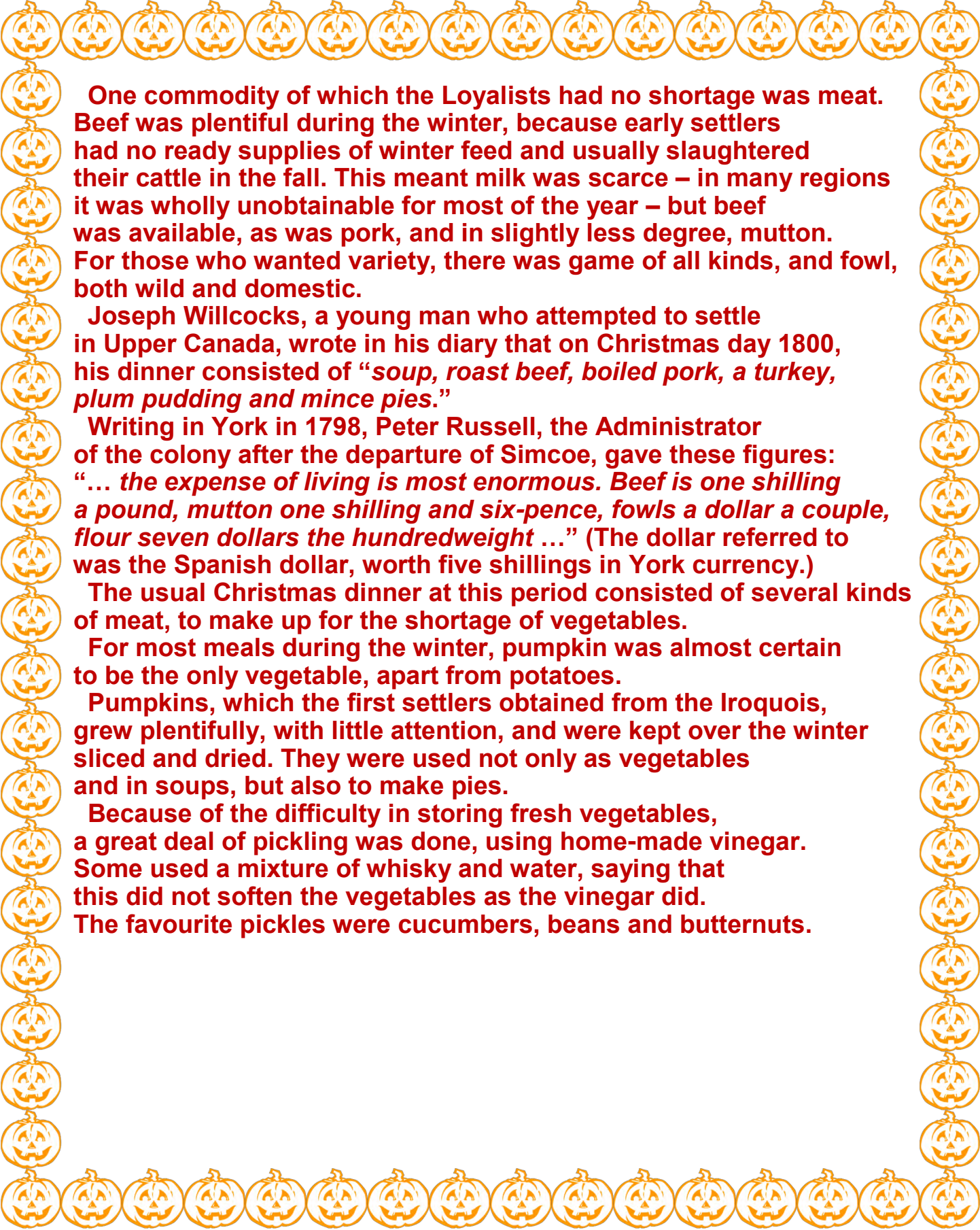
The presents he distributed to children in the backwoods of Upper Canada were practical and plain – home-knit stocking and mittens, often from wool carded, spun and dyed at home, or rough boots made from leather tanned by an enterprising and experimenting father. For young children there might be rag dolls or simple wooden toys.

Christmas was the season for visiting among Loyalists, and the feasts spread for friends and relatives taxed the ingenuity of the settlers to find ways to make the traditional plum pudding and mince pies of the English Christmas. Raisins, currants and nearly all spices were almost completely unobtainable.

Among the substitutes that were tried were the wild plums that were dried for winter use, and wild cherries which were surprisingly large and well-flavoured. These were preserved in the solution of maple syrup and water. Imported cane sugar was scarce and expensive. Besides maple sugar, the Loyalists used walnut sugar, made from the sap of black walnut trees.

Mrs. Simcoe, in 1793, says she used dried huckleberries in making a cake and that *“they were every bit as good as the finest Levant currants.”* However, others were apparently not able to cope as well with substitute products. John Langton – who later became Attorney-General of Upper Canada – tells of a Christmas dinner in which *“the plum pudding and mince pies were filled with strange berries and fruits that were dry, tasteless and almost uneatable.”*

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**One commodity of which the Loyalists had no shortage was meat. Beef was plentiful during the winter, because early settlers had no ready supplies of winter feed and usually slaughtered their cattle in the fall. This meant milk was scarce – in many regions it was wholly unobtainable for most of the year – but beef was available, as was pork, and in slightly less degree, mutton. For those who wanted variety, there was game of all kinds, and fowl, both wild and domestic.**

**Joseph Willcocks, a young man who attempted to settle in Upper Canada, wrote in his diary that on Christmas day 1800, his dinner consisted of “*soup, roast beef, boiled pork, a turkey, plum pudding and mince pies.*”**

**Writing in York in 1798, Peter Russell, the Administrator of the colony after the departure of Simcoe, gave these figures: “... *the expense of living is most enormous. Beef is one shilling a pound, mutton one shilling and six-pence, fowls a dollar a couple, flour seven dollars the hundredweight ...*” (The dollar referred to was the Spanish dollar, worth five shillings in York currency.)**

**The usual Christmas dinner at this period consisted of several kinds of meat, to make up for the shortage of vegetables.**

**For most meals during the winter, pumpkin was almost certain to be the only vegetable, apart from potatoes.**

**Pumpkins, which the first settlers obtained from the Iroquois, grew plentifully, with little attention, and were kept over the winter sliced and dried. They were used not only as vegetables and in soups, but also to make pies.**

**Because of the difficulty in storing fresh vegetables, a great deal of pickling was done, using home-made vinegar. Some used a mixture of whisky and water, saying that this did not soften the vegetables as the vinegar did. The favourite pickles were cucumbers, beans and butternuts.**





**Christmas brought another problem to the Loyalists which is not often remembered in these days when warm homes are taken so much for granted. Even the finest houses of those days were almost unbelievably cold, as indicated in a Christmas letter written in Toronto by Lieutenant-Governor Sir Francis Bond Head in 1836:**



***“My home is warmed with hot air from a large oven, with fires in all our sitting rooms, nevertheless the wood for my grate, piled close to the fire, often remains till night covered with the snow which was on it when first deposited there in the morning ... The ink freezes on my pen, the lather in my shaving brush, the latch of the door sticks to my hand, and the water has occasionally frozen in my glass at dinner ...”***



**While Sir Francis sat shivering in the vice-regal mansion, a new settler in the Sturgeon Lake District, John Langton, was living in a log shanty which had a piece of canvas for a door and a hole in the roof to let out the smoke from a fieldstone fireplace in the centre of his one room. This was the usual first home for settlers in Upper Canada, and had the usual number of chinks between the logs that let the icy winds howl through. There were so many chinks, in fact, that as Langton wrote to a friend in England, *“when you are outside at night, and the fire is bright within, the shanty bears a striking resemblance to a tin lantern.”***



**Fortunately our forebears had the spirit that enabled them to take such hardships in their stride and Christmas among the Loyalists was celebrated with a joy that is not always present in these days of relative plenty and comfort.**



**For example, how many people today could write, as Catherine Parr Trail did on the day before Christmas in 1837, that the temperature was below freezing in the living room and then go on to rhapsodize about how beautiful everything looked on that bright and very cold day: *“... the lake frozen over, all rough and crested as if with mimic billows, and glittering as from the reflection of a countless host of stars. Nothing can be more splendid than the appearance it presents ...”***



The next day Mrs. Trail's sister, with her husband and children, came to visit. *"A ride in the little hand-sleigh over the snow made the dear little flock as happy as could be,"* reported Mrs. Trail, *"and they went home in the evening in the ox-sleigh, half asleep and tired with what was to them a joyous Christmas Day."*

- source: excerpts from an article supplied by  
Lois Dickinson UE, Chilliwack Branch.

## ***LOYALIST CHRISTMAS STORIES ARE RARE***

However, one such story is found in the book Loyalist Vignettes and Sketches, by Arthur Bousfield and Garry Toffoli, editors, published as a Bicentennial Project by Governor Simcoe Branch, Toronto, 1984, 183 pp., plus index. This story is an example of the eighty-nine living history vignettes the book contains.

### ***A STORY FOR YOUNG LOYALISTS***

It was about 130 years ago in a small town in a Loyalist settlement of Ontario when a recently married young couple, Anna and William Chamberlin, spent a wonderful Christmas, full of surprises.

On a visit to town, William (1840 – 1928) had seen a splendid re-loading outfit for his new Richards Breech gun but he knew he couldn't afford it so he just kept working on the table he was building, unknown to Anna. Unknown to William, Anna went to town and ordered the re-loading kit – promising to pay for it out of her butter and egg money.

Christmas came – William surprised Anna with a fine handcrafted table and Anna surprised William with the re-loading kit – and the true special Christmas spirit was there in that little Loyalist pioneer home.

Note: We have this story because years afterward Anna shared it with her eight year-old grandson and he found she had written down her stories as a family record.

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The grandson was Gordon Leggat of the Governor Simcoe Branch. His Loyalist ancestor was Isaac Mattice UE from New York to S. Crosby, Ontario, whose grandson was William Chamberlin in the story.

Other stories in this book are equally as interesting and we recommend it for research or leisure reading. Look for *A Pair of Mitts* by Audrey Delaney UE. The Mitts aren't what you think !

- source: Lois Dickinson UE, *The Link Up*, Vol. 2, # 4, December 1996, p. 5 Chilliwack Branch, British Columbia.

Editor's Note: Loyalist Vignettes and Sketches, 1984, 183 pages, eighty-nine short stories, is still available from Governor Simcoe Branch at \$ 15.00 plus \$ 2.50 postage and handling. Contact Governor Simcoe Branch, UELAC, 315 Carleton Street, Toronto, Ontario. M5A 2L6. Phone (416) 964-7766. Attention – Doug Grant UE.



- painting by Garth Dittrick



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





***I CAN TELL IT'S CHRISTMAS***

***Snow is blowing in my face,  
She's asking me if I'll come out to race;  
Snowman asks me out to play  
I'm going outside anyway !***

***Bells are ringing everywhere.  
Everyone offers things to share;  
Christmas trees are glowing bright,  
Every house shines with light !***

***Every tree is capped with snow,  
Lots of birds in the Archipelego !***

***Polar Bears stayed in the North,  
Families bundle to keep their warmth.***

***Santa's coming in the night  
I'm leaving now, if it's all right.***

***I have lots of gifts to put in place,  
And smiles and love for all our race.***

***- source: Lindsay Barkley Kasting, UE,  
Link Up, Chilliwack Branch,  
December 1996, Vol. 2, # 4, p. 6,  
compliments of  
Louis Dickinson UE.***



Here's an article from Grietje McBride UE about Sir Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester:

## ***MOTIVATIONS FOR LOYALISTS COMING TO CANADA AND LORD DORCHESTER'S PROCLAMATION***

Many of us believe that those of our ancestors who fled to Canada after the American War of Independence was over did so because of their loyal support of the British cause.

Accordingly, Lord Dorchester (Sir Guy Carleton) on 09 November 1789, 234 years ago declared:



*“His Lordship intimated to the Council (at Quebec) that it remained a question, upon the late Revolution for the Disposition of the Wastelands of the Crown, whether the Boards, constituted for that purpose were authorized to make Locations to the Sons of Loyalists, on their coming of full Age and that it was his wish to put the Mark of Honour upon the families who had adhered to the Unity of the Empire and joined the Royal Standard in America before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783.”*

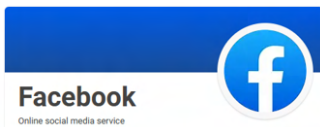
This constitutes the first use of the expression “Unity of the Empire” and thus the qualification of “United Empire” together with the term: “Loyalist”.

Peter Moogk, Professor and Historian at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, wrote:

*“Lord Dorchester’s assumption that the Loyalists were wholly motivated by a concern for the Unity of the British Empire does not entirely correspond with their recorded sentiments. Fear of mob rule, satisfaction with the established colonial Government, pre-existing social conflicts, and appreciation for Britain’s protection were more prominent.*

*Our ancestors had many reasons for supporting the British standard.*

*They are as varied as the number of Loyalists fleeing north to Canada. As you research your Loyalist ancestor, it is important to try to dig deeper to understand the full story, as much as possible, about what motivated the individual ancestor to come North to Canada.”*



Based on an article that appeared on Facebook, 12 November 2023.



Here's another article, this one about the origins of the UE List and the Upper Canada Land Petitions entitled:

*"The Evolution of Land Petitions"*, by R. Robert Mutrie.



John Graves Simcoe, first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, had a monumental task of finding a place to live for thousands of Loyal displaced persons after the American Revolution ended in 1783.

The Government of Great Britain purchased thousands of acres of land through treaties with the native inhabitants of the land. In turn, these Crown lands were surveyed and divided into lots. In order to manage the influx to applications from veterans and refugee Loyalists, Executive Councils were set up by Britain, wherein an applicant could, either in person or through an agent, file a petition. The government of Great Britain appointed the Lieutenant Governor and a few officials to meet to review the petitions. A list was prepared in each District

by the Magistrates and these lists were combined into a Provincial Master List known as the UE List. Beginning in 1792, a Committee of the Council was opened to hear the petitions read to them by a clerk. News of this opportunity of apply for land as a UE was posted far and wide in public places. John Small was the clerk who read the petitions in Newark.

During the period from 1792 to 1796, John Small, the Clerk of the Executive Council in Newark, served as a central figure in the petitioning process. This government appointed official maintained his office in the provincial capital at Newark and met the applicants, gathered supporting evidence such as testimonials, references and proof of service to back up Loyalist claims. The Order would be made in Council to accept, defer or deny claims. The Surveyor General would then take all accepted claims and prepare surveyed lots. His records might state something like the following:

*"Received at the Executive Council Office on 18 Jun 1794 and read in Council on 28 Jun 1794. No order recorded.*

*[ Upper Canada Land Petitions LAC "B" Bundle 1, Petition Number --- ]"*







Before the time of the next meeting on the Council, Thomas Ridout, working out of the Surveyor General's office, delivered his collection of petitions to the Executive Council Office. John Small then wrote in the date of receipt, the date read in the Council, and the decision of the Council on the reverse of each petition.

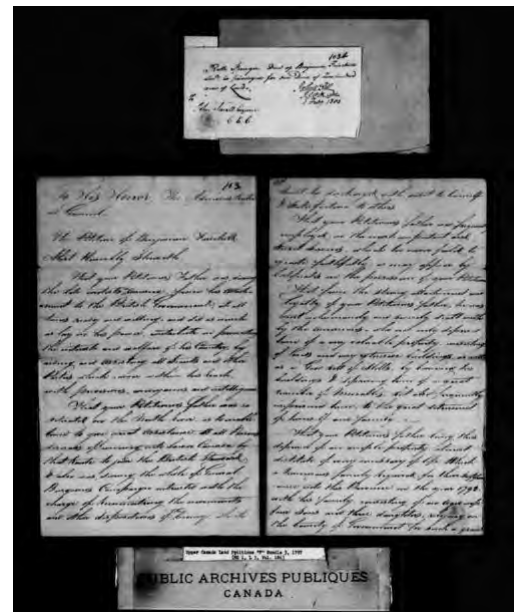
John Small received an appointment as Justice of the Peace for York (Toronto) in 1796. Thomas Ridout then took over processing documents as Clerk of the Executive Council.

The Justices who issued the earliest certificates of authenticity included William Dickson, David Secord, Robert Hamilton, Peter Ball, Isaac Swayze, William Jarvis, James Muirhead, George Forsyth and Robert Kerr of Niagara Township; John Burch and John Reilly of Stamford Township;

Samuel Street of Willoughby Township; John Warren and Parshall Terry of Bertie Township; Dan Millard of Crowland Township, Thomas Welch of Thorold Township, John McNabb and John Backhouse of Grantham Township, Nathaniel Pettit of Grimsby Township; and Richard Beasley and George Chisholm of Barton Township.

Further west in the Long Point Settlement, the issuing Justices were Samuel Ryerse, John Backhouse (formerly of Grantham) and John Bemer.

Each District had a similar governing hierarchy for granting Upper Canada Land Petitions. It is amazing to me that the Government of the day, right and wrong, had a plan in place for examining claims and settling this very large group of people in just a few years.



Source: R. Robert Mutrie, *Upper Canada Land Petitions*

<https://sites.google.com/site/niagarasettlers/upper-canada-land-petitions>

Bonus for the family genealogist is an alphabetized translation of petitions from 18th century cursive writing to typed copy in batches from A to Z for the Newark District.

**Note: R. Robert Mutrie can be reached at:**  
**Robert Mutrie < robertmutrie@live.com >**

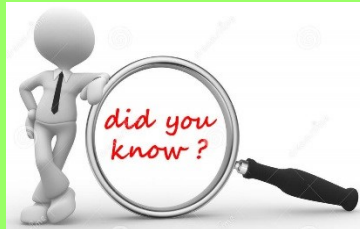


**Kawartha Branch**  
United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Visit Branch Information  
- Kawartha Branch, UELAC  
@ [www.uelac.org/Kawartha/branch.php](http://www.uelac.org/Kawartha/branch.php)



We believe that the study of the United Empire Loyalists and their contribution to the development of Canada should be promoted, encouraged and communicated to the public through education, genealogical research, the teaching of Loyalist history in schools and the preservation of Loyalist records and artefacts; for the legacy from our Loyalist ancestors has been a significant factor in forming the strong roots that makes Canada the best country in the world in which to live.



## ***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](mailto: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](http://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 04 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 Peterborough City Hall.**

## Important Reminder of Dues

**Wait until November 2023 to renew your 2024 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.

Kawartha Branch Fees are:

- Individual Member pays \$40.00 add \$10.00 for Branch operation.
- Individual half-year pays \$20.00 add \$10.00 for Branch operation.
- Family pays \$55.00 and adds \$10.00 for each Member including self.
- Family half-year pays \$27.50 and adds \$10.00 for each Member including self.
- Student pays \$20.00 and adds \$10.00 for Branch operation.

**Mail your Dues Cheque to:**

**Grietje R. McBride UE**  
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Indian River, Ontario. K0L 2B0  
705-295-4556  
e-mail: [maplegrm@gmail.com](mailto:maplegrm@gmail.com)



## Did You Know ??

**UP-COMING EVENTS!!!**

**Sunday, 10 December 2023, Christmas luncheon at Kelsey's Roadhouse, 1211 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough, Ontario, 2:00 p.m. ET.**





**HOPE TO See You There**





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**

On Sunday, 17 September we held a hybrid ZOOM meeting with Andrew MacLean, at Peterborough Activity Haven, whose topic was "*Valiant Amazing: The Elizabeth Beard Story*".

**Backyard history: Elizabeth Beard, N.B.'s 'valiant amazon'**



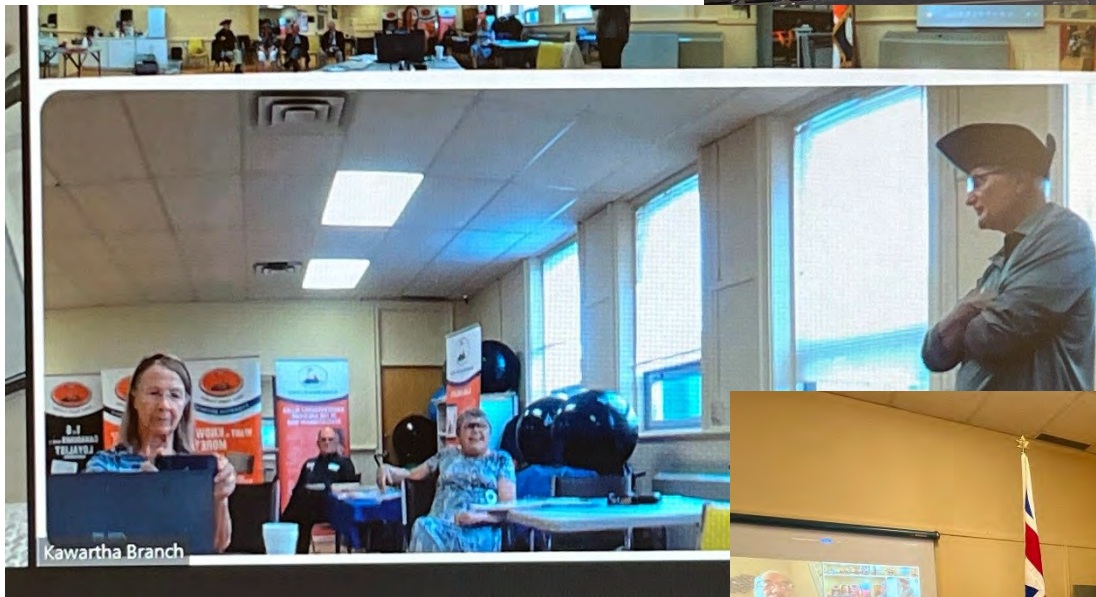
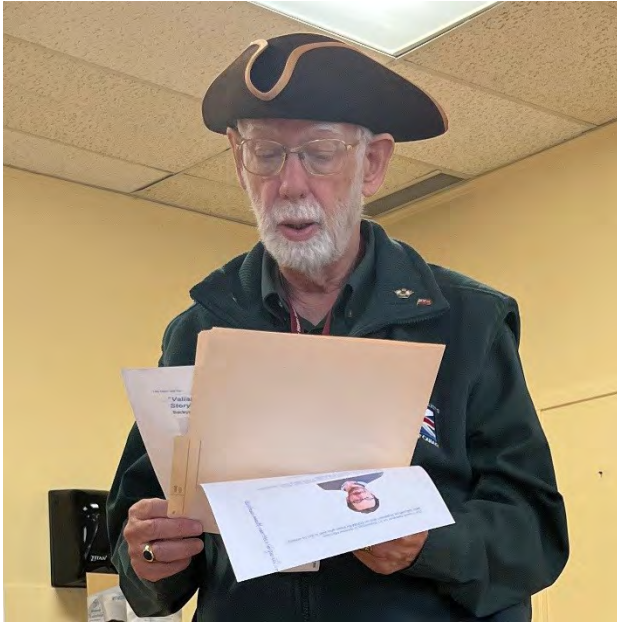
Elizabeth Beard became something of a worldwide sensation for her remarkable feats fighting in the American Revolution, including manning the cannons for the British during a sea battle with the French.  
 Photo: National Archives



Elizabeth Beard was a young Loyalist woman from Philadelphia who ultimately fought alongside her soldier husband during the Revolution. She was with him on a ship which was attacked, and she manned the cannon, tearing off parts of her dress to use as wadding. After that she went on land and was part of a partisan attack on a small group of Rebels.

Later, she popped up again, in what is now Florida, in a besieged fort, again manning a cannon. After that she became a prisoner, and was ultimately part of a swap at the end of the war. She then sailed aboard the *Martha* from New York City to Nova Scotia. The *Martha* became separated from the refugee fleet in heavy fog and crashed on a rock. The disaster is still one of the deadliest in Atlantic Canadian history. She, while heavily pregnant with triplets(!), was aboard a raft with sixty-some survivors and was rescued by fishermen, giving birth on the beach. Her sons later fought in the War of 1812.

By this point she was ageing, with health problems. Her daughter penned a letter to the Minister of War in Great Britain about her Revolutionary War experiences, asking for the same pension that a soldier would get, since, after all, she too fought. The Minister passed it to the press, which causes a bit of a sensation in both Britain and what is now Canada.





Then, on Sunday, 19 November, once again we held a hybrid ZOOM meeting at Peterborough Activity Haven with Phillip Mintz, his topic being: "Who's Your Gramma ???"

*"I started doing genealogy in 1982 shortly after my parents passed. Since then I have put together a database of approximately 125K people on my website [www.sixdegrees.tribalpages.com](http://www.sixdegrees.tribalpages.com). My lineage includes in-laws, outlaws, pirates and royalty. I recently started a new business making Family Tree Charts. I also do research if required. Did I mention that I am 75?"*



A bit about Phil's web site:



Welcome! This website was created on Jun 19, 2008 and last updated on Oct 26, 2023. The family trees on this site contain 123320 relatives and 2355 photos. If you have any questions or comments you may send a message to the Administrator of this site.

### **About Deep Roots & Twisted Branches**

This started as a project to find out who my ancestors were. Every time I would find one I would have to find two more. Then I would have to find their brothers and sisters. Then my wife's family and ancestors and their brothers and sisters. A few friends wanted information so I added their families. Now I have information on a lot of people and, surprisingly enough, most of them are related in some way.

The expression six degrees of separation seems to be very accurate. I rarely enter more than six new people without one of them connecting to somebody that is already in the tree. I know that some of the dates are wrong, some were approximated to be able to tell people apart easier.

If it is a full date it should be fairly accurate, if only the year it may not be. A lot of the dates were taken from tombstones and they are not always exact. I am sure that if there are corrections needed that people will let me know. I will try to make them within a couple of days of receiving notification. I am looking for pictures of people on the site. Especially older photos. I have gone back to the original name as it seems to be more fitting. The spelling of most names is usually the original. Please do not be offended if you think I spelt your name wrong.



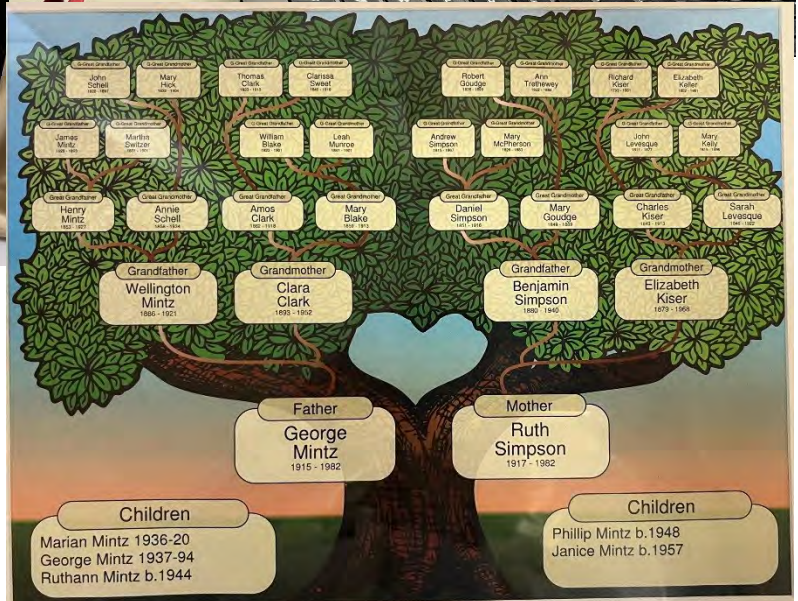
After 40 years of research, I have found a lot of information. Some good, some very surprising. When I had my DNA done, it became apparent that there was some discrepancies. I spent over a year working on finding the father of Isaac Mintz, only to find out he wasn't my 3x Great Grandfather. My 2x Great Grandfather was adopted.

It was always a mystery why I didn't genetically connect with Isaac's other children. Now I know. I have corrected my Database with the revised info.

It has now been discovered through DNA that Joseph was probably adopted as well.

As for my Ancestry, I am 85% British, 6% Irish, 6% Scandinavian and 2% Southern European. I am a direct descendant of 13 of the 25 Barons that forced Magna Carta on King John and related to 3 more.

This was proven by Wiki Tree. No wonder I seem to be related to everybody. With that in mind, I spend lots of time working on connections. 6 degrees?





Kawartha Branch Members and friends are gathering in-person at Kelsey's Original Roadhouse, 1211 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough, Ontario, for a 2:00 p.m. ET Christmas luncheon on Sunday, 10 December !!!



Kawartha Branch has reserved a private room available to us at no extra cost !!!

Just choose your entrée from the menu !!!



Start a new tradition !!!

Meet your Kawartha Branch President, Ken Spry UE.

Celebrate this season together with great company !!!

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

Our mother, Doreen M. Thompson U.E. (nee Lott) (09 November 1935 - 03 November 2023), passed away peacefully at St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa on 3 November 2023, just shy of her 88th birthday, after living with dementia and Parkinson's. Our mother, as we knew and loved her, has been gone for some time due to the extent of her disease.

For those who knew her throughout her life, these next thoughts may be familiar, but for those who got to know her later, here are a few things she would want you to know.

She was an honoured mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She will be missed by her daughters Anne Redish (Adair) and Karen Little (Randy), grandchildren, Patrick, Robert, Tristan, and Kayleigh. Her greatest joy was her great grandchildren Finley aged 5 and Soren 3. She was so happy when she could spend time with her family.

Born in a family home on Highway 7 near the Lockwood farm, Doreen was always busy with activities: 4H, Junior Farmers, music lessons, school and of course chores on the Lott family farm. As one of three Lott children [Allan (Phyllis), Joyce Foster (Lawrence) and Doreen], she grew up with a strong female role model, her mother, Florence. Doreen loved her parents, Ross Lott and Florence Lockwood, greatly as well as her Uncle Grant Lott. She never forgot the kind and generous spirit of her family.

Doreen became deeply involved in researching family history starting in the 1970's and became the keeper of the stories told about our Loyalist connections.

Doreen was a proud member of the United Empire Loyalists (UELAC) and served as President (Kawartha Branch) and held other roles in the Bay of Quinte Branch, most recently.

Doreen was a member of Beta Sigma Phi (BSP), where she connected with many friends over the years as she moved from Peterborough to Madoc, back to Peterborough, and then Belleville, and she was most recently a member of Kappa Zeta.

As a dedicated member of the United Church Women (UCW) both in Peterborough and then at Eastminster in Belleville, she contributed her skills in sewing and craft talents to the annual fund-raising efforts.

Doreen loved to share stories of her childhood and wrote down several over the years to preserve them for future generations. She was the family historian and could be found at any of the family picnics sharing information or gathering the names of new family additions for the family tree.

From early in her life, Doreen learned to be independent and seldom asked for help. She would cut her own grass, clean the eavestroughs, and then quickly throw together a very tasty supper for anyone who wanted to share. She loved to travel and enjoyed sharing her many photos.

Having played piano from early on, she entertained us with "*Suzie Snowflake*", among others. Doreen loved music and could be frequently found tapping her feet to the beat.

She retained her quick wit and sense of humour with all the staff at St. Patrick's where she was well-liked and well-cared for in her final years. To that end, to the staff of St. Patrick's and the numerous helpers there, please accept our sincere appreciation for your patience and everything you did daily for our mom.

Internment to be held at Victoria Cemetery, Bronk Road, Thurlow Township at a date yet to be determined.

From Anne Redish UE



## ***IN MEMORIAM***



Doreen was our Kawartha Branch President from 2011 to 2013.

I recall, when I was Dominion President, that we went to Ottawa in 2012 and met with the Governor General, David Johnston, and Doreen came with us, pointing out her homestead on our way back home.



Robert and Grietje McBride and Doreen Thompson attended the unveiling of the Diamond Jubilee portrait of Queen Elizabeth at Rideau Hall.

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

During her presidency, she revived the Branch newsletter, that I resumed publishing in 2014, contributed recipes to our first Kawartha Branch Cookbook, arranged special events such as banquets and visits to heritage sites where we set up our display booth.

Displays were presented at Trent University, Settlers Village, Bobcaygeon, and Heritage Day in Lindsay.

Members visited various schools promoting the Loyalists.

With one hundred and ninety-one Members, Kawartha Branch was in the top spot on the UELAC Membership chart by averaging 129% increase.

Our Branch took part in the Victoria County Historical Society Summer Fair and attended the Adolphustown picnic lunch.

Doreen also set up a display in the Peterborough Public Library which helped the visibility of our Branch and brought in new Members.

She was a vibrant Member of Kawartha Branch for many years and, while she was here, never missed a Remembrance Day service.



For parades, she created black and white sashes with our Branch name on them that we continue to proudly wear to this day.





She earned the good will of all our Branch Members who would do anything for her.  
Rest in peace, our good friend, Doreen M. Thompson UE. You will be sorely missed !!!



Robert Collins McBride [Bob] UE  
Past Kawartha Branch President, 2001 - 2003,  
2017 - 2019  
UELAC Past Dominion President, 2009 - 2013

Joan Lucas UE, a Charter Member, Past Kawartha Branch President, and Branch Genealogist for many years, writes:

Doreen was an excellent President and Member of Kawartha Branch. I remember helping Doreen organize her proofs for her first UE certificate and later for others that she proved, a total of nine Loyalists who settled in the Bay of Quinte area. Doreen also initiated a President's Manual for Kawartha Branch to assist later Branch Presidents. She encouraged us to have and wear Loyalist costumes. A beautiful seamstress, Doreen made costumes for others and encouraged the men to wear their Tricorn hats. We will continue to miss her.

Joan

Doreen Muriel Lott Thompson UE descended from:

Captain John Ernst, Kawartha, 2010-03-22  
Michael Dafoe Senior, Kawartha, 2010-03-22  
Johann George Finkle Senior, Kawartha, 2010-03-22  
Daniel Fraser Senior, Kawartha, 2011-01-04  
Michael Grass, Kingston & District, 2018-11-01  
Joseph Lockwood, Kawartha, 2011-03-21  
Johannes Lott Senior, Kawartha, 2008-08-25  
Jacob George Smith, Kawartha, 2014-11-17  
Peter Wartman, Kingston & District, 2018-11-01



## ***IN MEMORIAM***

**Remembering:  
William Nicholas Vent UE**

**In memory of  
William Nicholas Vent  
March 8, 1932 - November 14, 2023**

Passed away after a full life with his loving wife of 66 years.

Bill leaves behind his 3 children, 5 grandsons and 1 great-grandson.  
Memorial service to follow at a later date.

I give you this  
One thought to keep  
I am with you still  
I do not sleep

I am a thousand winds that blow  
I am the diamond glints in the snow  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain  
I am the gentle autumn rain

When you awaken  
In the morning hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight  
I am the soft stars that shine at night

Do not think of me as gone  
I am still with you in each new dawn



From Elgin Mills Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Centres.

Elgin Mills Cemetery and Visitation Centre has served the communities of Richmond Hill, Markham, Aurora and Thornhill since 1979, under the umbrella of Mount Pleasant Group of Funeral Centres and Cemeteries.

The family of Bill Vent UE would be pleased if you donated to Muscular dystrophy in his name.



William (Bill) Nicholas Vent UE was a proven descendant of Adam Vent UE, who resettled in Ernest Town following the American Revolution.

Adam Vent UE settled at Ernest Town, in Lennox and Addington County, Canada West, or Upper Canada. The township of Ernest Town was given by the Crown to Sir John Johnson, with his Company of United Empire Loyalists. This land seems to have been divided by lot.

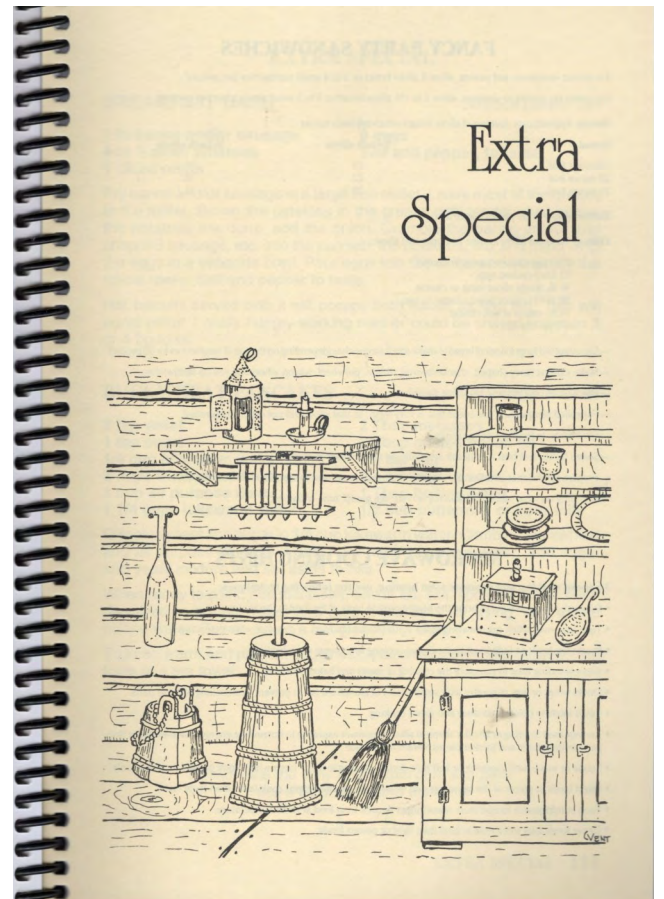
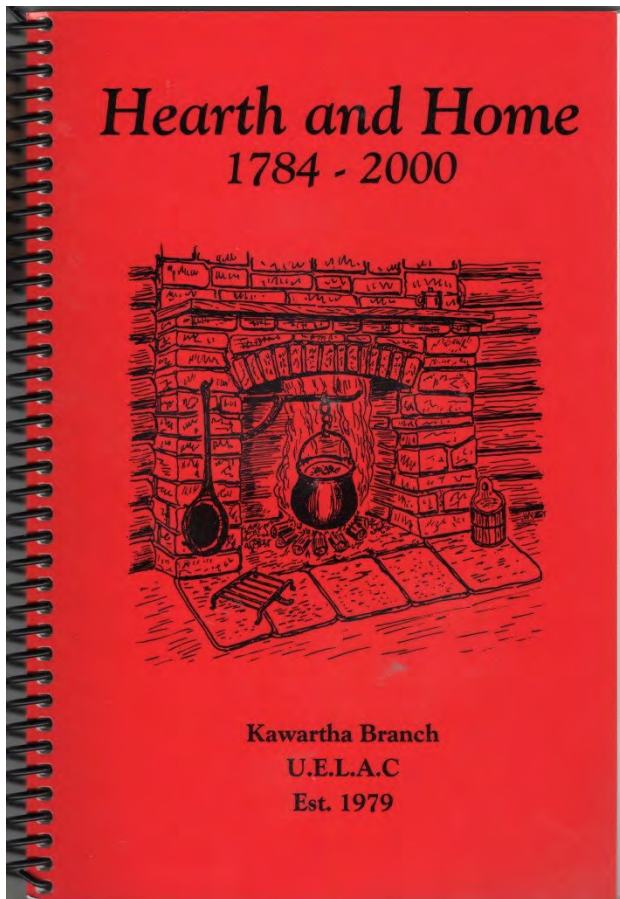
List of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 84th Regiment, the King's Royal Regiment of New York, the Loyal Rangers (Major Jessup's corps), Butler's Rangers, etc., who settled in the eastern part of Upper Canada. Copied by permission of Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., from The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada, published in 1885.

L. R.- Loyal Rangers (Jessup's Corps.)

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	REGIMENT.
Vent, Adam	Ernest town	L. R.

From the book: Lunenburgh, or the Old Eastern District, By J.F. Pringle, Judge County Court. Published in 1890.

Bill Vent UE was a dedicated artist, doing the illustrations for the first Kawartha Branch Cookbook, Hearth and Home: 1784 - 2000, published in April 2000:





Kawartha Branch UELAC



## ***SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES REPORT: NOVEMBER 19, 2023***

Dear Kawartha Branch United Empire Loyalist Members,

Begun in 2017 at both Fleming College and Trent University, the John Chard bursary and scholarship program provides up to \$1500.00 over a three-year period for two students at Trent and \$500.00 per student (maximum of four per year) at Fleming College.

### **Trent University:**

At Trent we have one student who has applied for the scholarship this Fall. This candidate is researching the Scottish diaspora in Northern Canada in the Loyalist era.

I have sent him the Scholarship terms of reference and have requested a one page synopsis of his thesis so that the Executive Board may consider it.



# **FLEMING**

### **Fleming College:**

Our last report from Fleming College was in June 2023. We had two bursary recipients in the Fall of 2022 and two Academic Excellence awards in June 2023.

Thank you note from the Fall award recipient one:

*"Please extend my thanks and gratitude to Kawartha Branch UELAC and the John Chard bursary program. This donation helps relieve the financial struggles of students like me. They help me immensely in pursuing postgraduate education and completing school and an internship in another city. Having financial support during this time enables me to commit my full attention to achieving high grades and the pursuit of learning opportunities. All the best, Alexis Gago"*

Thank you note from the John Chard award Two:

*"I want to personally thank you for the John Chard bursary! I greatly appreciate it! Thank you so much, Hannah Schroeder"*

Submitted by Grietje McBride UE  
Bursaries and Awards chair, Kawartha Branch UELAC.







### Kawartha Branch Mugs

These mugs are now available through Kawartha Branch Sales

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

Cost: \$ 7.00 each



#### Contact

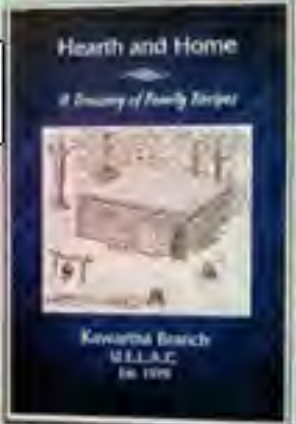
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Grietje  
McBride U.E.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED  
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FOR KAWARTHA BRANCH UELAC

#### CONTACT

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at [maplegrm@gmail.com](mailto:maplegrm@gmail.com) !!!



Kawartha Branch UELAC



## REMINDER

Please send any changes in contact details to Grietje McBride UE so that we can keep our Kawartha Branch Membership List up to date.



Memberships in Kawartha Branch can be renewed now. You will receive a dues card and a thank you letter as well as two Branch newsletters and two Dominion **Loyalist Gazette** magazines per year, informing you of local historical events and opportunities to meet others sharing your interest in the Loyalist era.

If you haven't renewed your membership you can use the registration page

at the back of this newsletter to complete and mail to me with a cheque. You can also renew online by searching uelac.ca

### Why renew?

- \* To read about what is happening in your area and to learn about Loyalist history.
- \* To make or renew friendships in the Branch.
- \* To share your research that you have spent up to a lifetime gathering.
- \* To hear interesting presenters talking about books they have researched and written.
- \* To access the Branch Co-genealogists who will review your research and help you to apply for your UE Certificate.
- \* To access regional and national news through the online **Loyalist Trails** UELAC Newsletter.
- \* To find a place to publish your photos or stories or break-throughs in family research.
- \* To buy Loyalist memorabilia such as rings, pins, clothing, badges, mugs and the like.
- \* To share fellowship when we meet to eat together at a local restaurant like Kelsey's (December 10 this year).
- \* To support your local Branch which has been active in this community since 1979.



Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Grietje McBride UE  
Membership Chair.







Kawartha Branch UELAC

Note: Your Renewal Form is to be used after 31 October 2023:



### *Kawartha Branch Membership Renewal Form*

Branch: Kawartha Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada  
c/o G. McBride, 2260 North Esson Line,  
Indian River, Ontario, K0L 2B0

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

ANCESTORS you are researching  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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***There are many ways you can volunteer at Kawartha Branch:***

- Join a Branch Meeting,
- Help someone research their Loyalist ancestor,
- Write to the Newsletter Editor about something you found or discovered,
- Come to an in-person Meeting,
- Offer to help in some way.

Here is a handy chart to find your Membership renewal fee for 2024.

Kawartha - Individual =	\$ 50.00 or Individual Student = \$ 30.00
Kawartha - Family of 2 =	\$ 75.00
Kawartha - Family of 3 =	\$ 85.00
Kawartha - Family of 4 =	\$ 95.00
Kawartha - Family of 5 =	\$105.00
Kawartha - Family of 6 =	\$115.00
Kawartha - Family of 8 =	\$135.00
Kawartha - Family of 11 =	\$165.00
Kawartha - Family of 13 =	\$185.00
Kawartha - Family of 14 =	\$195.00
Kawartha - Additional Branch =	\$ 10.00

Please indicate your preference for our ***Kawartha Periodical*** newsletter and ***The Loyalist Gazette*** delivery.

Print \_\_\_\_\_ or digital \_\_\_\_\_ or both \_\_\_\_\_.  
in electronic form? \_\_\_\_\_ or in print form by postal delivery? \_\_\_\_\_, or both? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: This form can be saved into your computer and returned to me electronically at the above address.**