



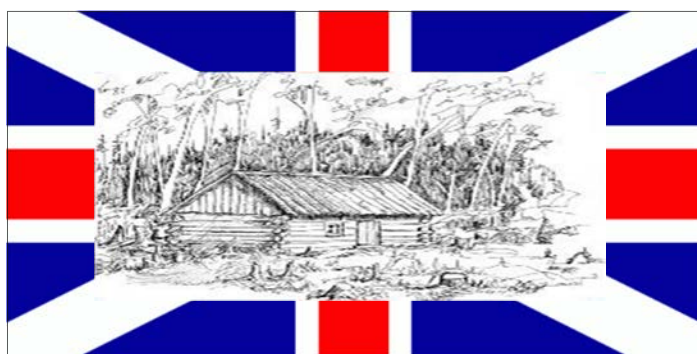
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The President's Message

Well, it's been a busy winter and spring at Kawartha Branch UELAC.

In February we had a Valentine's Dinner with prizes and the introduction of the new Commemorative coins.

Our National President, Bill Russell UE, was able to join us in person. On February 15th, we hosted a Zoom meeting with Brian Tackaberry UE as our guest speaker and then had several Executive Meetings in April and May to get ready for the Flag Raising ceremony at City Hall on June 19th.

Richard Staples and I attended a table at the Havelock Gun Show where there was a lot of interest by visitors asking questions about the Loyalists. We also put up a table at Peterborough Square where about six Members helped field questions and stories about the Loyalists at our "Meet Your Match" volunteer fair. We met a lot of people and got better known with at least two people who were very interested in joining our Branch.

On Sunday, June 14, a few Members drove to Adolphustown Park and museum. Rain dampened things a bit but celebrating the seventieth Anniversary of the Bay of Quinte Branch, viewing the museum and attending the service at St. Albans UEL Memorial church saved the day!

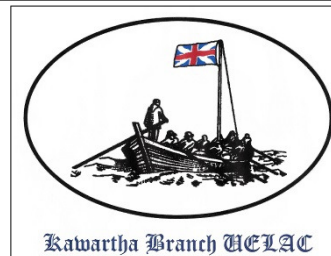


On June 19, the annual Flag Raising at Peterborough City Hall was a great success! Added to the ceremony this year was a drummer, a piper and a singer, 13 year old McKeynlee Sheppard, who sang O Canada. This set the tone for a seriously professional service. Thanks to the Legion, we also had several army, navy and air force cadets who carried flags along with our Members under the excellent leadership of Richard Staples. Graham Hart UE served as MC and introduced dignitaries and other speakers. Bill Atkinson UE and I had a lengthy interview with a Chex TV reporter which was put on the six o'clock news and was followed up with an article in the *Peterborough Examiner*.

All in all, Kawartha Branch UELAC is getting more known through our activities.

I am looking forward to more participation in community events in September and on into the fall.

Ken Spry UE, President,
Kawartha Branch UELAC.



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The National President's Message



Dear Members of the UELAC,
It has been a very busy schedule for me during the last month. In May I was invited to represent the UELAC at Rideau Hall for the retirement reception for the Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada. Her Honour, Mary Simon, is the Patron of the UELAC and a former Chancellor at Trent University in Peterborough. Her Honour thanked the UELAC for their continued support of the Monarchy and for preserving the Loyalist history in Canada. I was also introduced to Prime Minister, Mark Carney, and to past Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau.

In June I travelled back to Ontario to present to the Bay of Quinte Branch a certificate to celebrate their 70th Anniversary and participated with other Kawartha Branch Members in Loyalist Day celebrations. Later that week, Peter Johnson UE, President of Bay of Quinte Branch, and myself were interviewed by Doug Knutson, who is producing a documentary of the first Loyalist Day flag raising in Belleville, Ontario, in 1924. We were interviewed in front of the newly-refurbished Loyalist monument. Doug is planning to present the documentary at the UELAC Conference in Kingston in 2027. On the following Friday, June 19, I attended the Loyalist Flag raising celebrations in Peterborough. The celebration was very well attended and the Branch put a lot of detail and planning into this event. Well done, Kawartha Branch!

The National Board will not be meeting over the summer but I will be busy seeking a new location for our National Office as well as attending events in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

I wish all out Members, from coast to coast and beyond, a safe and pleasurable summer and hope to see you again in the Fall.

Bill Russell UE, UELAC National President.



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 2026 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

Certificates approved by the National Office were:
Jean Hennessey UE for David Hunter UEL,
Anne Dunec UE for Thomas McMicking UEL,
and Aaron Phillips UE for Henry Dochstader UEL.
Waiting for a Genealogical Proof Argument are Tom and Lin Brooke collecting proof for Johan Jost Herchmer UEL of Kingston.

Great news for Genealogists and you, as a researcher, is the introduction, as of April 2026, of stronger privacy protections on certificate applications and a revised Certificate Application Form which is easier to work with and reflects the enhanced privacy for your documentation.

We are always ready to help you get started on your family search. Call: 705 295 4556

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Kawartha Branch UELAC co-genealogists





Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report April 15 2026 – July 10, 2026, all figures rounded

Opening Bank Balance April 15	\$ 7,350
Received from Sales	57
Paid Guest Speaker(s)	100
Paid Volunteer Peterborough	150
Paid Easter Seals	50
Paid Fleming Bursary	2,000
Paid Friends of St Albans	1,000
Paid UEL Heritage Centre and Park, Bay of Quinte	2,000
Paid Meeting Supplies	94
Paid Flag Raising	350
Correction Last Quarter (Jan 1-April 15) (No more Maintenance Fees on BMO account)	+5
Closing Bank Balance July 10	\$1,668

Madeline Lucas UE, Kawartha Branch Treasurer,



Membership Report



Our Membership stands at 86 Members plus 5 Honourary Members. We are grateful for the support of all Members who renew each November. The Branch has been very busy planning events and supporting Kawartha Branch's engagement in the Community. From hosting a table at Peterborough Square to making plans to man a display at Lang Pioneer Village in the Fall, we hope to get better known in the community for speaking up about our Loyalist history and how our ancestors contributed to the shaping Canada. Members, reservists and cadets carried many flags on United Empire Loyalist Day in Ontario. Our actions have resulted in contacts with about ten people interested in looking into their own family history and pursuing a certificate naming their Loyalist ancestor.

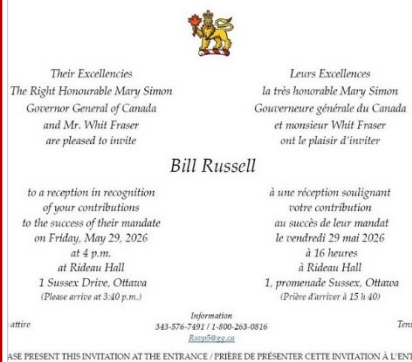
Sincerely and loyally yours,

Grietje R. McBride UE, Kawartha Branch Membership Chair.

2026 May 29.

Today the UELAC President Bill Russell represented the Association at a reception in Rideau Hall in recognition of Governor General Mary Simon serving as Patron . It was both a [personal honour and an opportunity to meet others from across Canada.

At Rideau Hall on 29 May 2026.



Shelby Kramp-Neuman MP's post

It was an honour to join the Bay of Quinte Branch of the United Empire Loyalists today in Adolphustown to celebrate Loyalist Day in Ontario and mark the 70th anniversary of both the Branch and the U.E.L. Heritage Centre & Park.

For seven decades, the Bay of Quinte Branch has played an important role in preserving the stories, sacrifices and contributions of the United Empire Loyalists, ensuring that this important chapter of both our region's history and Canada's story continues to be shared with future generations.

As Charlie Munger once observed, "There is no better teacher than history in determining the future." And despite the morning's heavy rain, there was a good turnout to recognize this historic milestone.

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At Bay of Quinte Flag Raising and 70th anniversary, Sunday, 14 June 2026.





Peter Johnson UE, President of Bay of Quinte Branch, and myself (Bill Russell UE) were interviewed by Doug Knutson, who is producing a documentary about the first Loyalist Day flag raising in Belleville, Ontario in 1924. We were interviewed in front of the newly-refurbished Loyalist monument. Doug is planning to present the documentary at the UELAC Conference in Kingston in 2027.



Up-Coming Kawartha Branch Meetings:

September 20, 2026	Hybrid and in-person:	Glen McMullen
September 27, 2026	Lang Pioneer Village	Display Table
November 15, 2026	Via ZOOM:	To Be Announced
Valentine Friendship Gathering at Kelsey's		
February 21, 2027	Via ZOOM:	To Be Announced
April 18, 2027	Annual General	Meeting in-person and via Zoom at Activity Haven
June 19, 2027	Flag Raising Ceremony at Peterborough City Hall, 10:00 a.m.	

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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**Why did
the scarecrow
win an
award ???**

**Because he was
outstanding
in his field.**



**We need volunteers
to serve as:**

**First Vice-President,
Second Vice-President.
Branch Secretary.**

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





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:

COLONIZATION ROADS OF PETERBOROUGH COUNTY

Have you ever driven along the north roads of our county and wondered why anyone would settle there? There seem to be rocks and pine trees everywhere. It's beautiful country to me, having been raised in that topography, but why did people move there and how did they make a living? To me the rocks, trees and lakes are beautiful but in the 1850's and 60's would I have moved my family there?

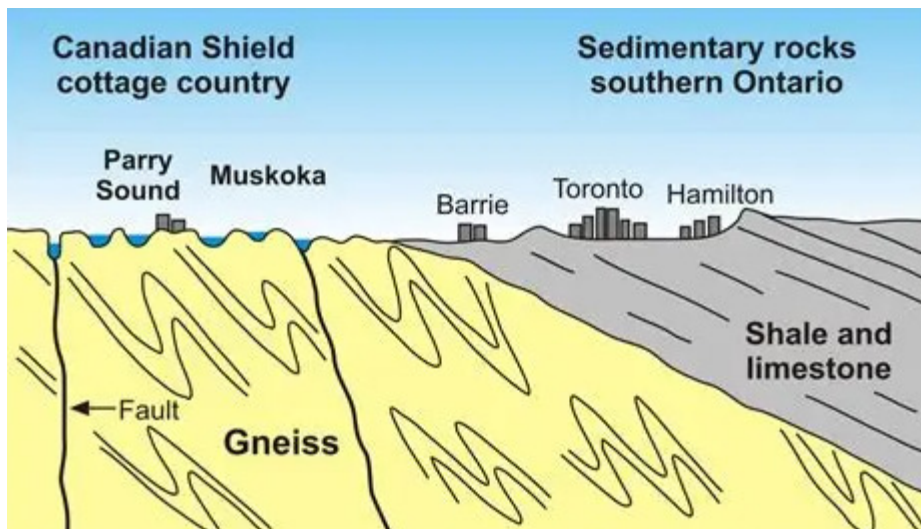
Wikipedia tells us that the Colonization roads of Peterborough and Victoria Counties were constructed by the government of Canada West (today's Ontario) "to open the 'back country' on the southern edge of the Canadian Shield for settlement".

They did this by offering free land grants to those interested in establishing agricultural farms in the northern interior. Many Loyalist families of the second and third generation were among those later pioneers.

Lots were opened for settlement along the new roads and settlers soon moved in.

Those who wanted to farm soon found out there were pockets of fertile land between the rocky outcroppings, but not in abundance.

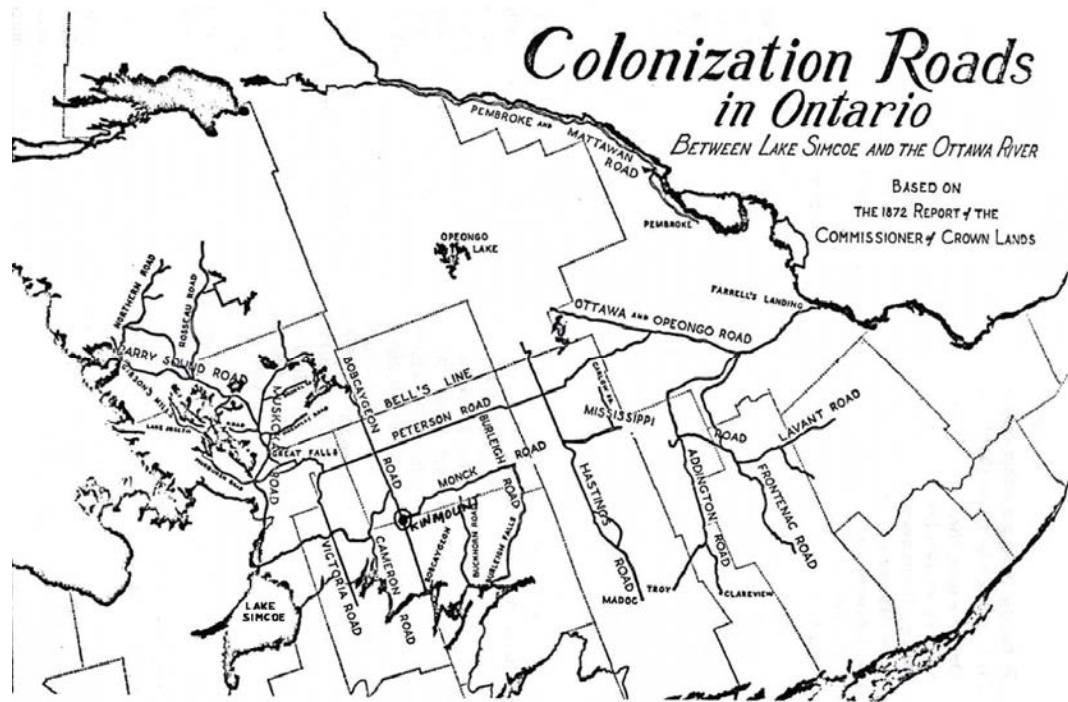
Many farms were abandoned and the people were instead employed in the lumbering industry and later in mining.



Many of the Colonization Roads became part of the Ontario Highway system such as Hwy #35 from Lindsay, Hwy #28 from Lakefield and Hwy #62 from Madoc, winding into the north of the county.

Seven such Colonization Roads were constructed, using local labour where available. Many of these workers would pick out a promising piece of land for themselves as they built corduroy roads through swamps and around the lakes, rivers and boulders of the area.

Five of the roads ran roughly north from settled areas in the county such as Lindsay, Peterborough and Lakefield. Two of the roads ran east to west between Bancroft and Lake Couchiching, connecting with the northward roads at their intersections. Today they pass through our beautiful "cottage country".



Of the seven Colonization Roads, let us look at four such roads.

These were the roads open to a Loyalist family as they travelled from Williamsburgh in Dundas County to Lake Couchiching and the Lake of the Bays to Peterborough.

This family passed through Baysville north of Gravenhurst, Coboconk, Kinmount, and Haliburton, to Peterborough, through newly surveyed land and rough roads.

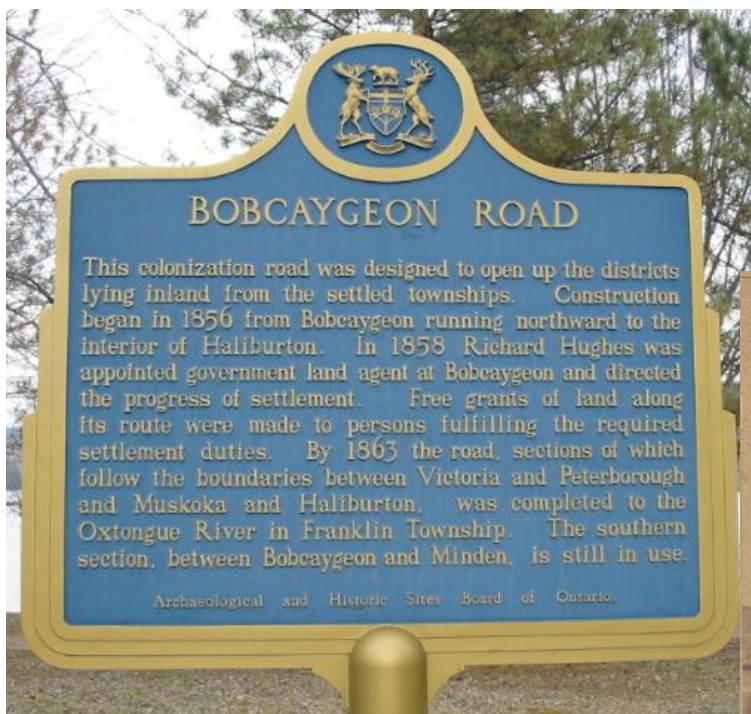
They left their rocky farm lots to work in the lumbering industry.

The men were employed in the woods cutting down timber, riding on floating logs as the logs were swept along the fast flowing rivers and creeks of the county,



to the numerous sawmills where they were processed.

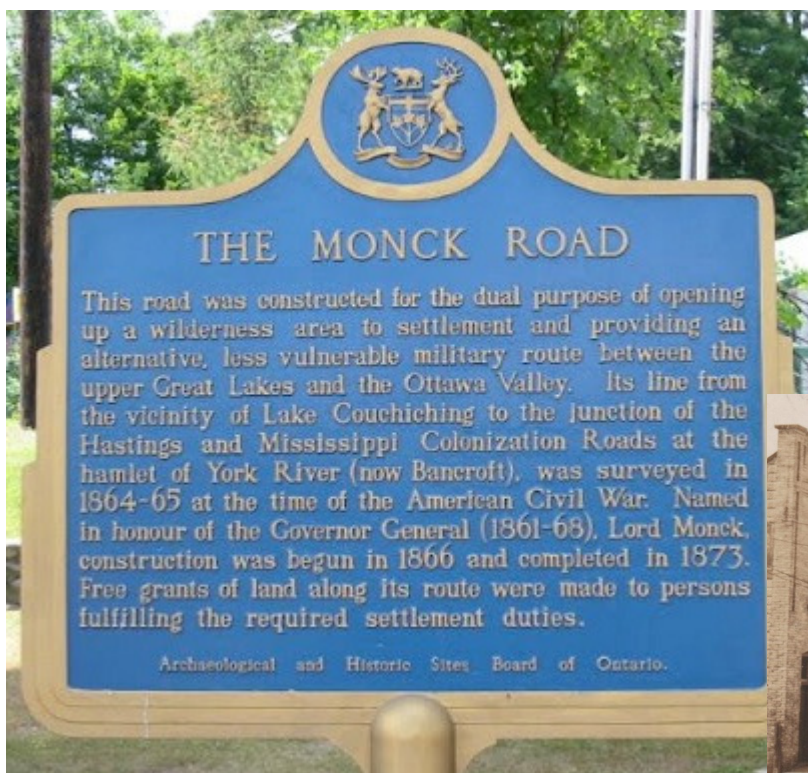




The Bobcaygeon Road started in Bobcaygeon and pressed through the northern parts of Peterborough and Victoria Counties, into Haliburton County, passing through Kinmount to Minden, where it met the Monck Road.



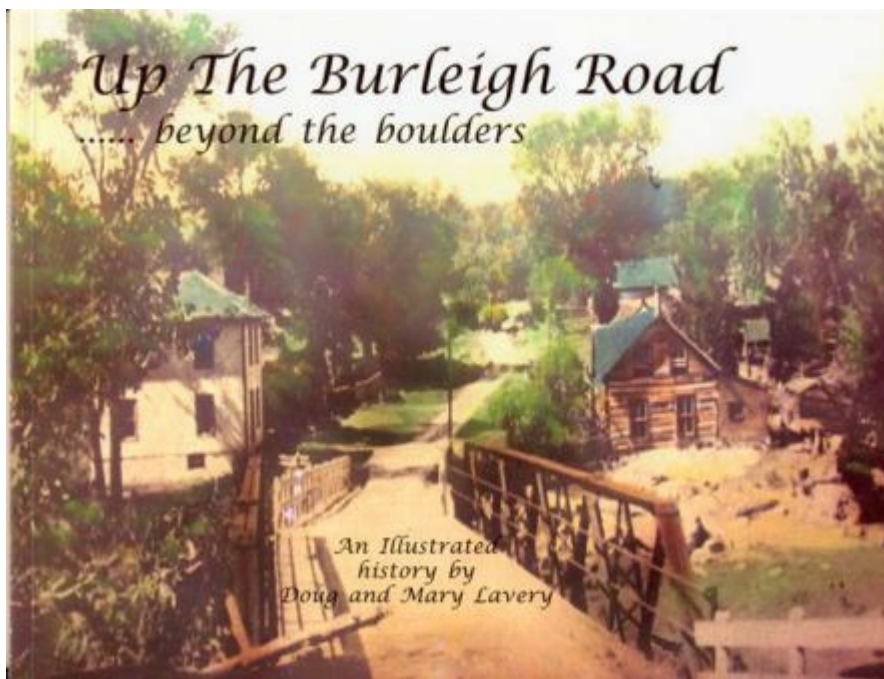
The Monck Road was an important east-west road connecting Lake Couchiching to Bancroft, opening land for settlement,



and meeting the north end of other Colonization Roads.

It passed through Kinmount and Norland from Bancroft to Muskoka Falls. Today this trail is roughly County Road 118 and sections of County Road 117.

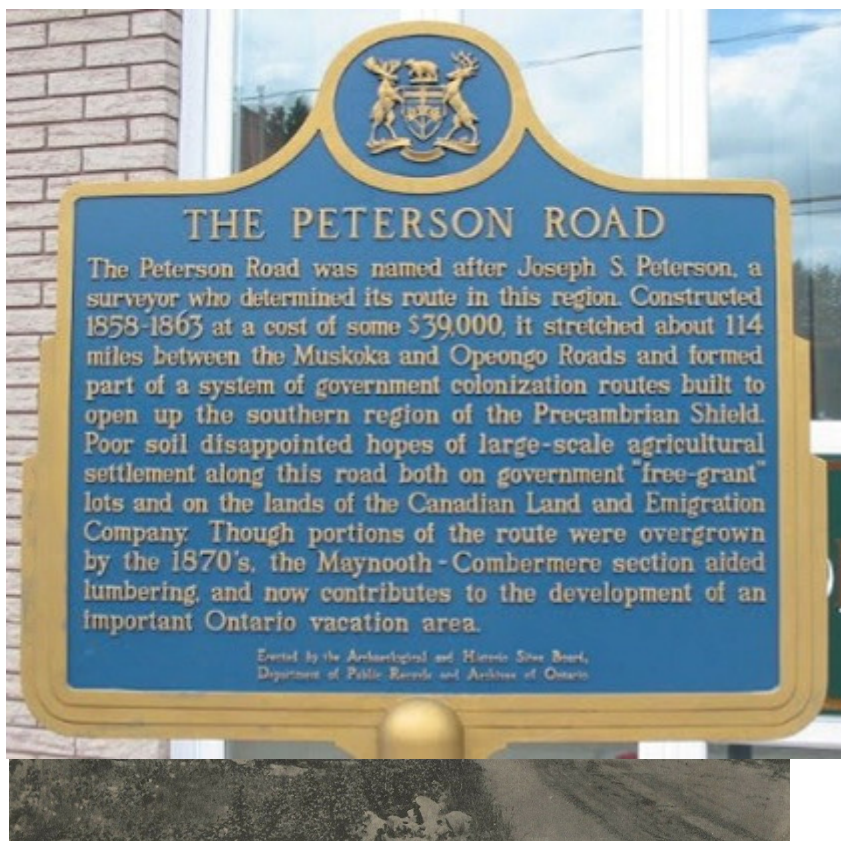




The Burleigh Road began in Lakefield and travelled north to Apsley, then to Bancroft. Today Highway 28 roughly follows this pioneer trail.

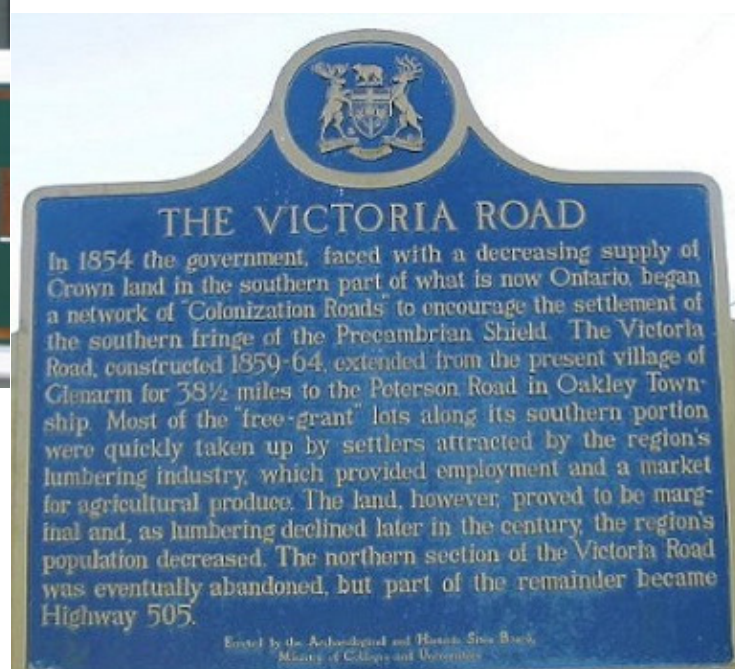


The Cameron Road started in Fenelon Falls, passing through Coboconk to Minden, where it joined the Bobcaygeon Road.



The Peterson Road was an east-west road from Maynooth to Bancroft, where it met the Monck road.

The Victoria Road ran from Glenarm to the Peterson Road, opening up the west section of Victoria County.



The Buckhorn Road ran from Peterborough, to Lakefield, then to Buckhorn and onward to Gooderham.



Road to Buckhorn, Ont.



The Hastings Road ran on the eastern edge of the county, connecting Madoc with Bancroft.

Puzzling out the movement of a Loyalist family who finally settled in Lakefield, resulted in rediscovering the Colonization Roads of our area by taking lovely one and two day car drives through beautiful Peterborough County.

Joan Lucas UE.

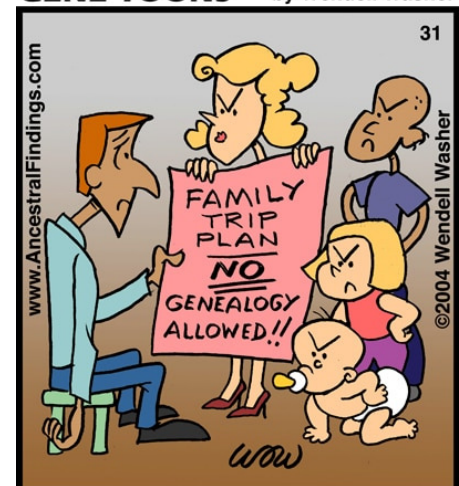
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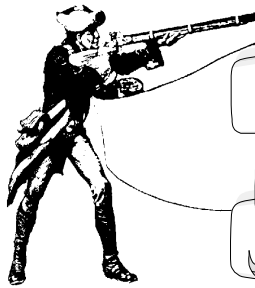
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GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



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Loyalist Corner



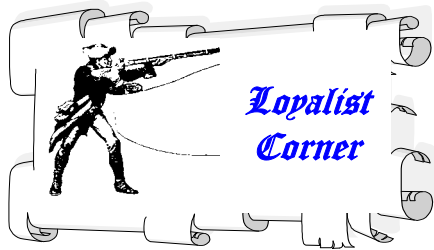
Each of these UE ancestors
have been highlighted in issues
of *The Kawartha Periodical* :

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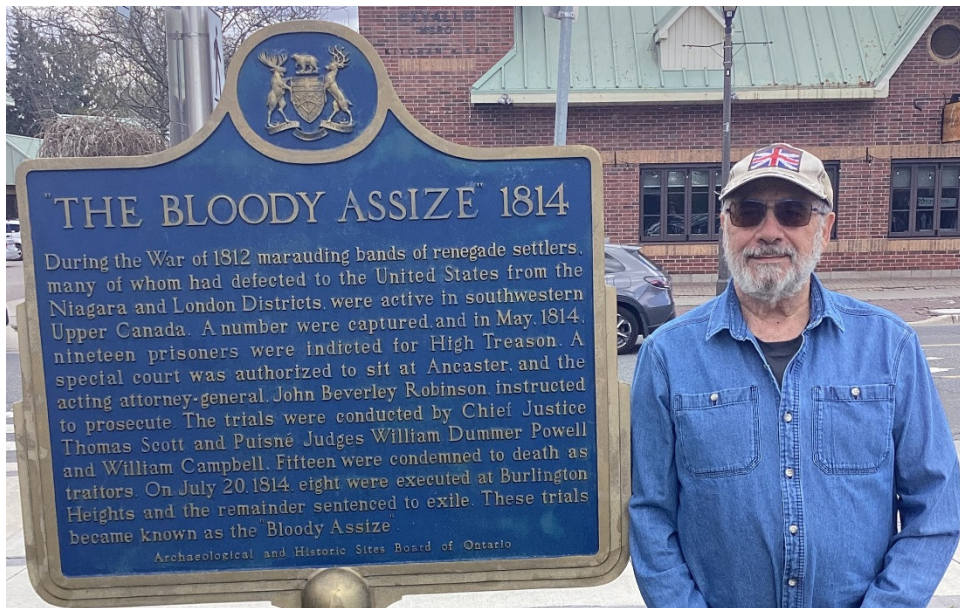
*Loyalist
Corner*

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:



“THE BLOODY ASSIZE” 1814

I was recently in Ancaster, Ontario, visiting my son and his family. I went for a walk and came upon this interesting historical sign.



After reading it, it piqued my interest to investigate this subject, and I was amazed at what I found.

On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war upon the British Empire, thereby beginning the War of 1812.

As a colony of Great Britain, Upper and Lower Canada were automatically drawn into this war.

As Britain was pre-occupied with the Napoleonic Wars raging in Europe, British and the Provincial Militia in Upper and Lower Canada bravely battled the American invaders.

As the United States attacked by ship and on foot along existing borders, invading from what is now southwestern Ontario, up from Chatham to Stoney Creek, and the Burlington Heights. Ancaster, one of Ontario's oldest settlements, remained a Loyalist stronghold safely behind the defensive lines of the Burlington Heights military fort. Although no battles were fought in Ancaster, it was an important town for the British as it was a main travelling route and its rich resources of prime farms and working mills meant it was a great resource to supply the army.

The area was plagued with disloyalty and desertion. Many of the settlers were fed up with the domineering British Military personnel taking and stealing their property. Some supported the democracy practised by the Americans, in opposition to British Monarchical rule and some felt a loyalty to their former home country.

On the other hand, many settlers were loyal to the British Crown. Many had fled to Upper Canada after the Revolutionary War as United Empire Loyalists and were granted land for their support of the Crown. African Canadians tended to support the Crown, who had, by 1812, abolished slavery as opposed to the Americans who had not. Many Aboriginal people who had fought alongside the British were granted land in the Brantford to Burlington area.

During the War of 1812, more than two hundred men in Upper Canada would be accused of high treason, of which the penalty was death.

By the spring of 1814, nineteen men were arrested for treasonous acts.

The prisoners were held at Fort York and the encampment at the Burlington Heights. They were brought to trial at the Union Hotel in Ancaster, chosen for its proximity to Burlington Heights. The hotel had been used as a hospital during the war and was now turned into a courtroom.

Charges were read to nineteen men accused of treason and additional charges were read for 50 men who were still at-large.

Sir John Beverly Robinson, appointed prosecutor, and Thomas Scott, Sir William Campbell and William Dummer Powell were appointed as judges to oversee the trial. The trial commenced on June 7, 1814 and the first defendant, Luther McNeal, was acquitted so he moved back to New York State after the trial.

During the trial of the accused 19, 15 were found guilty of high treason and sentenced to death.

The following are the names of the men found guilty: Samuel and Stephen Hartwell, Benjamin Simmons, Isaac Pettit, Noah Hopkins, Jacob Overhotzer, Garret Null, Dayton Lindsay, George Peacock, John Johnson, Aaron Stevens, Isaiah Brink, Adam Cryler, Cornelius Howey, and John Dunham.

The sentence read as follows: *"That you and each of you be taken to the place from whence you came and from thence you are to be Drawn on Hurdles to the place of execution, whence you are to be hanged by the neck but not until you are dead for you must be cut down while alive and your entrails, taken out and burnt before your faces. Your heads to be cut off, and your bodies be divided into four Quarters to be at the King's disposal, and God have mercy on you Souls."*

This is the first and only time a sentence so severe was ever imposed in Canada.

Despite the severity of the sentence, it was meant more as a warning against defection with separate letters from Thomas Scott and John Beverly Robinson being sent to General Drummond and Captain Loring before the trials had ever concluded, asking that only a few be subject to execution and the rest be forced instead into exile.

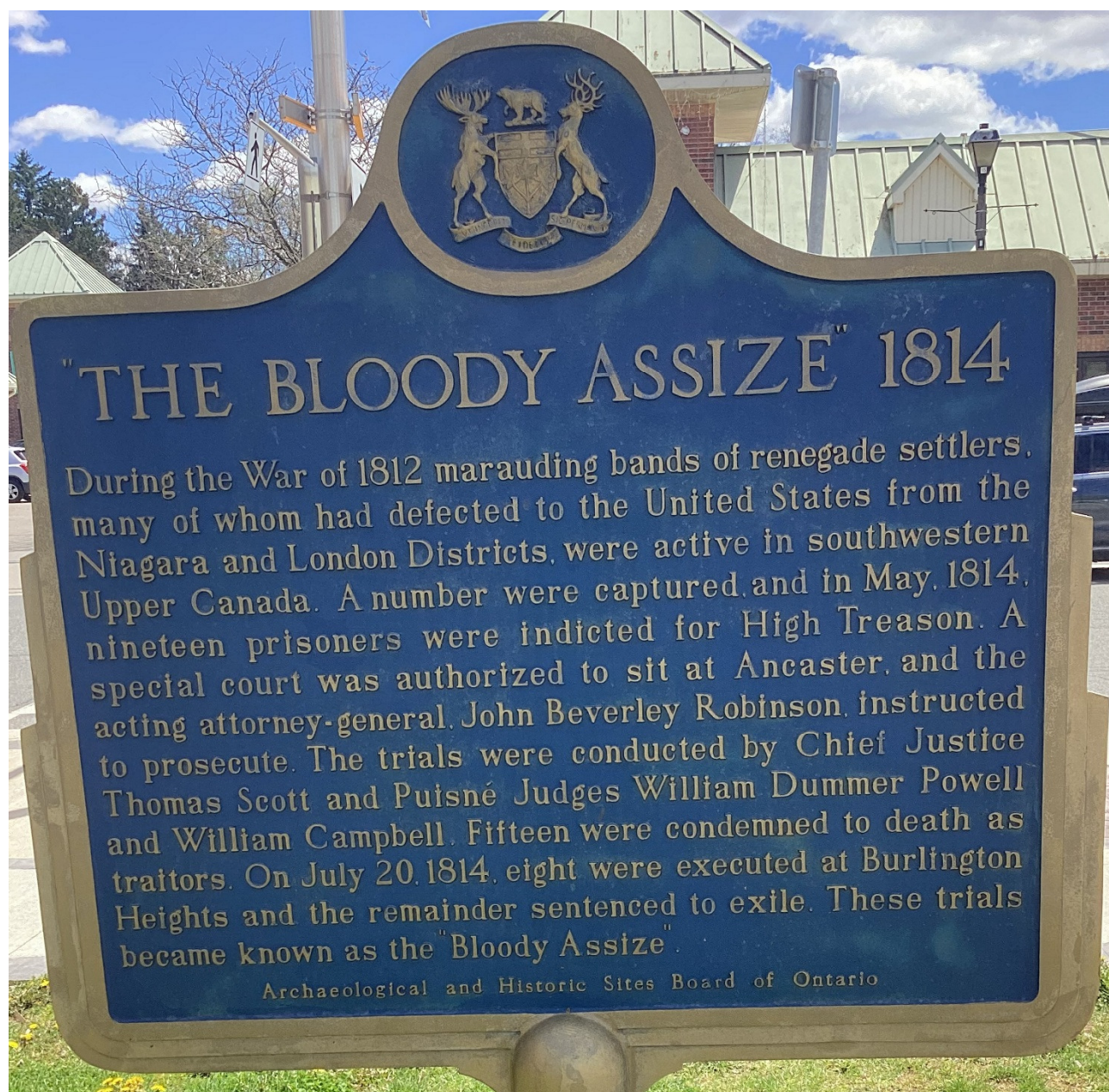
As President of the Executive Council, Drummond had the authority to stay execution after sentencing and he was petitioned to do so, not only by Thomas Scott, but through letters from locals and even jurors present at the trial.

Drummond and the Executive Council considered all the facts and concluded seven men would be saved from Death. The Hartwell brothers, Howey, Pettit Overholtzer, Null, and Johnson were to be transported to Kingston pending removal to Quebec.

On the evening of July 31, 1814, they reached Smith's Creek (now Port Hope). At midnight, Sergeant Montgomery, and a small detachment of militia escorting the prisoners, locked them in a hut. In the morning, it was discovered that Stephen and Samuel Hartwell as well as Cornelius Howey had escaped. All were quickly captured except for Stephen Hartwell who was never recaptured.

Near the end of the winter of that year, a typhus epidemic broke out in the Kingston Gaol due to overcrowding, bad diet, foul air, and unsanitary conditions. Garrett Null and Jacob Overholtzer died of typhus. The other four prisoners were pardoned on condition they abandon the province and all possessions of British life.

On July 20, 1814, the eight prisoners were hanged at the Burlington Heights British military camp, their heads were chopped off, put on pikes, and paraded across local villages as a warning to Traitors. Their bodies were buried in a mass grave close to the gallows.



These pictures are from cards produced from drawings
by Rev. Cannon Robert Brownlie :

1. The Prisoners



2. Sentencing of Traitors



3. The Accusation



General Drummond granted mercy to the prisoners who were
not to be drawn and quartered.

This was a dark moment in Canadian history and thankfully trials and punishments
like this did not happen again in our great nation.

Bill Russell UE

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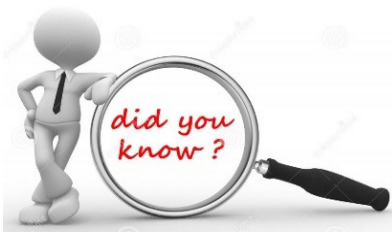
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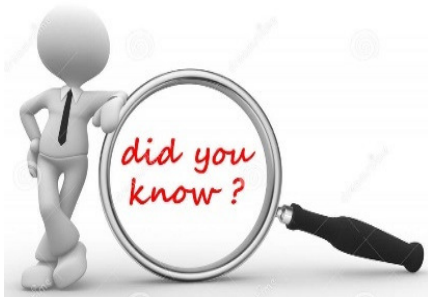


DID YOU KNOW ???

If you haven't already ordered your UELAC Ribbon with your Loyalist ancestor's name plate(s), please contact promotions@uelac.org.

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

A catalogue of other items for sale is also available at promotions@uelac.org.



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 12 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.**

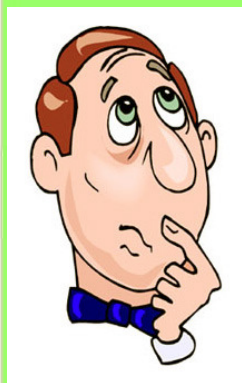
**The June meeting
is our annual
Loyalist Flag-Raising ceremony
at Peterborough City Hall.**

**Did You
Know ??**



**UP-COMING
EVENTS!!!**

Sunday: September 20, 2026



**Hybrid
and in-person:
Glen McMullen
*The War of 1812:
“Lest we forget”.***

HOPE TO
**See You
There**



Important Reminder of Dues

**You can now
renew your 2026 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:

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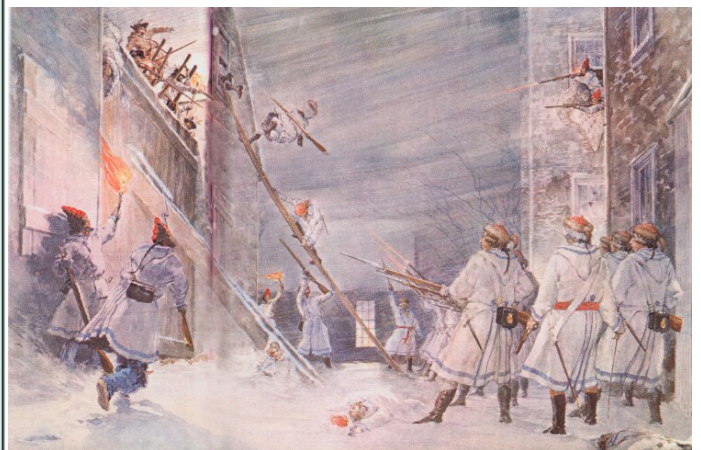
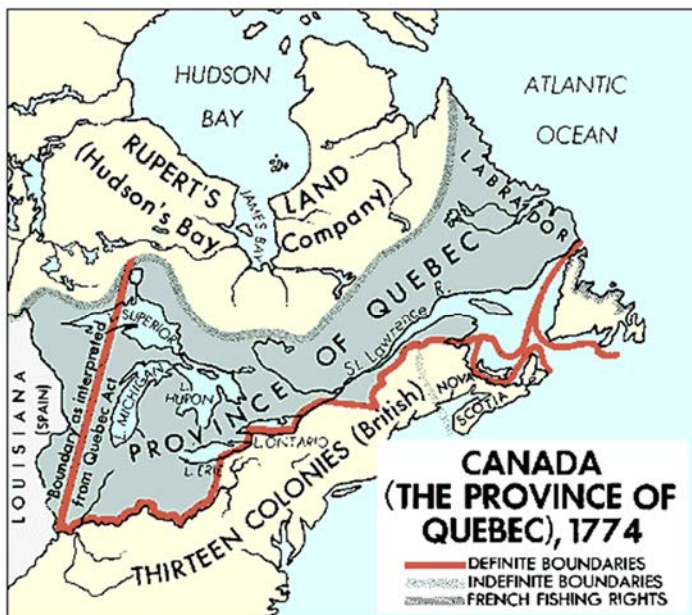
Kawartha Branch's Web Site: <http://www.uelac.org/Kawartha/>

VIEWS IN AND AROUND KAWARTHA BRANCH

On 15 February 2026, Kawartha Branch UELAC hosted Brian Tackaberry UE on ZOOM, who spoke about *1775 Canada Invaded*.

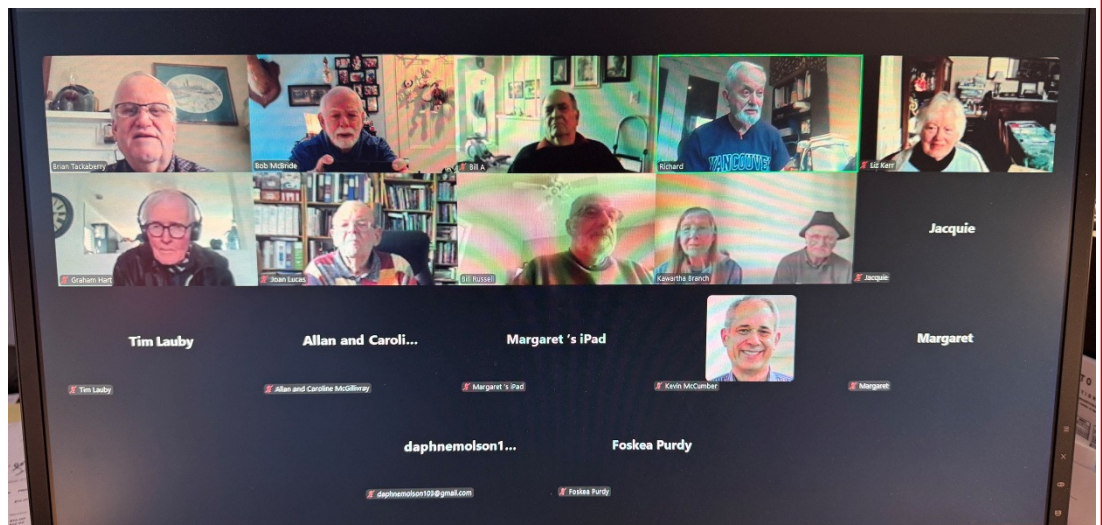
Most Canadians are familiar with the American Revolution which they consider starting in 1776 and would eventually result in the migration of Loyalists to Canada, but in 1775 there was an attempt by the Rebel Americans to make us the 14th Colony and when that failed, the Americans invaded Canada, taking much of Richelieu and St. Lawrence regions, but were eventually turned back during the attack on Quebec City.

Some key leaders on both sides took part in this conflict, which resulted in an independent Canada, loyal to Britain.



Defending Quebec from an American attack, December 1775

The Death of General Montgomery in the Attack on Quebec, December 31, 1775, is an 1786 oil painting by John Trumbull. It depicts the tragic death of the American General Richard Montgomery at the Battle of Quebec on December 31, 1775, during the Invasion of Quebec, a major military operation by the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War.





Then, on Thursday, February 26, 2026, we met at Kelsey's Restaurant in Peterborough for a ***Friendship Luncheon***.

Since Family Day (formerly Heritage Day) was coming up, the theme was based on our Heritage stories and celebrated with group trivia games and good food. Coffee and tea were complementary.

There was a draw when one name won a set of the new commemorative collector coins remembering the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution.



Then on Sunday, 19 April 2026, we met in Activity Haven for a hybrid meeting, our guest speaker being Glen McMullen, whose topic was *The War of 1812: "Lest we forget"*.

Included historical background of some of the major participants of both sides whose lives intersected at that point in history, with major battles and conclusions.

Glen is a retired Science teacher from Kenner Collegiate and then at Crestwood Secondary School.

He farmed near Warsaw until his recent move to Peterborough. He is a traveller, and closet musician; a graduate of East York Collegiate and the University of Toronto.

His maternal roots extend back to Mennonites whose migration northward from Pennsylvania was interrupted by the War of 1812.

Glen's wife is Gwen and together they have four children and 6 grandchildren.

The Meeting of Brock and Tecumseh, 1812
(painting by C.W. Jeffreys, courtesy Library and Archives Canada / C-073719)



"The Battle of Queenston Heights" by John David

The Battle of Queenston Heights on 13 October 1812 was both a victory and a tragedy for the British and Canadian forces against the invading American army, and resulted in the death of Isaac Brock (foreground).
(painting by John David, courtesy Library and Archives Canada / C-000273)



"The Battle of Stoney Creek"
by Peter Rindlisbacher

British Red Coats on the field at the Battle of Stoney Creek. The engagement at Stoney Creek returned the Niagara Peninsula to British and Canadian control and ended the US attempt to conquer the western part of the province. (courtesy Peter Rindlisbacher)



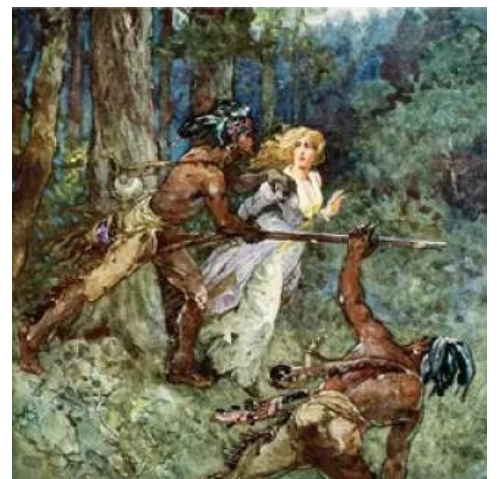
The Americans suffered another defeat three weeks later at Beaver Dams, where some 600 men were captured by a force of 300 Kahnawake and a further 100 Mohawk warriors led by Captain William Kerr. The British had been warned of the American attack by Laura Secord, a Loyalist whose husband had been wounded at the Battle of Queenston Heights.

On 12 June 1813, Lieutenant James FitzGibbon, of the 49th regiment obtained permission from General Vincent to organize a troop of mounted volunteers, the "*Green Tigers*" to do scout and patrol duty in front of the British position. In three days the troop, 46 men, was completed and outfitted and on the 16th they advanced and took up headquarters at Captain John DeCou's Georgian-style stone house. *"FitzGibbon had chosen DeCou's house as his headquarters, a choice which evinced an intimate knowledge of the locality as well as considerable strategic ability. The position gave him the command of four roads – to Queenston via St. David's, to St. Catharines and the lake, to Colonel Bisshopp's station, and to that most important post, Burlington Heights."*

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

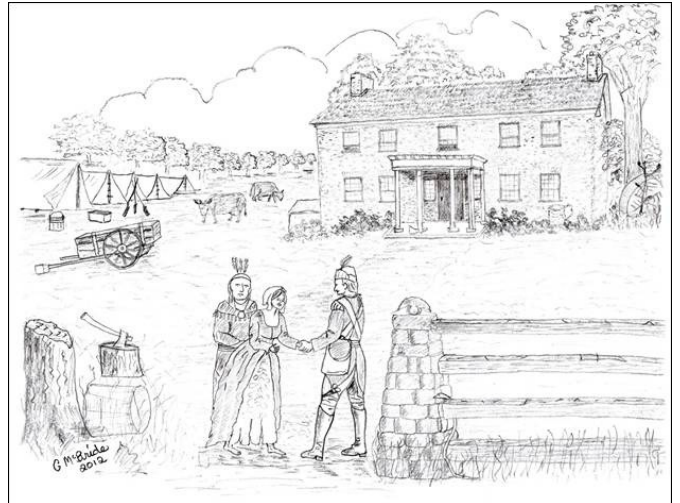
In DeCou's fields, to the east, a large party of 160 Caughnawaga Indians were encamped under the command of Captain Dominique Ducharme.

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



While she was describing to FitzGibbon the strong enemy column advancing towards him and the DeCou house, Indian runners brought forth the news that the foe had already passed St. Davids and had met with the British pickets.

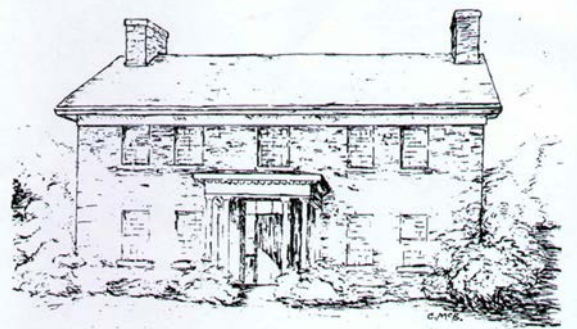
"Then ensued a time of wild excitement at 'DeCou's'. The whole body of Indians rushed away to ambush the advancing column, couriers galloped to appraise DeHaren at the Ten Mile creek, and Bisschopp's at 'the Twenty', of the sudden developments in the situation,



while FitzGibbon's men dragged out all the stores that would stand such treatment and sank them in the waters of DeCou's mill-pond. Accompanied by a handful of his men, the commander himself went forward to the scene of conflict. Meantime, Mrs. Katherine DeCou and her daughter, Catharine, did what they could to relieve the exhaustion of Laura Secord. Food was set before her, her bare and lacerated feet and limbs were bathed and bandaged and the shoes and stockings of the daughter, Catharine DeCou, replaced those lost in the woods and bog. Mrs. DeCou and her children were resolved to remain in their home until it should be actually assailed by the approaching foe,

but Mrs. Secord was unequal to facing any additional trials of strength or courage that day, and she desired to be taken to the home of her friends, the Turneys, below the mountain, a mile or so distant. Her exhausted body was incapable of any further exertion, so a hammock was made by fastening a long blanket to a pole, two Indians took her light weight upon their shoulders and one of the DeCou boys [probably the 12-year-old John Junior] walked beside, as guide and protector. So Laura Secord went to a place of comparative safety while the inmates of DeCou's house trembled at the boom of artillery, rolling through the woods and fields from the direction of the Beaverdams. ..."

DeCou Home at the time of the Battle of Beaver Dams.





On Wednesday, 06 May, Members of Kawartha Branch joined other voluntary groups at Peterborough Square in the downtown, in a *"Meet Your Match"*, manning a volunteer display table where people could see what we had to offer to the general public as well as

showing individuals how one could pursue their own genealogical resources.





Then on Friday, 09 May, Grietje and I had the distinct honour of joining another Member of Kawartha Branch, Jane Ann Thompson UE, for a *Memorial Queen Elizabeth High Tea Party* at the Maple Ridge Recreation Centre in the west end of Peterborough along with 80 other individuals, where we were seated at head table with other dignitaries from Peterborough and elsewhere, including Mayor Jeff Leal.



We were very pleasantly surprised when we met Judy Chalmers, with whom we had worked at various federal and provincial election returning offices over the years with Wimpy Borland UE, and learned that her husband, Tom Chalmers, "*Tom the Piper*", had piped head table into the room at the beginning of the afternoon's programme.



Organizers Jane Ann Thompson, left, Jessica Barbuto and Ronda Moran join guests at a Royal Garden Party at Mapleridge Recreation Centre in Peterborough Saturday, celebrating what would have been the late queen's 100th birthday April 21.

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A royal celebration

Milestone birthday of late monarch celebrated with high tea, fellowship

METROLAND STAFF

Guests gathered at Mapleridge Recreation Centre on Saturday afternoon for a Royal Garden Party celebrating what would have been Queen Elizabeth II's 100th birth-

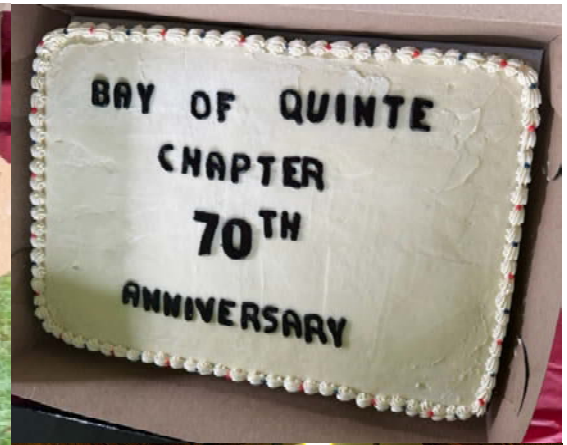
day: The late monarch, whose birthday was April 21, was honoured with high tea, live bagpipe music, memorabilia displays and community fellowship.

More than 80 people attended the event.



On Sunday, 14 June, a number of Kawartha Branch UELAC Members went to Adolphustown for the Flag Raising and 70th Anniversary Celebration of the Bay of Quinte UELAC Branch Charter. Because of the torrential rainstorm, Members of the Bay of Quinte Branch had erected a shelter where we all gathered.





Following lunch and the commemorative cakes, many of us went across the street to St. Alban's Anglican Church for their special Loyalist period service.



And on 19 June 2026, Kawartha Branch UELAC met at Peterborough City Hall at 10:00 a.m. for our Annual Flag Raising Ceremony.



Our National President, Bill Russell UE, wrote:

“UELAC National President’s Address: June 19, 2026

Dear Kawartha Branch Members and Guests,

On this special celebration of LOYALIST DAY in Ontario, I extend my warmest congratulations to all of you in celebrating the heritage of our Loyalist Ancestors on June 19.

Our Loyalist ancestors were individuals of unwavering loyalty to the British Crown during the American Revolutionary war. Faced with persecution and hardship, they chose to uphold their principles and values, leading them to seek refuge and build a new life in what is now Canada. Their resilience, determination, and commitment to their beliefs are qualities that continue to inspire us today.

The legacy of our Loyalist Ancestors is one of courage, perseverance, and community spirit. Their contributions to the development of Ontario are immeasurable, laying the foundation for the vibrant and diverse province we are proud to call home.

As we commemorate Loyalist day in Ontario, let us reflect on the rich history and heritage that our ancestors bequeathed to us.

On behalf of the UELAC Board of Directors, I congratulate Kawartha Branch on your dedication to preserving the legacy of our Loyalist ancestors.

May your celebration be filled with pride and deep appreciation for the remarkable heritage that unites us all.

Loyally, Bill Russell UE, UELAC National President.”



Grietje McBride UE, as Membership Chair, received this e-mail from one of this year's recipient of the E.J. Chard Kawartha Branch UELAC Award in Heritage Studies at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough.

"Dear Ms. McBride,

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the donor of the E.J. Chard Kawartha Branch UEL Awards in heritage studies. I was one of the recipients this year and I truly appreciate both the recognition of the effort which I put into my studies and the generous bursary which is of great use to me as I pursue employment in the field of heritage conservation.

I would also like to thank the UEL Kawartha Branch for their donations of artifacts to the conservation program. These artifacts are not only interesting and fun to work on but constitute wonderful portfolio pieces to bring forward in our careers and allow us to furnish our resumes with experience of working with a private client.

Last summer I worked on an early 18th-century parchment document on behalf of one of your Members, and this stands as one of my proudest achievements in the field of conservation and something that has piqued the interest of established professionals in the field and contributed to my securing an internship at the Canadian Museum of History at the end of my studies. In summation, the UEL has been of great help to me at the start of my career in more ways than one, and I sincerely appreciate the support of the organization for Fleming's heritage programs.

Regards,

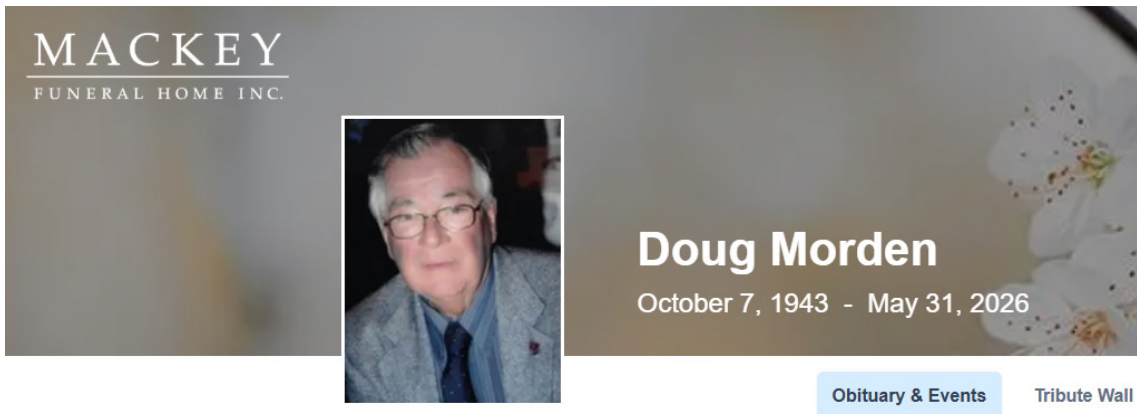
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Class of 2025,

Cultural Heritage Conservation and Management"



It is with deep sadness that we wish to report to you the death of Doug Morden UE:



Douglas George Morden October 07, 1943 - May 31, 2026

Suddenly and unexpectedly, at his home in Trent Lakes, at the age of 82. Extensive open-heart surgery in 2008 saved his life and extended it for another eighteen amazing years. He is survived by his wife, Glenda (nee Dettman), of 58 years. Also survived by his son, Jeffery “Jeff” Morden, Jeff’s wife, Elizabeth Jones “Liz”, and their children, Ethan and Kendall, as well as by Cynthia’s son, Keiffer McEwan. Predeceased by his daughter, Cynthia McEwan, (October 25, 2020).

Doug will be missed by many cousins and friends.

Dear son of the late Harold and Mary Morden.

Doug was raised in Lindsay, Ontario, and then worked at General Motors in Oshawa for 37 years. After retirement, he enjoyed many travelling trips across Canada. He liked to listen to country music, watch NASCAR races on TV, Oak Island and anything to do with history.

He had a great passion for searching and recording his personal family history and acquired his personal UEL designation and also for his daughter, son and grandchildren.

The family of Doug Morden received friends at the Stoddart Funeral Home and Cremation Centre, 24 Mill Street in Lindsay (705-324-3205) on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

A Service to celebrate his life was held in the Chapel on Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m.

As expressions of sympathy, the family would appreciate your consideration of a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society or the Kawartha Branch United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada. On-line condolences may be left at www.mackeys.ca

*Rest in peace, our good friend,
Doug Morden UE*

Kawartha Branch Mugs

These mugs are now available through Kawartha Branch Sales

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

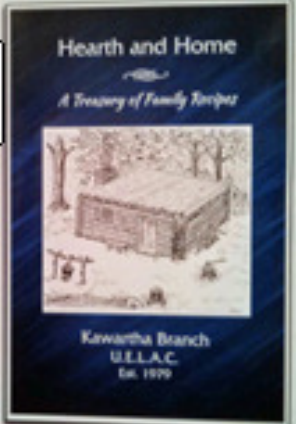
Cost: \$ 7.00 each



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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.



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 began on 01 November 2025.

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 > Click on renew or join and follow the prompts.

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.

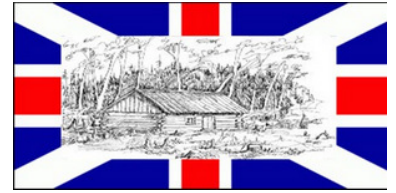
Your support is very much appreciated.

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 _____

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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
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