



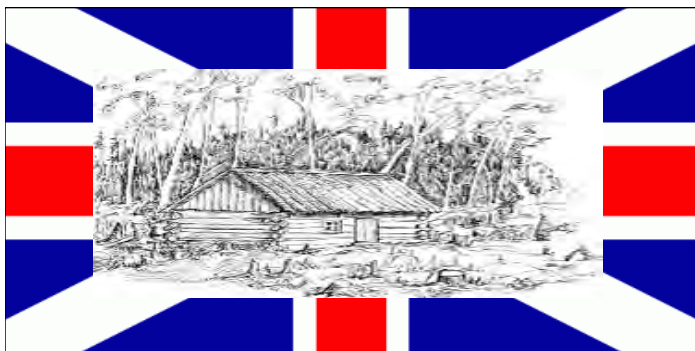
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The President's Message

On June 19th we raised the Queen Ann flag at Peterborough City Hall with the mayor, representatives of the County Warden, MP, as well as our MPP, Dave Smith, the Peterborough Chief of Police, Mox and the Barbershop quartet who led us with God Save the King and O'Canada, along with other folks. We have started having Christmas and Valentine dinners, trips to local museums and plan to do more social events. I have been invited to speak at a Learning in Leisure group in the fall. We are trying to get better known and get more Members.

Have a good summer and make someone smile !!!

Ken Spry UE
President,
Kawartha Branch
UELAC.



From The Editor's Desk

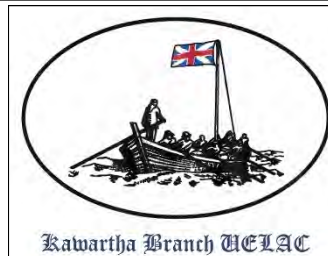
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Here in Kawartha Branch, we feel that we have a great deal to offer to our Members as we continue into the future.

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 Spring / Summer 2025 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.



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Genealogists' Report

Branch Member, Judy Fisher UE, has received two applications for her Loyalist ancestors, John Henry Aussem UEL and John Munroe UEL, and will receive her two UEL Certificates shortly.

Our Immediate Past Kawartha Branch President and now National President, Bill Russell UE, is her cousin and shares her Loyalist ancestors.

We are now working on applications for Daniel Brunson UEL, Andrew Kimmerly UEL, Johannes Sager UEL, and Johann Clement UEL, from Brandon McDermott UE and hope to have them ready to submit in September.

As always, we are happy to meet with you to talk about what you have discovered as you explore your family tree !!!

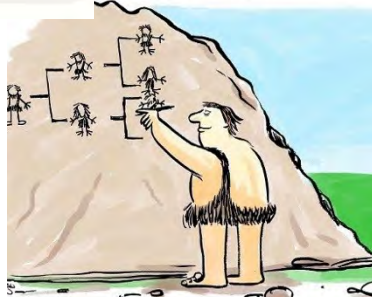
Enjoy your time discovering new leads, meeting people with common interests and learning.

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Shhhh!
Be vewy,
vewy quiet.
I'm hunting
forebears.

The First Genealogist



Treasurers' Report

March 15, 2025
through May 31, 2025
(all figures rounded)



Opening Bank balance, March 15, 2025	\$1602
Received Cash Sales	22
Received Branch dues (3)	30
Received from CIBC Wood-Gundy	5000
Paid Certificate for J. Hennessy	50
Paid Office Expenses	617
Paid Guest Speaker, Amy Barron	100
Paid Easter Seals Campaign	150
Paid Fleming College four Bursaries	2000
Paid Old Hay Bay Church Restoration Fund	1000
Paid Friends of St. Alban's Restoration Fund	1000
Paid Secretary Honorarium	400
Paid Treasurer Honorarium	400
Paid Office Supplies	127
Paid Bank Charges	8
Closing Bank Balance: May 31, 2025	802

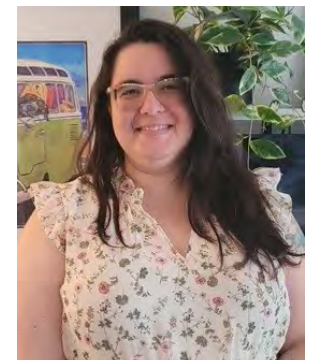
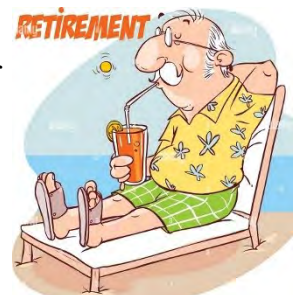


Respectfully submitted,
Madeline Lucas UE, Treasurer,
Frank Lucas, Director,
Kawartha Branch UELAC

Frank has been our Kawartha Branch Treasurer for many years.

We wish him well in his well-deserved retirement as Madeline takes on this most important role !!!

Frank will continue as a Branch Director.



Membership Report



In Kawartha Branch we now have 83 Members, 8 more than in 2024.
With our 5 Honourary Members, our grand total is 91 Members.

President Ken's focus during his term has been about meeting and getting together so that we build on our history and community, learning about our (or a friend's) Loyalist Ancestor. There is no time like to present to explore what we know about our ancestors beyond their names.

Please contact me if you would like to join the executive. We still need a Vice-President, Secretary and a Social Convenor.

The other exciting news is that Bill Russell, one of our Kawartha Branch Members, was installed as the National President for the UELAC.

We are hoping that as many as possible will attend the Conference in St. John, New Brunswick, to support him.

We are more than a group of history-minded researchers: we are family.

Sincerely and loyally yours,

Grietje R. McBride UE,

Kawartha Branch Membership Chair.



Up-Coming Kawartha Branch Meetings:

September 15 in-person and Zoom at Activity Haven

November 17 via Zoom only

February 16 via Zoom only

April 20 Annual General Meeting in-person and via Zoom at Activity Haven

Special Events are being planned during the year. Look for poster announcements in your inbox. They may include theatre opportunities, dinner celebrations at Kelsey's in Peterborough and pot luck/games afternoon gatherings.

Our aim is to celebrate what connects us as Kawartha Branch Members and share our memories, experiences, frustrations, and successes with each other.

As Membership Chair, I invite feedback from you about how we can serve you better.

If you have an idea about an interesting person who could entertain or inform our Members, please contact anyone on the Board.



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**Sometimes used
to indicate weight,
an octothorpe
is also known as?**

Number Sign
In Canada, the symbol is traditionally
referred to as the number sign.
In fact, major telephone equipment
manufacturers have an option
in their programming to indicate
"Number Sign" to callers.
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**We need volunteers
to serve as:**

**First Vice-President,
Second Vice-President.
Branch Secretary.
Social Treats Convenor.**

**If you are interested, please contact
any Member of our Board of Directors !!!**





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

This year we received a thank you from one of the recipients at Fleming College, Jocelyn Alcalá Morelos, who wrote:



*“ Dear Members of the Kawartha Branch UELAC,
I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being honoured with the E. John Chard Kawartha UEL Award.
This recognition serves as a great motivator for me to continue working towards my academic and professional goals.*

I would like to share that my experience as part of the Museum Management and Curatorship program at Fleming College was rewarding in and of itself. My passion for museums and cultural spaces has continuously increased.

Additionally, I feel confident in my professional practice, thanks to the Fleming College faculty who constantly inspired me through their passion and knowledge in the field. It was an honour to hear that they too appreciated my abilities and enthusiasm throughout the program.

As an emerging museum professional, currently employed as a Museum Assistant at the Museum of Atikokan, I continue to strive for excellence by enhancing the visitor experience and keeping the communities we serve at the core of my professional practice.

Thank you for your generosity and support in this journey.

Sincerely, Jocelyn Alcalá ”





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:

MY SEARCH FOR MY LOYALIST ANCESTOR, CAPT. JOHN ERNST DEFOE UE AND HIS SON, ABRAHAM DAFOE UE

I have had a keen interest in the United Empire Loyalists since learning of them in my Elementary School Days. I was taught that their settlement in Canada, was the cornerstone in the building of our great country and that they were an important part of our heritage. They had insisted on having a representative government, individual ownership of land and to be ruled under British law. They wanted someone to look after their interests among the law makers in this new country. They no longer wanted to be tenants of large land owners as they had been in the American Colonies, but owners of the land they lived on, and they wanted to be ruled by the British law that they knew. These demands became foundation blocks in today's Canadian Law. Because of their migration to Colonial Canada, two new Provinces were formed: New Brunswick and Ontario.

How does one find a UEL ancestor?

Again I knew from my grade school social studies that the United Empire Loyalists came into Nova Scotia in 1783 and into Quebec in 1784. I needed to prove that my family came in one of these migrations. I needed to research my genealogy to find my roots back to a Loyalist ancestor, about nine generations from me. I needed to know their names, dates of birth, marriage and death and where they lived. Knowing where they lived would lead me to records in those areas.

Family history buffs start with themselves

And work their way back, through every generation, and through both the male and female lines looking for the child-parent relationship. I would need to do this to find my Loyalist ancestors, hopefully John Ernst Defoe. I needed to search both the male and female lines of my family. I started with what I knew, which was what family lore I had been told, looking for my earliest family who came to Canada. I needed to know the difference between Family Lore / Stories and Family History based on Primary Sourced Documentary Evidence (PSDE)).

I learned that Family History based on Primary Sourced Documentary Evidence, (PSDE), are records recorded at the time an event took place. This was considered to be the proof that the event did take place. I would need to find my Dafoe family in these records through the generations.

These PSDE sources include:

Birth Registrations: the long form that includes the names of both parents.

Church Records such as Baptisms, marriage and burial records.

Baptismal records showing the names of both parents including the mother's maiden name.

Wills, where the child's name and relationship to the will maker are stated.

Family Bibles where the BMD are recorded.

I would need the date the bible was published, and also the difference in the hand writing of the recorders, generation to generation.

Land Records. These records are several pages long. I copied them all.

They included the request for land, the outcome of the request and if it was approved. I found other information included as well, such as Wills.

Township Vital Stat records. Most townships kept these records from the time the township was formed. (found in the Archives of Ontario)

Provincial Corps Provisioning Lists for soldiers and families settled in Quebec/Canada. (The Haldimand Papers are a good source.)

Rolls of Provincial corps: a list naming the soldier, his rank and unit.

The Haldimand Papers of Gen. Frederick Haldimand, Governor of Quebec at the time of the American Revolution. (AO, AN, University libraries)

If PSDE proof could not be found then I would need to gather other information that I could claim indicated that the event I was trying to prove actually took place. I would need to gather at least two pieces of information pointing to the claim being made.

Here is a list of secondary proofs that I may use:

Obituaries.

Dominion Census Returns.

Pictures of Grave Stones where the writing is clear.

Family histories.

Newspaper records.

Cemetery records, school records.

County Atlases.

Township Histories written by township historians.

Using these records would allow me to make a Genealogical Proof Argument in which I could claim that the event took place.

I kept track of what I found, and its source, until I could see whether or not I needed it for a PSDE proof or a claim as in a Genealogical Proof Argument. I would need to prove the child-parent relationship at each generation.

For example, I needed to prove that I was the child of my parents, not because my parents said I was, or that I looked like my father's side of the family, but by using Primary Source Documentation, the evidence that was recorded at the time the event (my birth) took place. To do this I needed to find those records and there are several places to look.

One might be a record kept in:

Family Bible records.

Birth Registration, the long-form birth certificate from the Ontario Registrar General's Office.

Baptismal records having the name of both my parents on it.

Wills in which I was named and my relationship to the person making the Will stated.

(Had I been adopted the name of my adopting parents would be on the adoption papers and would have been considered PSDE.)

As I am attempting to prove a Loyalist ancestor, I am hoping that the UELAC Branch Genealogist, can help me by directing me to source material.

In my search, I needed to prove the child-parent relationship for nine generations. Sounded impossible, but it wasn't, as I found out.

My maiden name was Creighton and family lore said my Creighton family had been early settlers in Fredericksburg Township, Lennox and Addington County, Ontario. That took me back four generations; myself, my father, my grandfather, my great-grandfather and great-grandmother, who were John Curle Creighton married to Lillian Lucy Lake. The Creighton family were late arrivals to Ontario, coming from Scotland in 1810. They were not UE Loyalists. That meant I needed to research my great grandmother's Lake family.

I was able to find Baptismal Certificates for myself and my father with the parents' names on them. I found the marriage certificate for my grandfather that named his parents and, as well, all were recorded in the Creighton family bible. I found the marriage of John Curle Creighton and Lillian Lucy Lake in the Napanee Methodist Church records, that also named Lillian's parents as Cyrus Benjamin Lake and Hester Ann Hough.

From research into the Lake family I couldn't find a Dafoe name.

I was able to find in the Napanee Methodist Church records, the marriage of Cyrus Benjamin Lake and Hester Ann Hough, the daughter of Duncan Henry Hough and Lucy Ann Sharp. Still no Dafoe!

I went to the Lennox and Addington County Archives, located in Napanee, Ontario, where I found the Henry Sharp family bible. What a find that was ! In that Bible were recorded the births of the children of Henry Sharp and his wife, Elizabeth Dafoe. In that Bible record was the birth of Lucy Ann Sharp, her parents and that her mother was a Dafoe. It also included the husband of Lucy Ann as Duncan Hough. At last I had a Dafoe in my sights!

Also in the Sharp Bible was the record of the marriage of Elizabeth Dafoe to Henry Sharp giving the name of her father as Abraham Dafoe.

Now I just needed to trace him to John Ernst Defoe, and to learn why the spelling of their surname changed.

In the Archives of Ontario, I found the Archival list of United Empire Loyalists who received land grants in the Province of Upper Canada (today's Ontario). There was Abraham Dafoe receiving a land grant as a Loyalist and as a Corporal in Captain Henry Ruiter's Company of Roger's Rangers, a Provincial Corps.

In his petition for land, he named his father, John Defoe, who had died at Fort St. Jean, Quebec, before the family came to Upper Canada.

That was a PSDE find, proving Abraham Dafoe was a United Empire Loyalist.

In the papers of General Frederick Haldimand, Governor of Quebec at the time of the American Revolution, I found a letter between the General and Captain Justus Sherwood speaking of John Defoe as "*a trustworthy man and a good courier ...*" who knew his way from Quebec City to New York, through the woods, waterways and the Indian threat to General Guy Carlton on Long Island, New York.

This was a PSDE that John Defoe served in Captain Justus Sherwood's unit, in Major James Rogers' "*Rogers' Rangers*", and was a UE Loyalist.

My search was completed. Abraham Dafoe and John Defoe were both United Empire Loyalists.

I still wanted to find out why the spelling of their surname changed.

Other findings in my research:

One of John Defoe's sources of information came as he sheltered at his wife's home near Pownal, New York, now Vermont. John's wife, Mary, had yet to be forced out of their home and was there with their younger children. She was able to provide food, shelter and information to the British couriers who, like her husband, John, carried British dispatches. Her home was known as a "*Safe House*", although in the annals of New York it was called "*Old Dayfoot's*" house. She had many family and friend contacts who supplied her with information and political happenings in her area.

In the records of the Reformed Dutch Church in Albany, New York, I found the marriage of Johannes (John) Ernst Defoe and Maritje (Mary) Keller, on the 1st of February, 1749. The Reformed Dutch Church records are on line.

John Defoe was a supporter of the British who, two generations before, had rescued his grandfather's family from famine and starvation in Germany by bringing them from the Palatinate to England and then to the Colony of New York.

This was John's grandfather, Daniel Thevou, his wife, Marianne Delcour, and their two children, Abraham and Anna Marie Thevou. The family had immigrated from Missy, Switzerland, to the vineyards of Heidelberg in the Palatinate in Germany where Daniel worked as a vinedresser.

It was a period of religious unrest and violence between France and the Palatinate, when a terrible winter storm in 1707-1708 killed all the grape vines, leaving the workers without jobs. Destitute and starving, the family, along with other Palatinate families, fled to Amsterdam, Holland.

Queen Anne of England heard of these refugee people and sent ships to Holland to bring them to refugee camps on Hounslow Heath outside of London, where they were provided with food and shelter. England needed workers to work in their American Colonies to make tar to be used on the ships of the British navy.

The Palatine refugees were a ready work force and their emigration to America began by 1710-1712.

The Thevou/Defoe family went to the New York Colony where, sixty years later, that family's horrendous migration was still fresh in the minds of the younger Defoe families and was a good part of the reason they remained loyal to Britain.

John Ernst Defoe, raised on this family story, joined the British in Major James Rogers', "*Rogers' Rangers*", a Provincial Regiment, serving as a courier, spy, and recruiter of men for the British Provincial forces. John's devotion to the British cause, his success as a dispatch courier and spy, and at recruiting men for Rogers' Rangers, led to his rank of Captain. Many of the recruits were family members and loyal friends.

Until the Defoe family came to Quebec their name had many spellings. John was known as John Dayfoot in Petersberg, New York. John wrote his name as Defoe as did his wife, Mary. But once in Quebec the family name was changed to Dafoe by British enlists, and was used by the family as they moved unto their Loyalist Land grants. I have seen it spelled as Dafoe, Dayfoot, Defoe, Deffu, as well as Teffu, and Thevou . When the family arrived in Canada, only John and wife, Mary, spelled their name Defoe. The rest of the family began using the Dafoe spelling that continues today. The British recorders had changed the spelling of their surname to the English "*Dafoe*" !

Of the children of John Ernst Defoe and his wife, Mary Keller Defoe:

George Defoe/Dayfoot, was killed at the Battle of Bennington in August 1777, leaving three children; Mary, and a second daughter (Elizabeth?), as well as their son, Michael, using the surname Dayfoot. Later, as an adult, Michael Dayfoot came to Ontario where he settled and continued to spell his last name as Dayfoot. At the Dafoe family reunion in 1984, members of this Dayfoot family came from the Toronto/Markham area to join other Dafoe families gathered at Kingston, Ontario. George's second daughter (Elizabeth ?) stayed in Sorel, Quebec, with her Great Aunt Eva Defoe Katzebach's family.

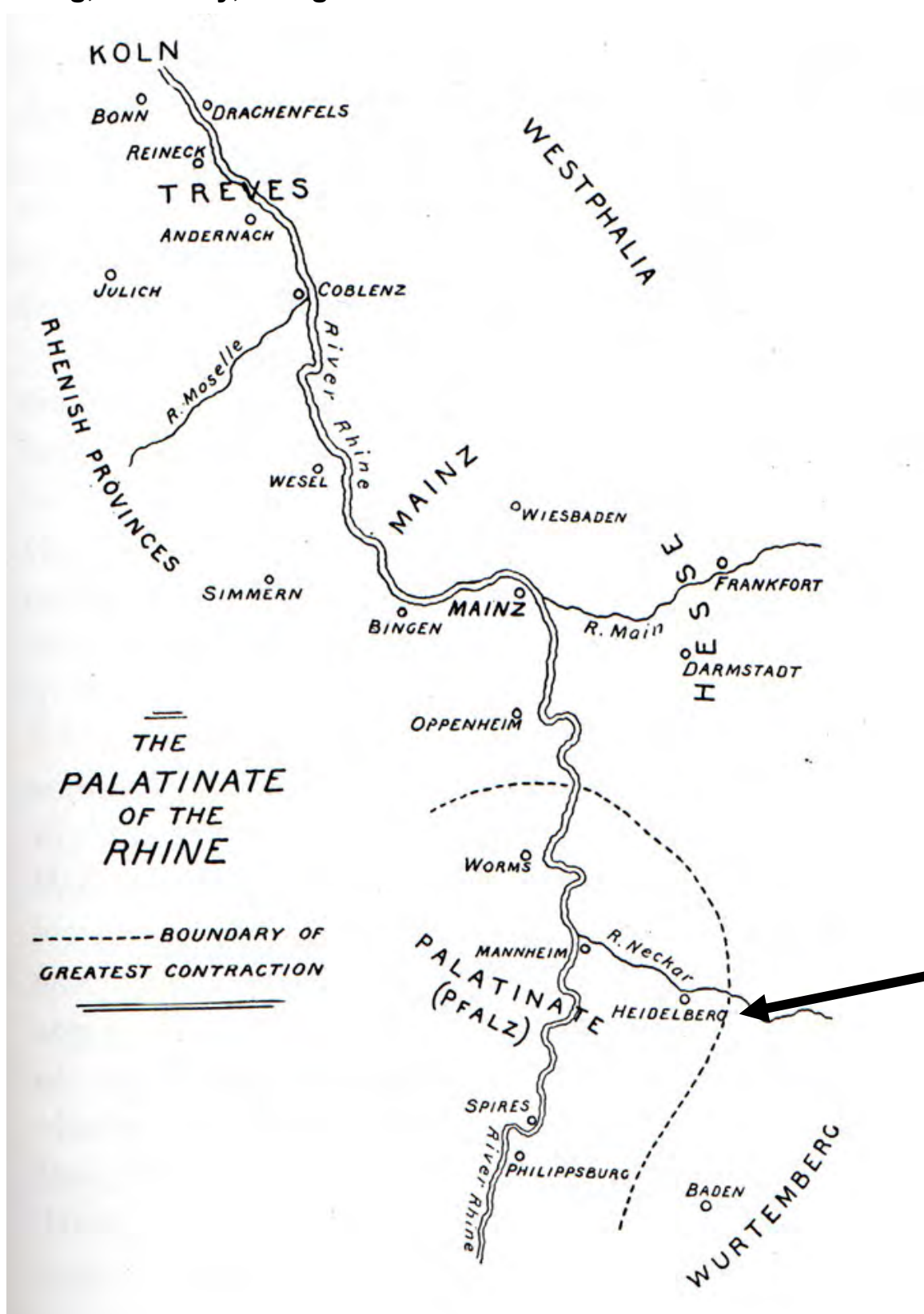
Eva Defoe Katzebach and her sister-in-law, Mary Keller Defoe, with their several young children and other Loyalist women and their children, who had all been forced from their homes, had made their way from Pownal, Vermont, along the forest trails to Lake Champlain where they were rescued by a British ship and taken to Fort St. Jean, Quebec, on the Richelieu River.

Conrad Dafoe, settled in Osnabruck Township, one of the Royal Townships, along the St. Lawrence River in Upper Canada (Ontario).

Abraham, Jacob, John Jr., Michael and Daniel Dafoe settled in Fredericksburg Township, as did John Ernst Defoe's widow, Mary. Jacob Dafoe, unwed, died soon after coming to Upper Canada.

Mary Keller Defoe also had with her, her son George's daughter, Mary Dayfoot/Dafoe, who later married Henry Young and remained in the Township.

Map of the Palatinate where the Thevou (Dafoe) family lived near Heidelberg, Germany, along the Rhine River.



The Rhine River, sourced in the mountains of Switzerland, passes through Liechtenstein, Germany, Belgium, and Holland to the North Sea. Note the position of Heidelberg where Daniel Thevou worked.

John, born on the Manor of Rensselaer near Fort Orange, (now Albany, county seat Troy, New York), was a millwright, literate and an intelligent man, who had already built two grist mills for grinding wheat and other grains. He had been a fence and road inspector in both Petersburg, New York, and Pownal, Vermont.

These were responsible jobs in the communities, to make sure the settlers adhered to the local laws. He had built at least two homes for his family, was an experienced settler who knew what was needed and how to accomplish it. He had seven sons who were all UE Loyalists. Two sons died as a result of the American Revolution, but five more were an influence in the communities where they settled in Ontario. His daughter, Mary, married Sgt. Andrew Rikely UE, of Rogers' Rangers and settled in Cataraqui Township, Number 3, as well.



John would have built a grist mill like this one on both Dayfoot Brook, Petersburg, New York, and Washtub (Tub) Creek near Pownal, Vermont.

Pictured below is a grist mill for grinding wheat, oats, corn and barley in the 1700-1800's as John would have built on Washtub Creek, Vermont.

Often the family would live in the upper floor of the mill until the miller had time to build their home.

First came what was essential for the family: jobs, food and housing. The mill site was usually on a creek with a good year-round flow of water. A dam was constructed above the mill site where water would be contained in a mill pond. A man-made channel, called a millrace, carried the water to a sluice where the sluiceway carried the water to the top of the mill wheel. This was an "overshoot" mill where the water came in at the top of the mill wheel, turning the wheel, and with it, also turned the millstones inside the mill, grinding the grain.

Both of John Ernst Defoe's mills were "overshoot" mills. The volume of the water for this came from the mill pond further upstream, and the overflow water went into the creek downstream.

Grist mills were essential to early pioneers as it allowed them to grind their own wheat into flour for baking bread and other foods.





Dayfoot Brook. Note the small channel running to the left side of the brook. This man-made channel (known as a raceway), ran to a sluice that would direct water to the mill wheel.



Washtub (Tub) Creek near Pownal, Vermont, is a rushing mountain stream down a steep hillside and was the site of John Defoe's second mill and home.



The home of John Ernst Defoe on Dayfoot Brook, Petersburg, New York, 1753. In the basement can be seen the original logs supporting the ceiling and resting on the rock foundation. The siding, porch and add-ons were later renovations.

Photo taken on 27 October 1995 with the owner of the time.



- painting by Garth Dittrick



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





John Ernst Defoe mill site on Dayfoot Brook, Petersburg, New York.

One can see part of the mill wall and where it was located to the brook.

The mill, dam and sluice are gone. This little stream, beside the larger Dayfoot Brook, was called a millrace, and would have carried the water to a sluice where the sluiceway directed the water to the top of the mill wheel, turning the wheel.



From the Kawartha Branch Hearth and Home: A Treasury of Family Recipes, © 2018:

A tribute to Mary Adeline Hubble Chard (1830 - 1921). Grandmother Chard lived to be 91 years old. Her maiden name was Mary Adeline Hubble until her marriage to grandfather, Perlee Chard, about 1848. Mary was the great great granddaughter of United Empire Loyalist, Nehemiah Hubble UE, who settled on Lot 19, Concession 3, in Rawdon Township, Hastings County. During the Hungry Years between 1777 and 1789, it was so dry that streams dried up, game disappeared, forests burned, and so cold in the winter of 1788 that fish would not bite in the Bay of Quinte. The First Nations People told the settlers that anything a wild pig would root up and eat was safe for human beings to eat. Likely the recipes that she passed down through the family were given to her by her Indian neighbours.

Wild Edibles for Survival:

Basswood Leaves - Boil to eat-safe.

Wild Iris Root and white roots in swamps - Boil and eat.

Nuts from Hickory, Butternut Acorns - Boil or roast to eat.

Bark from some trees to boil for tea. Also cedar leaves.

Wild Cabbage, also called skunk cabbage can be boiled to eat. Leeks and Wild Onion can be used in place of onion.

Wild berries (strawberry, huckleberry, wild raspberry, choke cherry) and some roots.

Maple Syrup - Indians showed settlers how to tap trees and gather sap to boil.

Pictured below is a wooden peg used to connect pieces of logs and lumber together when building in 1750-1800. This peg came from the John Ernst Defoe house at Dayfoot Brook, Petersburg, New York. This kind of peg would have been used by John Defoe when building his mills and homes.

The family, parents and older children, would have spent the winter months whittling these pegs for use in their construction projects.

When we visited the Dayfoot Brook mill site the new owner of the property had the old boards and logs, which had been removed from part of the old house for renovations, stacked in a pile. He removed two of these pegs for us to have as a memory of the earlier home of the John Ernst Defoe family.

The use of wooden pegs was eventually replaced by forged nails.

This peg is five and a half inches long, one inch at the top and one half inch at bottom.

We were also shown the basement beams still in use. The bark was removed from one side only where it was joined to a second beam. We could still see the bark on the under-side of the logs. The house was built in 1753 and still in use in 1995 when we visited.



John survived the rigors of war and the perils of being a courier-dispatch carrier, and spy. He had reached the safety of Fort St. Jean, Quebec, on the Richelieu River and was with his family when he died during the winter of 1783-84.

His wife, Mary Keller Defoe, came into Cataraqui Township, No. 3, (now Fredericksburg Township) with her younger children and with her twenty-nine-year-old son, Abraham Dafoe, and his family, where they all received land grants as Loyalists.



The Pownal homestead of John Ernst Defoe built in 1760

The home of the John Ernst Defoe family on Tub Creek, Vermont., built in 1760, as it looked in 1995. The original log home was the section where the chimney sits.

As you research your family history you too will find many similar stories, much of it substantiated by Primary Sourced Documentary Evidence. Cherish your Loyalist heritage and tell your family about it.

**A. Joan Lucas, UE
Kawartha Branch Historian, UELAC.
16 February 2025**

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on his tombstone
from the beginning to the end.
He noted that first came his date of birth,
then spoke the following date with tears
But he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.
For the dash represented all the time
he spent alive on earth
And now only those that loved him
know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not how much we own,
the land, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we lived and loved
and how we spent our dash.



On Saturday, 08 March 2025, Lois Tuffin, a former Editor-in-Chief with *Peterborough This Week*, wrote in her weekly column in *The Peterborough Examiner*:

***MEN TINKERING ALONGSIDE OTHERS
SERVES AS A RETIREMENT ANTIDOTE
A GROUP OF RETIREES CAN HAVE
A GREAT IMPACT ON EACH OTHER'S WELLNESS***

In 2013, a group of self-described “*Crazy-Assed Dreamers*” bought the former Mount St. Joseph. Some of you may know it today as The Mount Community Centre.

You know when you jump into something risky without thinking about all the things that could go wrong? That matched our out-look at the time to a T.

For instance, most of us were still working full-time and didn't have time to check on this multi-million-dollar investment. As luck would have it, my husband's office shut down just 12 days later, leaving him with lots of spare time.

Every day, Jamie Hueston would go check to see if anyone had broken in. One day he started sweeping up dead bats, then cleaning up small messes. By the time he started tearing out old ceiling tiles, word spread to other retirees and he welcomed Paul Ayotte and Bob McLaughlin aboard.

Soon you couldn't keep people away. Ultimately the Mount Crew grew to 29 people of various ages.

For at least 100 hours each month they painted, fixed doors, wooden fixtures, and prepared rental spaces for tenants. They tackled anything on the to-do list to ensure small problems didn't become big ones.

Their contributions saved us tens of thousands of dollars each year.

While it was great for us, it also added meaning to their lives.

Face it, when people retire, they lose their routines, their social circles and sometimes their sense of purpose. It's easy to settle on the couch and watch your world get smaller.



As an antidote, men all over the world are stepping up to organize Men's Sheds. Simply put, a Men's Shed is a group of men who get together to tinker, talk and make new friends. No matter what the mission, men communicate better when they work *"shoulder to shoulder"* with their peers.

This keeps them more physically active and engages their brains in continuous learning.

Research shows that men can be reluctant to seek help when they feel blue.

"Men's Sheds foster emotional well-being and transformative, fulfilling relationships for men in their retirement years," its national web-site states.

So, why don't we have one in Peterborough yet?

A meeting two years ago drew 16 people, but the man who hosted it, Ken Spry, already had too full a plate to lead the group.

He already meets his friends at the mall for coffee every day then heads off to one of many activities. He carves with a group at Community Care, square dances and leads the local United Empire Loyalists' Branch. Then he squeezes in grief counselling to cope after his wife's death in November.

While he obviously thrives on his own, he sees the value of Men's Sheds and would love to see one flourish here.

"People want to be involved but no one has thrown their hat in," Ken says.

As it turns out, there are few rules. It just needs to be welcoming and lead to guys of any age fixing or building things. Memberships cost \$10.

The 18 members in my hometown of Almonte do repairs, play games, go out for breakfast and care for the grounds at a conservation area.

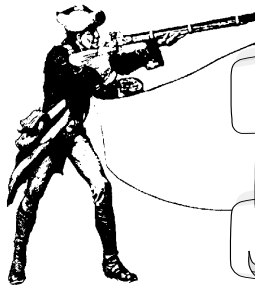
The one near Arnprior converted an old school into a giant work-shop.

Ken is willing to connect the dots for anyone who wants to take this on with a call to 745-6422.

At The Mount, with the apartments now fixed up and inhabited, the to-do list has been whittled down to suit a handful of diehards.

Yet, clearly, if one person starts a new hot spot, others will come out. Who will that be?





Loyalist Corner



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

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Volume 5, Issue 1	· William Fairchild UE · Andrew Denike UE · Adam Young UE & Henry Young UE
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Volume 6, Issue 1	· Martin Silmzer UE
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Volume 15, Issue 1	- Robert Bessey Senior UE
Volume 15, Issue 2	- The Finckel Family



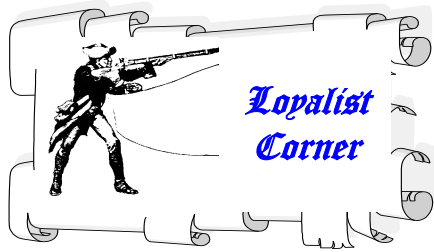
Volume 16, Issue 1	- "Old" John Conklin UE
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Volume 23, Issue 1	- A Descent into Heritage Research by John Hooper UE
Volume 23, Issue 2	- "Christmas With The Loyalists" by Marcus Van Steen (originally published in the <i>Family Herald</i> , No. 26, December 21, 1967, pp. 33, 35.
Volume 24, Issue 1	- "Frederick Keller UE, a United Empire Loyalist" By Brandon Edward Thomas McDermott UE
Volume 24, Issue 2	- "How We Were Flooded Out" By Lois Barron (nee McNairn) UE
Volume 25, Issue 1	- "John Munroe: Patriot/Loyalist" By Bill Russell UE

Important Reminder

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



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Our Immediate Past Kawartha Branch President, and now the National President of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Bill Russell UE, thought that you would enjoy reading this article:



This is about my 6th great grandfather, John Munroe. It is a three-part series, with the third part in the Fall issue.

JOHN MUNROE: PATRIOT/LOYALIST

PART TWO



When we last left John Munroe, he, along with his friend, Elijah Coates, had just deserted from the Continental Army immediately after Benedict Arnold defected from West Point. John and Elijah joined the Queen's Rangers Hussar unit as Privates in Captain Alexander Wickham's troop under the command of Colonel John Graves Simcoe.

The Queen's Rangers was a regiment formed by Major Robert Rogers of New Hampshire.

During the French and Indian War, Major Rogers commanded a Corp known as Roger's Rangers.

At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, Rogers received a commission as Colonel from the Crown and began recruiting Loyalists to serve the Crown. The Corp became known as the Queen's Rangers and was the only Loyalist Regiment authorized to enlist Europeans as well as American Loyalists.

The Crown appointed Col. John G. Simcoe as Commander of the Rangers after the Battle of Brandywine in September 1777.



Battle of Brandywine,
also known as
the Battle
of Brandywine Creek,
September 11, 1777



On May 2, 1779, the Queen's Rangers became known as the "*First American Regiment*".

They were known for their daring and were selected for services whenever they were nearby.

During the last campaigns of the war, the Rangers were the most efficient regiment in the British service in America. A "*light corps*" according to Simcoe had no need for the general discipline of the army, their most important duties being "*vigilance, activity and patience of fatigue*".



Particular attention was given to the Bayonet.

Simcoe's standing order was to "*take as many prisoners as possible and never destroy life unless absolutely necessary*".

At the same time, they were encouraged to avoid being captured and not to surrender.

They were to disband, escape and separately rejoin British forces.

Their key role was fighting as reconnaissance and outpost troops.



The following advertisement was printed in Rivington's "*The Royal Gazette*" at New York while the British army controlled the city:



ALL ASPIRING HEROES

***Have now the opportunity of distinguishing themselves by joining.
THE QUEENS'S RANGERS HUZZARS.***

Commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Simcoe.

***Any spirited man will receive every encouragement,
be immediately mounted on an elegant horse, and furnished with clothing,
accoutrements, and receive the amount of FORTY GUINEAS,
by applying to the Cornet Spencer,
at his quarters, number 1033 Water St/ or his rendezvous,
Hewitt's Tavern, near the Coffee House, and the defeat at Brandywine, on the
GOLDEN HILL***

Whoever brings a Recruit shall instantly receive

TWO GUINAS/

VIVANT REX ET REGINA



John had enlisted in the Queen's Rangers in September of 1780.

In December 1780, his troop was ordered to Virginia under the command of General Benedict Arnold. They sailed from Sandy Hook, New York on December 21, 1780, and arrived in Virginia on December 30, 1780, with several ships missing. The remainder of Arnold's troops arrived sometime in January 1781.

John was included on the Queen's Rangers Hussar Troop Muster Roll for the period of December to February 1781.

Since John was also on the rolls of the Massachusetts 9th Regiment at this time and was discharged on January 20, 1781, it is difficult to determine just where he was.

Warrant J. G. Simcoe Esq. Lieut. Col. Command. 25th

	N ^o	Rank	Nation	Names	Casualty
	48	Priv. ^t	A	Herzokia Marks	Convalescent
	49	"	I	Richard Truon	Rec ^d from Capt. Wickham's Co
	50	"	I	Roger Oryan	Enlisted 22 nd September
	51	"	A	John Munroe	D ^o D ^o
	52	"	A	Elijah Coats	D ^o D ^o
	53	"	I	Will ^m Goodrey	D ^o 8 th
	54	"	I	Roger McDonald	D ^o 20 th
	55	"	F	George Hobble	D ^o D ^o
	56	"	A	Isaac Horton	D ^o 25 th
	57	"	A	Will ^m Jones	D ^o 27 th
	58	"	I	Will ^m Davis	D ^o 19 th
	59	"	A	David Mitchell	D ^o 1 st October
	60	"	I	Samuel Hopper	D ^o 8 th
	61	"	I	George Scott	D ^o 11 th
	62	"	C	Richard Dunn	D ^o 9 th
	63	"	I	John McConnell	D ^o 8 th
	64	"	I	Edward Gould	D ^o 2 nd
	65	"	I	John Costeloe	D ^o 10
	66	"	I	Benjamin Mifflin	D ^o 22 nd Sep ^r Deal
	67	"	A	William Compton	Enlisted 13 th Nov ^r

John Munroe,
Enlisted on
22 September 1780,
Captain Alexander
Wickham's
Company,
Lieut. Col.
John G. Simcoe's
Regiment

From the Muster Roll
25 Aug 1780 thru 24 Oct 1780
Capt. Alexander Wickham's Company.
Lieut. Col. John G. Simcoe's Regiment

Figure 18: Partial Muster Roll of Capt. Alexander Wickham's Company
From the Muster Roll of 25 Aug 1780 thru 24 Oct 1780
Capt. Alexander Wickham's Company
Lieut. Col. John G. Simcoe's Regiment

During this period there was no Master Muster Roll of Cornwallis' army and muster rolls were not taken.

There were, however, listings made of the soldiers who had died, deserted, or had been discharged. There is an abstract for the period ending on the 24th of April, 1781, and John Munroe was not on that list, so he is presumed to be with the troop. Elijah Coates, who had deserted with John from West Point, was on the List of Deserters from the British Army.

In June of 1781, Captain Wickham retired, and we next pick up John in Lieutenant Alan McNab's troop on its muster roll beginning June 25, 1781.

The Queen's Rangers were stationed at Gloucester Point, poised to join the Battle of Yorktown but, due to a violent storm, they could not cross the river to participate.

The British forces were defeated by Washington and the Queen's Rangers were in the surrender. For the period from October 1781 through to April 1782, John was listed as a "*prisoner within the lines on the muster roll of Lt. McNab's Hussar Troop.*" The prisoners were eventually released in 1782, and John rejoined the Queen's Rangers, being assigned to Captain Saunders Light Dragoons.

We next pick up John on the muster rolls as being in the Regimental hospital in Huntington, Long Island. After being released, he joined Capt. Saunders' troop. Captain Saunders troop was listed as doing guard duty on the prisoner ship, *Jersey*. On board the ship the Americans were treated in an inhuman and cruel manner and over 11,000 men died on that ship over the years. One of the ploys of the British was to try to reduce the prisoners to such a poor state that they would join their ranks to escape the harsh conditions of the ship. Even as late as 1782, the ship still held prisoners.

The Battle of Yorktown brought an end to the active service of the main troops though, at sea and on the frontiers, the war continued until a definite peace was concluded on September 3, 1783. It was resolved to settle the Loyalists and disbanded Loyalist Regiments in Nova Scotia. There, in what is now the province of New Brunswick, a plan of the St. John River was prepared by the Surveyor General and blocks of land were reserved for the soldiers.

The British felt that, by settling disbanded troops throughout the province, it would provide protection in case the Americans decided to invade what is now Canada.

The men of the Queen's Rangers received land grants in York County in the Parish of Queensbury, which was named after them.

The First American Regiment of the Queen's Rangers continued to exist as a regiment and received their final orders to leave New York to be settled in at the mouth of the St. John River on September 12, 1783. The Rangers disbanded in Saint John on October 13, 1783 and drew numbers for lots.

The lot lines had not been run, however, or laid out for the settlers. Due to severe weather and the uncertainty of location, the disbanded soldiers passed the winter at the mouth of the river.

Parrrtown was named after the Governor and was later named Saint John. It was laid out by the Deputy Surveyor and the soldiers drew lots.

John Munroe was granted Lot # 759 on August 27, 1784.

His lot was on the northwest corner of Wentworth Street and Morris Street (now Duke Street) There is no indication that John settled on the lot.

On May 20, 1786, the Grant of Carleton was signed, and John Munroe was granted Lot #439, in Parrrtown.



John Munroe
first received
Lot 759
in Parrrtown.

Figure 21: Plan of Parrrtown, N. B. - 17 Dec 1783

Sometime during the next five years, John moved up the Saint John River to Maugerville and then on to Grand Lake. In 1791, John, at the age of 31 years, married Hannah Cross, daughter of Captain Christopher Cross. John and his father-in-law are recorded as living in Grand Lake.

The Sunbury County poll book of September 1795 lists John Munroe as having his abode in Maugerville as his place of Freehold.

John Munroe eventually applied for more land and was granted two hundred acres of land in Pennfield, New Brunswick, which was settled by Quakers, and named after William Penn.

We will continue the story of John's life in Pennfield and his brazen attempt to approach the American government for a pension and land for his service in the American Army.

I wish to acknowledge the research done by my cousin, Rachael Dufflo, and the History of the Queen's Rangers by James Hanney.

THE QUEEN'S RANGERS IN OCTOBER, 1781.

The Queen's Rangers, as we have before observed, settled mainly in New Brunswick, and therefore a list of the Corps, officers and men, as they stood after the surrender at Yorktown in October, 1781, cannot fail to be of interest to their descendants. I therefore give below the names of all who were included in the surrender, showing the company or troop to which they belonged. A large number of these men fought through the whole war and endured great hardships and losses in the cause which they deemed sacred. All of them had been in battle and some of them bore the wounds and scars they had received. Their grand-children and great grand-children who read their names will be reminded of their honourable ancestry and of the toils and struggles of their fore-fathers.

CAVALRY.—HUSSAR TROOP: LATE WICKHAM'S.

Lieutenant—Allan McNab.

Cornet—B. M. Woolsey.

Quarter-Master—John McGill.

Sergeants.

Wm. McLaughlan,

John Galloway,

Benj. Kelly.

Corporals.

Mathew Carty,

Joseph Parlow,

John Barnett.

Trumpeter—Arthur French.

Privates.

Thomas Shannon,

William Dillon,

John Stephens,

Michael Hagan,

John McConnell,

William Winslow,

Henry Seymore,

Samuel Lindsay,

James Campbell,

Robert Ferguson,

David Lindsay,

George Killan,

Joseph Cole,

Andrew Shields,

Duncan Campbell,

Michael McGinnis,

Humphrey Cochran,

John Munroe,

Isaac Horton,

David Mitchell,

Samuel Hopper,

William Cornwall,

Charles Malloy,

Joshua Peck,

Joseph Callaghan,

George Hobble,

Roger O'Bryan,

William Ellison,

William Ensley,

Isaac Tuttle,

Robert Lewis,

Daniel Daley,

Richard Airiss,

John Smith,

Edward Conner,

John Stanton,

Michael Harttman,

John Costoloe,

Lawrence Hughes,

John McCarey,

Jeremiah Owens,

Patrick Gantly.

Source: History of the Queen's Rangers, James Hanney, DCL,
Ottawa, Royal Society of Canada, 1909.

JOHN MUNROE: PRIVATE					
Source	Page	Muster Roll Dates		Company	Comments
		To	From		
C4217-1862	39-34	25 Apr 1779	24 Jun 1779	Enlisted 10 Jun 1779	
C4217-1862	39-34	"	"	Capt. James Murray	
C4217-1862	52-24	25 Jun 1779	24 Aug 1779	Capt. James Murray	
C4217-1862	90A/91	"	"	Capt. James Murray	
C4217-1862	90A/91	"	"	Deserted 17 Jul 1779	
With Americans		25 Aug 1779	24 Aug 1780	Arnold to West Point 3 Aug 1780	
C4217-1863	47-51	25 Aug 1780	24 Oct 1780	Enlisted 22 Sep 1780	
C4217-1863	47-51	"	"	Capt. Alex. Wickham	
Not Found		25 Oct 1780	24 Dec 1780	Capt. Alex. Wickham	
C4217-1863	62-43	25 Dec 1780	24 Feb 1781	Capt. Alex. Wickham	
				Sailed to Virginia 21 Dec 1780	
				Discharged 9th Mass. 20 Jan 1781	
Not Found		25 Feb 1781	24 Apr 1781		
Not Found		25 Apr 1781	24 Jun 1781	Capt. Alexander Wickham Retires	
C4218-1864	40A-36	25 Jun 1781	24 Aug 1781	Lt. Alan McNab	
				Yorktown Surrender Oct 1781	
C4217-1864	15-18	25 Aug 1781	24 Oct 1781	Lt. Alan McNab	Prisoner within-line
Not Found		25 Oct 1781	24 Dec 1781		Prisoner within-line
C4218-1864	59-16	25 Dec 1781	24 Feb 1782	Lt. Alan McNab	Prisoner within-line
C4218-1865	12-16	25 Feb 1782	24 Apr 1782	Lt. Alan McNab	Prisoner within-line
C4218-1865	29-16	25 Apr 1782	24 Jun 1782	Lt. Alan McNab	No notation
C4218-1865	92A-	"	"	Saunders/NY 25 Jun	British Hussars
C4218-1866	30-32	"	"	Capt. John Saunders	Enlisted 25 Jun 1782
C4218-1866	30-32	"	"	Capt. John Saunders	Enlisted 25 Jun 1782
Not Found		25 Jun 1782	24 Aug 1782	Capt. John Saunders	
C4218-1866	37-	25 Jun 1782	24 Aug 1782	Lt. Alan McNab	Munro not listed
C4218-1865	75-26	25 Aug 1782	24 Oct 1782	Capt. John Saunders	Regt. Hospital
C4218-1866	29A-24	25 Oct 1782	24 Dec 1782	Capt. John Saunders	No Notation
C4218-1866	25A-24	25 Dec 1782	24 Feb 1783	Capt. John Saunders	Regt. Hospital
C4218-1866	31A-24	"	"	Capt. John Saunders	Regt. Hospital
C4218-1866	18-1		2 Mar 1783	Capt. John Saunders	Released Hospital
C4218-1866	25A-24	25 Feb 1783	24 Apr 1783	Capt. John Saunders	Last Muster Roll
		25 Apr 1783	24 Jun 1783	No Known Muster Rolls Disbanded St. John on 14 Oct 1783	
		25 Jun 1783	24 Aug 1783		
		25 Aug 1783	24 Oct 1783		
Reference: PAC, RG81 "C" Series, Vols. 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866.					

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Figure 13: Service in the Queen's Rangers

A BLAST FROM THE PAST: National President and cousin of Judy Fisher UE, Bill Russell UE, sent me this photo, asking if I thought that it was Judy, knowing that I had taught with her at Kent Public School in Campbellford, Ontario:

On this date 60 years ago I had the honour of dedicating our new flag at Kent Scool. It began a deep love and respect for our flag. 🇨🇦🇨🇦🇨🇦🇨🇦



Judy's daughter, Jillian, confirmed it is Judy.

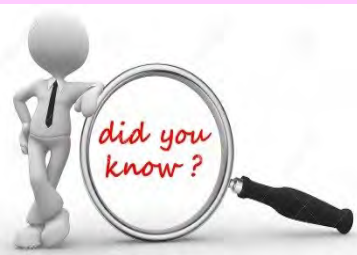


The Loyalist Corner Wants Your Stories !!!

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 14 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 !!!



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





This haiku poem was composed
by internationally acclaimed poet laureate graduate
and author, Madame Daphne Jane Rogers Molson UE,
of Kawartha Branch UELAC, for Valentine's Day,
held in Kelsey's Restaurant, on Lansdowne Street,
in Peterborough, Ontario, February 12, 2025
with UELAC Members present.

LOVE IS ETERNAL

***Love has not
End, it is eternal,
It never ceases***

***Love is human
Compassion humanity
Gives to any***

***Love is reign
Of mankind's aspect
And environment***

***Love is finance
Budgeted to care for
All countries needs***

***Love is freedom
Won of tyranny by
UE Loyalists***

***Love is being
Descended of Loyalists
Fidelity***

***Love is our
Patron, Prince of Wales,
William Mountbatten***

***Love done kindle
Becomes itself, then
It endless shines***

***Love comforts,
Mends and heals hurt,
Ill and disease***

***Love is feeding
All nations people
Food to reign***

***Love is keeping
Peace and security
In all nations***

***Love is war
Battle done and won
For Canada***

***Love is being
Inherited distinction
Of King George***

***Love is toasting
Him, UELAC,
And our nation***

***Love is gracious,
Giving and genuine,
Not falsehood***

***Love does bear
Unbearable suffering
To be dutiful***

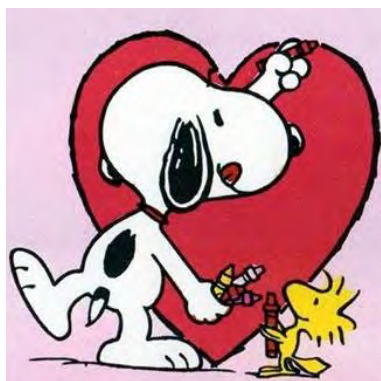
***Love is giving
Homes to the homeless
To be safe in***

***Love is ending
Nuclear war's weapons
Of aggression***

***Love is British
Reign given Loyalists
And Canada***

***Love is two
Initials, U and E,
Affixed our name***

***Love be given
All of us today,
Valentine's Day***



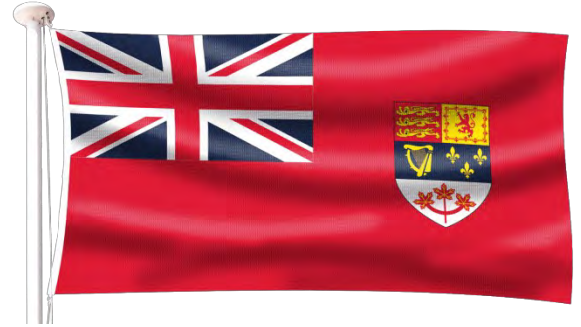
CANADA'S NEW FLAG: RECOLLECTIONS OF AN EYE-WITNESS



In 1964 the Canadian Government decided to create a new Canadian Flag. It became very controversial as there was opposition to losing the Canadian Red Ensign that people had fought under.

Numerous weird and wonderful designs were put forward

by the public. Prime Minister Pearson made the final decision, and the new flag was to be revealed on February 15, 1965.



At the time I was serving with the 3rd brigade in Gagetown and we supplied a 100-man honour guard for the unveiling at the Government building in Fredericton. I don't recall the names of the dignitaries making speeches who formed up in front of the flagpole as a large crowd built up in the park next to us.

We presented arms as the Red Ensign came down for the last time and was folded up, the new packaged flag being then raised. There was a lot of grumbling in the crowd, and you could feel the tension.

Then someone in the crowd shouted, "*Well roll her out and let's see what you got.*" This was followed by a round of laughter and the whole atmosphere changed. The rope was tugged, and our beautiful new red and white maple leaf flag was unfurled. There was a round of applause, and the artillery fired the salute. The iconic new, easily-recognized, Flag was well-accepted and soon proudly displayed around the world.

Ontario and Manitoba both retained the Red Ensign as their Provincial Flags.

Bill Atkinson UE



NOMINATIONS REPORT

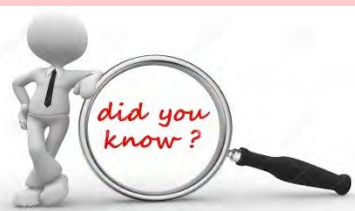
2025 is the year that our April Annual General Meeting took place.

We are still accepting Nominations for the following positions: Secretary, Social Convenor, President, and First-Vice President.

Mentor guidance is available and will make every position on the Board much easier for volunteers.

**Please contact: Bob and Grietje McBride UE,
Ken Spry UE or Bill Russell UE.**

(See contact information on Page 04.)



DID YOU KNOW ???

**If you haven't already ordered your UELAC Ribbon with your Loyalist ancestor's name plate(s), please contact Rodney Appleby at:
< uelac.office@gmail.com > or P.O. Box 189,
Station Main, Cornwall, Ontario. K6H 5F7**

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





**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.**

**Did You
Know ??**
**UP-COMING
EVENTS!!!**



**September 21, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Activity
Haven**



**Guest to be
announced
shortly !!!**

HOPE TO
**See You
There**



Important Reminder of Dues

**You can now
renew your 2025 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 Genealogists 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 plus \$10.00 for Branch operation.
- Individual half-year pays \$20.00 plus \$10.00 for Branch operation.
- Family pays \$55.00 and plus \$10.00 for each Member **including self**.
- Family half-year pays \$27.50 plus \$10.00 for each Member including self.
- Student pays \$20.00 plus \$10.00 for Branch operation.

Mail your Dues Cheque to:

**Grietje R. McBride UE
2260 North Esson Line,
Indian River, Ontario. K0L 2B0
705-295-4556
e-mail: maplegm@gmail.com**





IN MEMORIAM

Remembering:

Muriel Eileen Brunson UE



Muriel Eileen Brunson UE, dear mother of Caroline (Brunson) McGillivray UE, passed away at her home in Newmarket on December 22, 2024. She was born in Scarborough in 1936, and her family moved to a farm south of Rice Lake and southeast of Fenella on the south side of County Road 29.

Her maiden name was Whitney, and a short road there is now called Whitney Road. Eileen grew up there and attended the local one-roomed school.

Later she married Albert Brunson and, after living for a while in Woodbridge, they bought a house in Newmarket which was their home for many years.

Eileen was a descendant of Joseph Haines UEL, and Albert Brunson was descended from Daniel Brownson UEL.



**Rest in peace Eileen,
from the Kawartha Branch UELAC.**





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 Wednesday, 12 February 2025, Members of Kawartha Branch UELAC met for a Valentine's Get-Together at Kelsey's Road House, on Lansdowne Street, Peterborough, Ontario.



Unfortunately, photos were not taken at this get-together.

Our sincere apologies !!!



On Sunday, 16 February, at 2:00 p.m. we met virtually, on ZOOM, where our guest speaker was be Joan Lucas UE, one of the founders of our Kawartha Branch UELAC.

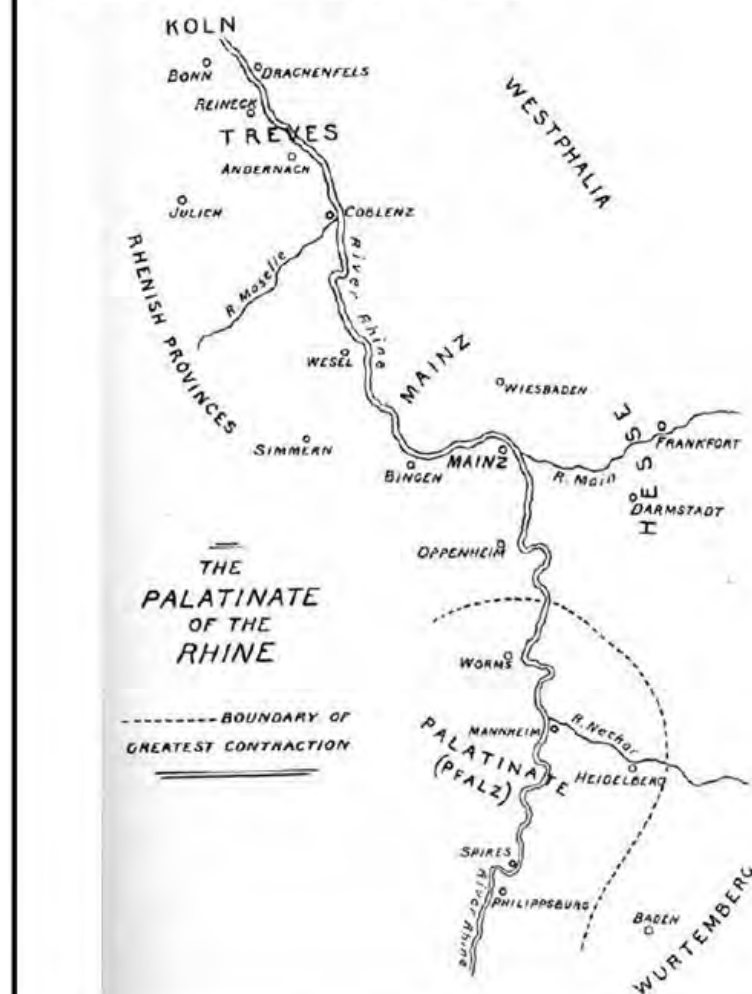


Her topic was:

***“My Search for my Loyalist Ancestor,
Captain John Ernst Defoe UEL,
and his son, Abraham Dafoe UE”***



Map of the Palatinate where the Thevou (Dafoe) family lived near Heidelberg, Germany, along the Rhine River.



**The home of John Ernst Defoe on Dayfoot Brook, Petersburg, New York, 1753. (c.1995)
In the basement can be seen the original logs supporting in the ceiling
and the rock foundation. The siding, porch and add-ons were later renovations.**



**Then on Sunday afternoon, 13 April, we met both in-person and virtually on ZOOM
to welcome our guest speaker, Dr. Amy Barron, Museum Management
and Curatorship Program at Fleming College.**



**Dr. Amy Barron has worked in the museum field
for almost thirty years at a wide variety
of institutions, large and small, both publicly
and privately funded.
She has enjoyed both administrative
and curatorial roles in these museums.
Without deep and lasting community
engagement, museums are just places
where old things are entombed.
However, if we can preserve the wonder
and beauty of our collections to reach out
to people to both educate and entertain,
then we create a new generation
of museum goers and create a place
of lifelong learning.**



Dr. Barron has been a faculty member at Fleming College's Museum Management and Curatorship graduate certificate program since January of 2014.

There, she teaches

Education & Interpretive Programming and Gallery & Museum Administration, as well as occasionally teaching courses on collections management, exhibition development and curatorial research.

She currently also serves as the Program Coordinator

for both of Fleming's Heritage Programs (museum studies and conservation).

The best part of this job is being a mentor to the fabulous new emerging museum professionals in our field.

These are the students that Kawartha Branch has chosen to support in our bursary program.

Dr. Barron spoke about the Museum and Curator programs offered at Fleming, what students learn, the new museum collection and when it is available for viewing. She also talked about how people can protect and preserve their special paper records.

This provided a great opportunity for planning a follow-up visit by our Members to see the exhibits that her students have developed to educate people about the Peter Robinson settlers in our area.

Opening Event

Thursday April 17, 2025

2:00-4:00 pm (speeches begin at 2:30)

Peterborough Museum & Archives

300 Hunter Street East

ALL WELCOME





Jean Hennessy UE was presented with her Loyalist certificate and a Loyalist pin from Kawartha Branch for her Loyalist ancestor, David Hunter UEL.

Following Dr. Barron's presentation, we conducted our Annual General Meeting where we elected and installed our Kawartha Branch Board of Directors for 2025 – 2026.



Branch President: Ken Spry UE First, Second Vice-President: to be announced
Secretary (pro tem): Grietje McBride UE Treasurer: Madeline Lucas UE
Programme Convener: Graham Hart UE Sales & Displays: Bill Atkinson UE
Historian / Archivist: Joan Lucas UE
Newsletter Editor, Publicity and Publications Chair: Bob McBride UE
Branch Piper: Brandon McDermott UE
Directors: Bill Atkinson UE Graham Hart UE Frank Lucas
A. Joan Lucas UE Bob McBride UE

Patricia "Trish" Staples UE following the meeting wrote:

"Since we are in a different time zone, it was 11:00 a.m. when the meeting started here in Vancouver. Richard had gone to church. I stayed home to attend the meeting and did remain on-line throughout. I am pleased that you continue to provide access through Zoom, (even with its unpredictable tech glitches) since I can appreciate the well-chosen informational and relevant presentations while staying up-to-date on the Kawartha UELAC concerns."

**Trish Staples UE and her husband, Richard, as pioneer settlers
 at the UELAC Conference
 on June 6 to 9, 2024, in Cornwall, Ontario.**



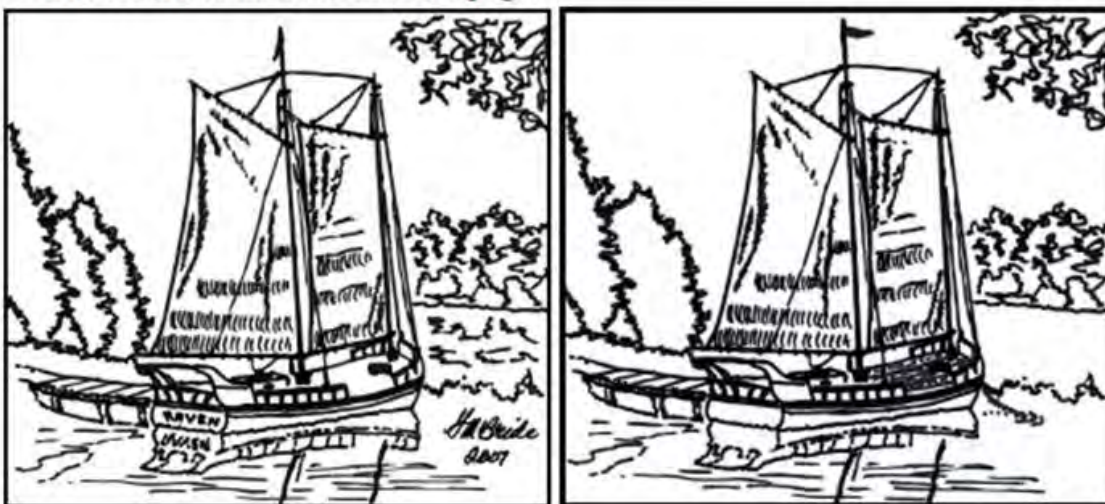
We sent a couple of pages from our booklet, entitled **Celebrating Our Loyalist Past: An Activity Book For All Ages** that we privately published in 2015 by The Wee Oak Press, to Bill Russell UE, to possibly use in the Spring 2025 issue of *The Loyalist Gazette*.

The Saint John River Boat was a familiar sight two hundred years ago when the Saint John River was the only means of transporting bulk cargos. The boat's design originated in New England in pre-Revolutionary times and Loyalists modified the hull to keep the boat upright at low tide. This boat hauled everything necessary for settlement, incoming supplies and building materials, as well as outgoing raw materials. For further information about this boat visit the Internet web site URL: <http://seafarer.netfirms.com/2/raven.html>.

Ahoy mates. Take the helm.

Can you find at least eight differences in these two illustrations ??

Answers are at the bottom of the page.



- Answers:
1. Flag flying on right of mast.
 2. Name Raven has been removed.
 3. Reflection of Raven has been removed.
 4. Anchor chain has been added to boat's bow.
 5. Middle evergreen tree has been removed.
 6. Deck planking added.
 7. Bow railing and its reflection have been removed.
 8. Some water reflections in front of boat have been removed.

This activity was first published in *The Loyalist Gazette*, Volume XLV, No. 1, Spring 2007, p. 59, the national magazine of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

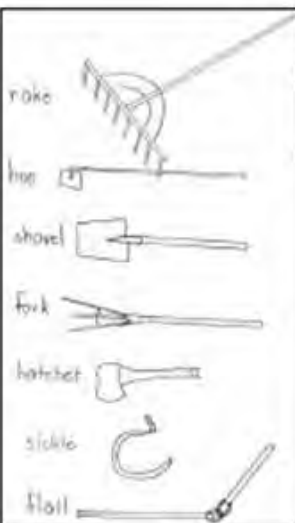


Young Loyalists' Page by
Grietje Renske (Purdy)
McBride UE, B.Sc., and
Robert Collins McBride UE,
B.Sc., M.Ed.



While the War of 1812 engaged able-bodied citizens in the defence of our fledgling nation, the hard task of farming continued. Children of the Loyalists who fled the American Revolution were granted land as sons or daughters of these heroic refugees. They soon adapted new inventions to make the job of farming easier. Seen here is the one-furrow plough.

Find seven hidden farming tools in the picture.



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With a follow-up of two Loyalist puzzles:



Spring Cooking Delights - Loyalist Style !!

There is a hidden message in this puzzle.



S H T A S P S E I P P U R Y S E L P A M

V E E O E L C E M U L L I G A T A W N Y

R Y I A R O E P I T W E E D K E T T L E

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K O M Y E N I W T O O R T E E B Y E T P

BEETROOTWINE, CABBAGE, CANNONBALLS, CAULIFLOWER, COMMORA,
 DANDELIONBEER, DANDELIONSTEMS, DRUNKENPHEASANT, FIDDLEHEAD,
 GINGER, HERMITCOOKIES, JOURNEYCAKE, KARTOFFELSUPPE, LAMB, LEEKS,
 LOYALISTCOOKIES, MAPLESYRUPPIE, MULLIGATAWNY, MUSHROOM,
 OXTAILSTEW, PARSNIP, PEAS, PIONEERHONEYCANDY, RHUBARBWINE,
 ROASTEDSQUIRRELS, SOURDOUGH, SOW-BELLY, SPRUCEGUM, SQUARTER,

"Loyalists did not hold much with 'salads'. Consequently there are few recipes for salads in Loyalist days. However, they knew the value of eating crisp, green vegetables and herbs after a winter of meats, potatoes and beans, so on most any hillside there could be seen women folk out in the spring sunshine gathering greens; even the roots of some plants. Dour dock's tender leaves, wild lettuce, dandelion stems (plus roots) and lamb's quarter were all gathered, washed and carefully picked over. ...To Loyalists, they were just a 'mess of greens ...larapin good vittles'."



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— source: Hearth and Home 1784-2000,
 Kawartha Branch Cookbook, April 2000, p. 15.

This puzzle was first published in *The Kawartha Periodical*,
 Volume 9, Issue 1, Spring 2001, p. 22, the newsletter of the
 Kawartha Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association
 of Canada.



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On Thursday, 17 April, a number of Kawartha Branch Members gathered at the grand opening of the students' exhibits entitled **COLLECTING MEMORIES: OBJECTS THAT DEFINE US**, at the Peterborough Museum and Archives.

Here we had an opportunity to meet the students, hear more about the programmes offered at Fleming and took a look at the exhibits that the students have prepared.



We were very pleasantly surprised to meet Claus Reuter, Member of the Brunswick Light Infantry, Battalion von Barner 1776, German - Canadian Museum, who had been with us at the UEL Flag Raising Ceremonies in Lindsay a number of years ago. After a short visit with him, he gave me his card and said that he'd be honoured to be a flag bearer at our June 19th flag raising ceremony at Peterborough City Hall.



ANOTHER BLAST FROM THE PAST: On Friday, 19 June 2015, representatives of the Kawartha Branch conducted flag raising ceremonies in both Peterborough City Hall at 10:00 a.m. and at the Lindsay Old Gaol at 1:00 p.m.:

Do you recognize any of these people ???



Friends of St. Alban's
cordially invites you to
attend the



UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

to celebrate the 241st anniversary of the
Loyalist Landing

DOCUMENTARY FILM PREMIÈRE THE MARY RUTTAN STORY

Produced by John A. Brebner

EVENSONG SERVICE- FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Officiant Rev. Canon Donald A. Bailey
Music - John Hall, Family & Friends

2PM, 15TH JUNE 2025
ST. ALBAN'S CENTRE

A Social Tea will be served on the
Rectory lawn, following the service.

St. Alban's Centre
10419 Loyalist Parkway (hwy 33)
Adolphustown
INQUIRES: (613) 373-8865

On Sunday, 15 June, Bill Atkinson UE and his wife, Carol, went to the Friends of St. Alban's United Empire Loyalist Commemorative Service, to celebrate the 241st anniversary of the Loyalist Landing in Adolphustown.

Brian Tackaberry UE, Past President of the UELAC Bay of Quinte Branch, had written:

"The unveiling of the marker plaques for the donated tree in the UEL Heritage Centre and Park will be on Sunday June 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the UEL Cemetery in Adolphustown as part of our annual Flag Raising Event, if you are able to attend. In addition, there will be a landing re-enactment at 11:00 a.m. at the beach area before the afternoon events."

Frank Lucas wrote:

"We, Kawartha Branch, donated 8 trees two years ago and paid \$2,000 for same, plus any privately donated trees."

JOIN US

UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

to celebrate the 241st anniversary of the
Loyalist Landing



2PM, 15TH JUNE 2025
ST. ALBAN'S CENTRE

Documentary Film Première THE MARY RUTTAN STORY

Produced by John A. Brebner
In this documentary film, Mary reflects on her eventful life, from her arrival in Adolphustown at the age of 14, to the loss of two sons in the war of 1812 and a third son, twenty years later in the struggle for government reform.

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Landing at Aldolphustown.



Getting one's location ticket.



One of our Members, Tina Lloyd UE, standing beside her donated tree.

Tree donated by Frank & Joan Lucas UE Peterborough, 2023.



Then, on Thursday, 19 June, we went to Peterborough City Hall, where we raised the Queen Anne (Loyalist) flag.

We were accompanied by our resident piper, Brandon McDermott UE, Claus Reuter, Member of the Brunswick Light Infantry, Battalion von Barner 1776, German - Canadian Museum, who carried the Canadian flag, and others in the colour party.



Harry Danford, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings Peterborough, himself of Loyalist ancestry, in co-operation with Bernice Wood Flett UE, Dominion President of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, developed a Private Member's Bill to declare June 19th, the anniversary of the Constitutional Act, "*United Empire Loyalist Day*" in the province of Ontario. Mr. Danford's Bill was given Royal Assent and passed into law in December, 1997 with unanimous, all-party support in the Legislature. June 19th is now an official day formally established by the Ontario Government to commemorate and celebrate our Loyalist heritage.



In the Spring of 2002, the Mayor of Peterborough, Sylvia Sutherland, met in her Chambers, with Members of Kawartha Branch consisting of Stan McBride UE, Joan Lucas UE, Grietje McBride UE and Bob McBride UE to request that City Council pass a by-law ensuring a flag-raising ceremony be conducted annually at City Hall on Loyalists' Day, June 19th, and that the Loyalists' Union Flag continue to fly at City Hall for the ensuing week. City Council, in a Committee of the Whole meeting of 11 February 2002, passed a motion ensuring these events would take place on an annual basis here in Peterborough.

We were indeed very honoured to have Harry Danford UE join us to watch this ceremony.

The programme included:

Welcome remarks by Kawartha Branch President, Ken Spry UE
 Bob McBride UE delivers greetings from Bill Russell UE, National President UELAC
 Royal Anthem: God save the KING accompanied by Mox and the Barbershop quartet
 Master of Ceremonies: Graham Hart UE
 Grietje McBride UE: Acknowledgement of the Territory followed by the Loyalist Prayer
 Joan Lucas UE: Loyalist Proclamation
 Guest speakers: MP Emma Harrison or designate
 MPP, Dave Smith or designate
 COUNTY WARDEN, Bonnie Clark or designate
 MAYOR, Jeff Leal
 CHIEF OF POLICE, Stuart Betts
 Ken Spry and Grietje McBride read *Our Canada My Country*
 Bob McBride: *Why we raise the Queen Ann Flag on June 19.*
 Bob McBride and Ray Ireland raising the Queen Anne Flag.
 Closing remarks from our Kawartha Branch President, Ken Spry.
 Close with O Canada
 Retiring the Flags piped out by Brandon McDermott UE



A representative of Member of Parliament, Emma Harrison, and MPP Dave Smith, both brought greetings.



Peterborough County Councillor, Ron Black, then addressed those assembled:

"Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am honoured to bring greetings on behalf of Peterborough County and Warden, Bonnie Clark, in celebration of United Empire Loyalist Day in Ontario. For over 240 years, Ontario has had a rich heritage of Loyalist families who worked bravely and industriously to build our province.

Many descendants of the United Empire Loyalists still live in this area today. The values of the Loyalists are recognized in our provincial motto:

'Loyal She Began, Thus She Remains'.

To this day, our province remains loyal in the reign of the King of Canada, Charles the Third.

It is very important that we respect, acknowledge, and remember where we came from.

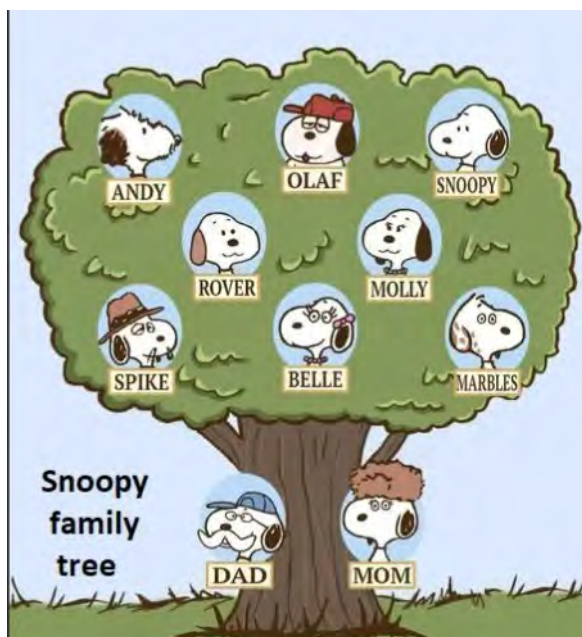
We honour the perseverance and resilience of the Loyalists while reflecting, both critically and with appreciation, the values and complex history that has made Canada the place it is today.

I want to congratulate and thank the United Empire Loyalists' of Canada, Kawartha Branch, for inviting me and hosting this great event.

Thank you very much and Happy Loyalist Day !"

City of Peterborough Mayor, Jeff Leal, then spoke, saying:

"I am honoured to welcome the Kawartha Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, and all the other guests here with us this morning. Today, we celebrate United Empire Loyalist Day, and we recognize the contributions of the settlers who migrated to Canada from the Thirteen Colonies during and after the American Revolution. The original Empire Loyalists were integral to Ontario's adoption of the British model of common law, individual ownership of land, and most significantly, representative government. Hastings-Peterborough MPP Harry Danford put forward the Private Member's Bill that was approved by the legislature in December 1997, establishing United Empire Loyalist Day in Ontario." Today we honour the Empire Loyalists who, through their desire and determination, were instrumental in the creation of Upper Canada, which would become the Province of Ontario. On this day we reflect on the province's motto. 'Loyal she began ... Loyal she remains.' I will now read the proclamation"



WE ARE THE CHOSEN.

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

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

**To tell the family story
and to feel that somehow they know and approve.**

**Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts,
but instead breathing life into all who have gone before.**

We are the storytellers of the tribe.

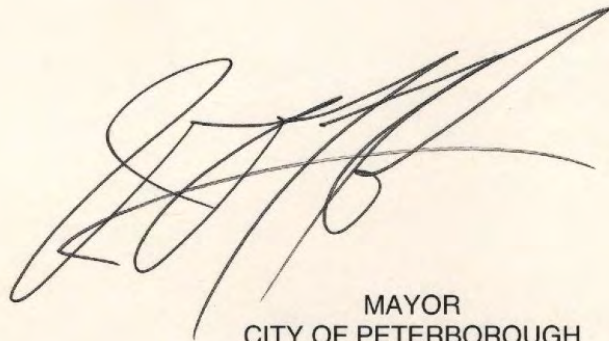
**Source: December 2017 issue of *Link Up*,
Chilliwack Branch newsletter.**



PROCLAMATION
United Empire Loyalist Day
June 19, 2024

- WHEREAS United Empire Loyalist Day is an opportunity to reflect on the role that Loyalists played in shaping the future province of Ontario;
- WHEREAS The United Empire Loyalists migrated to Canada from the Thirteen Colonies during and after the American Revolution;
- WHEREAS The creation of the province of Upper Canada, now known as the province of Ontario, through the Constitutional Act of June 19, 1791, was the direct result of the hard work and influence of the Loyalists who settled in Ontario; and
- WHEREAS We recognize their heritage as an integral part of Canada's multicultural identity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I Jeff Leal, Mayor of the City of Peterborough, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024, as United Empire Loyalist Day in the City of Peterborough.



MAYOR
CITY OF PETERBOROUGH





It being a dreary day,
instead of partaking
of the prepared refreshments
on the lawn, we decided
to go to Smitty's restaurant,
where we enjoyed
a tasty luncheon.



Our next Kawartha Branch outing will be to *The Fourth Line Theatre*, just south of the Village of Millbrook, on Tuesday, July 29 July, to watch the play:

Wild Irish Geese



**Written by Megan Murphy
Directed by Kim Blackwell**

Wild Irish Geese is the story of Irish settlers and their journey to the Peterborough region. Peter Robinson was the architect of an 1820s emigration plan which saw thousands of Irish families come to Canada to escape the brutal poverty which they were facing in Ireland. Eventually over 2,000 impoverished Irish settled in Scotts Plains, later renamed Peterborough and began their lives anew. These new Canadians planted deep roots in the Peterborough area and have thousands of descendants both locally and across the globe.



Many of you will recognize the name
Kim Blackwell
as she was a guest
at our Christmas 2024
luncheon at
Kelsey's Restaurant.



Cost per person: \$38 + tax and fees

**We will meet earlier at Swiss Chalet in Peterborough
at 4:00 p.m. for a meal before going on
to The Fourth Line Theatre
to watch the evening's play.**

**Swiss Chalet,
933 Lansdowne St W
Peterborough, ON
K9J 1Z5**

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
Bill Atkinson UE
Kawartha Branch Sales and Displays
855 Kensington Drive
Peterborough, Ontario
K9J 6J8
Cell phone: 705-313-9828
E-mail: xpitcop@gmail.com

COOKBOOKS For Sale

\$ 20.00 each




Contact
Bill Atkinson UE
705-313-9828
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Kawartha Branch *UELAC*



Grietje
McBride U.E.

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

CONTACT

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



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 at half-price after 01 July with a \$10.00 fee added. You will receive a dues card and a thank you letter as well as two Branch newsletters informing you of local historical events and opportunities to meet others sharing your interest in the Loyalist era.

Regular renewals for 2026 Membership begin on 01 November.

You can use the registration page at the back of this newsletter to complete and mail to me with a cheque written out to Kawartha Branch UELAC. 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. Watch for up-coming dates !!!
- * To support your local Branch which has been active in this community since 1979.



Thank you to those Members who renew their membership regularly.

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 2025:



Renewing your membership helps our Branch plan for the future.

Please complete the following form
and submit with payment to the address below
or renew on-line at www.uelac.ca.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Or...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 \$50.00 (which includes \$10.00 for Branch operations).

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

_____ * Additional Branch \$10.00 Branch name _____

_____ Student Total cost \$30.00 which includes 10.00 Branch operation fee

If you have selected Family, please print their names

(This enables us to accurately order pin-less magnetic badges for Members)

Please list UE ancestors you are descended from or that you are researching.

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 _____

Please check any statement that apply to you:

- _____ I would be willing to help with Branch events
_____ I would be available to help others with research
_____ I would be willing to phone local members about Branch activities
_____ I am interested in giving a talk about my family research.

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