

**New Brunswick Branch Newsletter
The UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS'**

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A Word from Our President We have had a great deal of activity since our April Newsletter went out to you. First of all we have a new editor for our Newsletter. *Valerie Teed* has moved from the position of Branch Genealogist to Editor. At the same time, *Albert Button* has moved from Treasurer to Branch Genealogist. It's great to have such a flexible and knowledgeable executive group.

We had a very successful Regional Conference organized by our own *Frances Morrisey* in her role as Atlantic Vice President. Members attended from Fredericton and Halifax as well as a good number of our own members. Dominion President, *Doug Grant*, and the Chair of the Dominion Education/Outreach, *Fred Hayward* made presentations that were well received.

Our Loyalist Day celebrations went extremely well, beginning with a Loyalist Service at Trinity Church on May 15. The Telegraph Journal took photos of some of our members dressed in Loyalist garb and carried them in the paper the next day. We had a good turnout of members and Grade Five children from Glen Falls School, all in period costume at City Hall Plaza, May 18.

A number of us, including visitors from the Dominion Executive, went up to Fort Howe for the 21-Gun Salute, fired in recognition of the founding of Saint John ~ the first incorporated city in Canada in 1784. It was the Loyalists who arrived in 1783 who enabled this to happen. The salute was fired by the 3rd Field Regiment. It is of interest that Saint John is the only Canadian city allowed to fire a 21-Gun Salute at its' discretion, historically because George III gave it special authority by Royal Charter. In all other

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cities the Salute can only be fired when Heads of State are present.

Our Branch presented the Grade Five Glen Falls Class with a cheque for \$200 to subsidize their planned trip to King's Landing.

We had a very successful Loyalist Day dinner at the Union Club with approximately 60 in attendance. Dominion President, *Doug Grant*, was the guest speaker. A highlight of that evening was the presentation of a Past President's Pin to our immediate Past President, *Frances Morrissey*, by Doug Grant. Frances has served her four-year term and has helped a number of other presidents during their terms of office. I certainly have depended on her a number of times.

My wife, Marilyn, and I attended the UELAC Annual Conference held in Regina, Saskatchewan June 1 - 5. We visited Moosejaw before the Conference and our two youngest children & five grandchildren in Jasper, afterwards.

It was a great Conference – well organized and well run. It made me proud to belong to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC). It was organized by eleven members of the Regina Branch including Pat & Gerald Adair and Logan & Shirley Bjarnason who live 60 miles from Regina. Imagine organizing a five-day convention from such a distance!

Our Conference coincided with the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Saskatchewan as a separate province. A large number of Loyalist descendants settled and developed the area to the point where it became a province.

The Regina Branch, and in particular, President Logan Bjarnason, took on the major task of creating a Cairn in a large, beautiful park called the Wascana Centre.

The Cairn is covered with field stones gathered from Saskatchewan homesteads and properties belonging to Loyalist descendants who settled there before 1905. It was officially unveiled in an impressive ceremony during the Conference.

Two excellent tours were arranged for us: the chapel & museum of the RCMP Training Centre and a factory that made farm equipment. We also visited a seed farm run by Loyalist descendants.

There was an interesting session on Loyalist Uniforms & Costumes, a genealogist workshop and a display of handmade items including a 'Merilot Satchet' filled with merilot (dried clover blossoms) and a book on the 'Building of the Cairn'. The Conference ended with a Gala Banquet at the Centre of the Arts, a Loyalist church service at Knox-Metropolitan United Church and a brunch.

Next year's conference will be held in the Toronto area about the same time of year. I recommend that you plan to attend if you can.

James B McKenzie
President

Minutes of the Last Meeting

In *Jim McKenzie's* absence, Past President *Frances Morrissey* chaired the Annual Meeting at Stone Church on June 9th. She reported that \$200 & a certificate of appreciation had been given by the Branch to the children of Glen Falls School who participated, in costume, at Loyalist Day ceremonies on May 18th.

A copy of the publication 'Sons of the American Revolution' and a \$100 donation was well received from *Mr Lee Burkey* who says he considers himself both a Loyalist & a Patriot because of his ancestral roots.

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Written reports were accepted from committee chairpersons. The Treasurer's Report showed receipts of \$7,828.43 and expenses of \$8,351.80 resulting in a deficit of \$523.44. The value of our Investment at May 31, 2005 was \$3,760.00.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was unanimously adopted.

The \$500 Loyalist Studies Grant, given to us by National Office, was discussed. The Grant depends on our finding an appropriate, permanent place to set up the display. Our efforts to find a spot have, to date, yielded nothing. Loyalist House and the back of the Bank of Nova Scotia Building were suggested as possible locations.

A motion was carried that we endorse the principle that heritage graves of Loyalists, wherever their location, be maintained – at public cost if necessary. The executive will discuss how to proceed.

It was also noted that we can promote our Loyalist heritage by recognizing 2005 as the Year of the Veteran and remembering that many Loyalists were, in fact, veterans. On July 6 Branch members can take part in the Loyalist Heritage Festival.

A very entertaining program was presented by *Steve & Nadine Bolton* who dressed in period costume. Nadine wore the typical and versatile working-class female attire of the 1780s. Steve was dressed as a soldier in DeLancey's Brigade, complete with musket which he fired outside the building for the amusement of a willing few.

Kathryn Bradshaw
Recording Secretary

Report of the Nominating Committee

Executive 2005/2006

President	<i>Jim McKenzie</i>
Past President	<i>Frances Morrissey</i>
Vice President	<i>Steve Bolton</i>
Treasurer	<i>John Watson</i>
Recording Sec'ty	<i>Kathryn Bradshaw</i>
Genealogist	<i>Albert Button</i>

Chairs of Committees 2005/2006

Newsletter	<i>Valerie Teed</i>
Membership	<i>Steve Bolton</i>
Publicity	<i>Sylvia Watson</i>
Program	<i>Margaret Vallis</i>
Education	<i>Elsie Wayne & Keith Dow</i>
Historian/Archivist	<i>Frances Morrissey</i>
Social	<i>Alfreda Holland</i>
Telephone	<i>Margaret Bourne</i>
Communications	<i>Audrey Stanley</i>
Sales	<i>Nadine Bolton</i>
Special Events	volunteer as needed

New Members

We welcome new members

Ruth F Lesbirel, Rothesay, whose Loyalist ancestor was *Thomas Flewelling*;

Norman Lawton, Ontario, whose Loyalist ancestor was *John Lawton*; and

Yvonne Campbell, New South Wales, whose ancestor was *Captain Walter Campbell*.

*John
Breadalbane
Campbell*

If any of you descend from any of the ancestors mentioned and wish to share family tree information, please feel free to contact *Steve Bolton* (849-4727). Steve is our Membership Chairman and has addresses of new members.

A Nod of Appreciation

Members of the Branch were delighted to honour one of their most valuable, contributing members with her Past President's Pin at the Loyalist Day Dinner on May 18th. *Frances Morrissey* was presented the award by Doug Grant, National President, in recognition of her four-year stint as President of the New Brunswick Branch.

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Frances has been a member of the N.B. Branch/UELAC since 1981. She received her UE Certificate in 1983, officially connecting her with Loyalist ancestor Edward Winslow. She has been a mainstay of the Branch for 24 years.

On a personal note, she started her career as a lab technician & then trained as a teacher. She is a B Sc, B Ed (Dalhousie University) & an M Ed (University of Miami). She taught in New Jersey and here in New Brunswick. Currently she is Achivist/Historian and Past President of our Branch and at the same time Atlantic Regional Vice President of the UELAC.

Research On Line

Those of you who are researching your family histories may be interested to know that the 1901 Census is now available on line at www.automatedgenealogy.com Statistics from the 1911 Canadian Census which relate to genealogy are scheduled to be released, as well.

Items For Sale

They make nice gifts!

Nadine Bolton has several Loyalist-related items in her satchel.

Neckties \$30 Beer Steins \$10

Lapel Pins \$6 and \$6.50

Note Cards 5 for \$2.50

Bring your wallet to the Oct 13th Meeting!

Those of you with computers can log on to uelgovsimcoe.org/promotion > for a catalogue of Loyalist merchandise for sale.

Next Meeting

The next Branch meeting will be on **Thursday, October 13th at 7 pm at Stone Church** in Saint John, New Brunswick. We hope to have, as our speaker, *Stephen Hughes* - a third-year Arts student at UNB who won our NB Branch history prize in 2004. Stephen descends from Loyalists and expressed an interest in joining our Branch

Tour & Luncheon at King's Landing

Come and Bring a Friend!

A private dining room has been reserved for members who are interested in a **Luncheon on Thursday, Sept 22nd at 1:00 pm** at the King's Head Inn, King's Landing. Also arranged is a **guided 1½ hour tour of Loyalist homes & artefacts at 11:00 am.**

The cost per person is **\$30.00** which includes admission, the optional tour and the delicious luncheon.

To book, call John Watson (657-3760) with your entrée choice... see menu below. Also, let John know if you need a drive, as **transportation is available.**

Princess Louise Luncheon

~ Menu ~

*Fresh Garden Greens
Homemade Brown Bread*

*New Brunswick Salmon
Chowder*

Rich Creamy stew of fresh Atlantic salmon morsels, onion & potato chunks ~ a King's Head specialty

OR

Homemade Turkey Fricot

A thick, hearty stew of tender chunks of turkey, carrots, turnip, cabbage, potato topped with an herbed doughboy

*Seasonal Fruit Cobbler with
Whipped Cream
Tea Coffee*

Please Join Us!

The Loyalists - A Different World

United Empire Loyalists

Enquiry into the Losses and Services in
Consequence of their Loyalty - Evidence
in Canadian Claims

Evidence in the case of JAMES MILLER, late of Portsmouth in Virginia. Claimant Sworn: - Memorial read. Is a native of Scotland & went to America in 1764 as a Trader. He was settled in Portsmouth in Virginia. He uniformly acted the part of a Loyal subject and gave Ld. Dunmore every assistance in his power, in consequence he was drove from his family & Property. At no time did he ever join the Americans or sign any oath or Association.

In 1776 he was ordered out of the Province but had leave to move his property, he went on board the Emerald Frigate & joined Sir Wm Howe's Army, at Philadelphia - he has remained with the army ever since except when taken Prisoner in the Romulus bound to Portsmouth in Virginia; he was enrolled in the Militia at New York and now resides near Shelburn. Certificate from Capt. Geo Gayton, R Navy to Loyalty.

Property: a House & ½ a Lot near the church in Portsmouth in Virginia. Deed produced from THOS. VEAL to Claimt, dated 7th Feby, 1770 of a Lot of land in the town of Portsmouth in consider of £42-10sh. Virg. Curry. He only paid half of that sum & got ½ the Lot. He built a House on it which cost him above £300 Virg. Curry. He values it at £350 Curry.

...Furniture left behind & lost worth £80. Ster. When his wife came away she left it behind. Cattle, a Cow, calf, ox & Hogs £15 Ster.. Says he owed £27 Ster. in Virginia.

JOHN EWING sworn, late of Portsmouth Virginia. Knew the Claimt. in Virg. He was always Loyal and was obliged to fly on acct. of his principals, he furnished materials to Ld. Dunmore for building Barracks at Mill point.

WM BROWN, sworn: Knew Mr Miller before the War and has no doubt of his Loyalty. Recollects a House he lived in near the church in Ports. He was an industrious man and had a good character - but he cannot give evidence as to the particulars

Decision: Is a Loyalist House & Lot near the Church in Ports. £200.0.0 Ster. House in Court St. Ports. £200.0.0 ¼ in Water St Ports £60.0.0 Personality £40.0.0 = £500.0.0 Certificate of sales required

taken from: Second Report of the Bureau of Archives for the Province of Ontario by Alexander Fraser 1904

Old Time Obituaries

4 December, 1804 - In Digby, N.S. of old age, James Wilmot, Esq aged 77 years, five months and ten days. Mr Wilmot was one of the revered Loyalists who sacrificed their possessions and worldly comforts in luxuriant Colonial homes for principal and honour, becoming one of the founders of the town of Digby, Nova Scotia in 1783 where he was emphatically a *leader* among *leaders*, discharging most efficiently every proffered trust, including collector of H.M. Customs, from November 17, 1784 when the town was opened officially to trade as a sea-port attached to Shelburne, to his resignation from age and infirmity in 1790; Vestry Clerk of Trinity Parish from September 29, 1785 to Michaelmas of 1787, when he was relieved by James Foreman, Esq; Schoolmaster for 'The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts'; Registrar of Deeds and Wills for the 'Western District of the County of Annapolis' from its' establishment on 16th March 1785 to the year 1802, when failing health and severe bodily infirmities necessitated his resignation. Much and deservedly lamented by the entire circle of his widespread influence, leaving vacancies difficult to supply, as the deceased filled them.

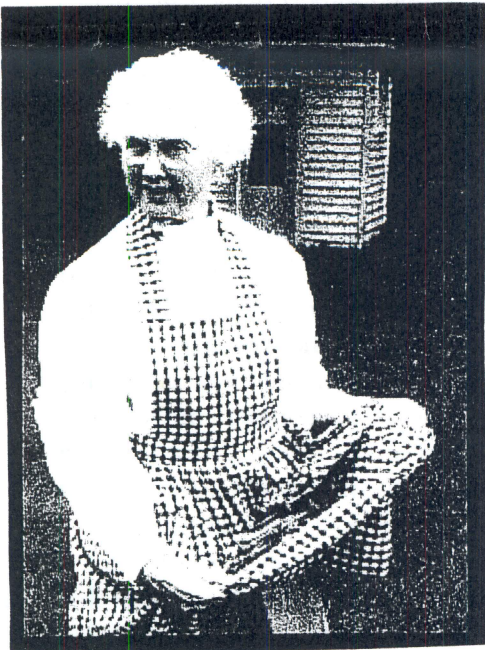
taken from: Acadiensis Volume VIII October 1908

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Grandma's Apron

Appropos of Nadine Bolton's demonstration of versatile & practical female attire from the Loyalist era comes this piece...

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion it was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.



From the chicken coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall the apron

was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old time apron' that served so many purposes.

Remember This: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw!

taken from: The Hanington Herald – a family genealogical publication.

To Parish residents: Due to increasing problems with louts and vandals, we must ask anyone with relatives buried in the graveyard to do their best to keep them in order.

And finally...

Sign seen in England on a Church Door

THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN
ENTER YE ALL BY THIS DOOR
(This Door Kept Locked Because of
the Draft Please Use the Side Door)