

New Brunswick Branch Newsletter  
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**A Word from Our President** Our New Brunswick Branch has been quite active since the last newsletter was produced in August, 2005. The Executive has met on three occasions since members received our August newsletter. Much work is done at these meetings where planning is done for our Branch prior to a general meeting.

Our first activity in the fall was a full day trip to King's Landing, where we were joined by a number of the members from the Fredericton Branch as well as our Atlantic vice president, *Andy Gunter*, and his wife. A number of our members took the opportunity to visit the Lord Beaverbrook Art Gallery following the visit & luncheon at King's Landing.

Our first regular meeting took place November 10<sup>th</sup> and our guest speaker was *Dr Greg Marquis* of UNB, Saint John, who gave a very interesting talk on the roles of women in late 18<sup>th</sup> century society at the time of the Loyalist immigration to New Brunswick.

*Dr Steve Bolton*, our vice president, has taken over the job of membership chair and is doing an excellent job. As of October, we had increased our membership by over 10% and we received a \$100 cheque from our national president, *Doug Grant*, in recognition of this increase.

*Albert Button*, our genealogist, has been setting new records with the number of UE Certificates that have been approved. The national genealogist, Elizabeth Hancocks, advised Albert she has never seen so many completed Certificates from the New Brunswick Branch in such a short time. At our Pot Luck Christmas Dinner & Auction *Betty Button* was presented with five Certificates confirming her descent



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from five different Loyalists. New members, *Don Flewelling* & his sister, *Ruth Lesbirel*, received their UE Certificates as well. We have submitted a write-up to the Loyalist Gazette chronicling record numbers in membership & UE Certificates.

The Kingston Heritage Trust has agreed to set up a Loyalist Station in the John Fisher Museum in the basement of the MacDonald Consolidated School. We have \$500 from National Office to help with this project. Past President, *Frances Morrisey*, is working with Beth Quigley of the Kingston group to accomplish this.

One of the major projects ahead of us is the 2008 Convention of our National Association which is being held throughout the Maritimes to celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists. Our Branch responsibility is to organize a portion of it. We have set up a small committee for this purpose made up of president *Jim McKenzie*, vice president *Steve Bolton* & treasurer *John Watson*. We hope NB Branch members from outside New Brunswick might take this opportunity to visit us.

Another big project is the restoration of the Amos Botsford Memorial that has fallen down in Fernhill Cenetery. Amos was a prominent Loyalist.

We participated in the New Year's Levee held at Loyalist House in Saint John. *John & Sylvia Watson* provided hot cider for guests.

We have more members this year than we have had for many years. Our total membership is 130 which is the highest in the last seven years. One of the newest local members, *Ruth Lesbirel*, has agreed to be our corresponding secretary. Our next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm.

*James B McKenzie*  
President

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## **2006 Calendar of Events**

**April 6 ~ 7 pm** General Meeting  
Loyalist House 120 Union St Saint John

**May 14 ~ 10:15 am** Loyalist Church Service Trinity Church Germain Street entrance *Wear a Loyalist costume if you have one!*

**May 18 ~ 10:30 am** Loyalist Day Celebration City Hall Plaza

**May 18 ~ Evening** Loyalist Day Banquet the Union Club

**June 8 ~ 7 pm** Annual Meeting  
Stone Church Hall Saint John

**October 12 ~ 7 pm** Regular Meeting  
Stone Church Hall Saint John

**December 7 ~ 5:30 for 6 pm**  
Christmas Pot Luck Supper & Auction  
Stone Church Hall Saint John

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## **Minutes of the Last General Meeting**

President *Jim McKenzie* chaired the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at Stone Church, Saint John NB. There were nineteen members present..

Regional Vice President, *Andy Gunter* informed members that our Branch was at the time the most active in the Atlantic region. A letter & cheque acknowledging our increased membership was received from *Doug Grant* – National President.

A committee was formed to initiate our participation in the 2008 National Conference to be held in the Maritimes. Both *Eric Teed* & *Elsie Wayne* expressed the importance of making the Branch as visible as possible by dressing in Loyalist costume while participating in community events like the Santa Claus Parade. In the same vein it was decided to take part in the



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New Year's Day Levee at Loyalist House in Loyalist costume.

The Executive agreed to support an essay contest entitled 'A Favourite New Brunswick Ancestor' during Heritage Week in February.

A minute of silence was observed to recognize the passing of *Beth Young*, a past President of the Branch.

New Treasurer, *John Watson*, delivered his report which, at July 1/05, showed a bank balance of \$5,015.45. This balance added to a mutual fund investment of \$3,720.00 brought the total to \$8,735.45. As at Oct 12/05 the bank balance was \$5,060.89 and on an executive decision the mutual fund was reinvested in the money market.

Membership reported a count of 130 members. Revised membership forms were put on our website & new letterhead was designed by *Steve Bolton*. Education reported that Loyalist history was being taught in local schools. Publicity reported that notice of our meetings was published on Roger's Cable, Telegraph Journal, Community Weekly Calendar & Alliant Net. Social Committee person was disabled and *Frances Morrissey* agreed to help. *Nadine Bolton* reported that she has Loyalist articles for sale.

It was decided to hold the Christmas Pot Luck Supper & Auction on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Speaker, *Dr Greg Marquis*, gave an interesting lecture on the work and position of Loyalist women in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

*Kathryn Bradshaw*  
Recording Secretary

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### **King's Landing Excursion**

Twenty members from the Fredericton Branch and the New Brunswick Branch got together last September at King's Landing

to celebrate the fall season with some fellowship, education & a fine meal.

Tour Guide, *Daryl Butler*, walked us to the Jones House & on to the Long House, explaining in detail many of the artefacts & furniture from the Loyalist period. Daryl's tour was interesting and entertaining & his enthusiasm for his job would have taken us all through a third house had it not been necessary to head for the King's Head Inn and the 'Princess Louise Luncheon' which had been arranged for 1 o'clock. The salmon chowder & turkey fricot were a great hit with the group.

After lunch & photos, most of the group began the long walk back to the Admissions Building to start the drive home. It was agreed that the trip was enjoyed by all and a great success.

*John Watson*

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### **Christmas Pot Luck Supper & Auction**

Thirty-three members & guests gathered at Stone Church for the annual Christmas Pot Luck Supper & Auction. The eagerly awaited event was a huge success.

Before dinner those present enjoyed mulled cider and beautiful Christmas music from *Don Flewelling* at the piano, accompanied by his sister *Ruth* who led the singers in traditional and modern holiday favourites. *George Teed*, with his special Santa hat had a ball, and, as always, was a big hit.

A delicious pot luck was enjoyed. Tables were laden with savory, seasonal dishes & delightful desserts. Many went back for seconds (not mentioning any names).

After dinner *Wally McMurray* resumed his annual role as auctioneer, assisted this year by *Keith Dow*. The Branch realized \$276.45 from the sale of 74 donated items ranging from loaves of homemade bread to several genuine antiques. A special nod of



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appreciation goes to *Marilyn McKenzie* who likely contributed the biggest share of that profit. Marilyn's competitive spirit and her husband Jim's cheque book never took a break!

*John Watson*  
*Kathryn Bradshaw*

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### New Year's Day Levee

Lots of cheer & goodwill were had at the New Year's Day Levee hosted by the New Brunswick Historical Society and the New Brunswick Branch of the UELAC on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 at Loyalist House.

Saint John citizens, local politicians and dignitaries stepped back in history as they entered Loyalist House (built in 1821). All were greeted warmly by members of the Historical Society and our UEL Branch dressed in period costume and by beautiful seasonal music coming from the double parlour. Appropriately, tenor *Clan Horrobin* and pianist *Marilyn Williams* provided the live performance.

With a roaring fire in the fireplace, wine, hot mulled cider and plenty of seasonal goodies in the dining room, organizers painted a charming picture of how New Year's Day might have been celebrated by our Loyalist ancestors.

President, *Jim McKenzie* and many Branch members were in attendance to enjoy this year's bountiful supply of cheer & goodwill. We were pleased, once again, to provide & prepare the hot mulled cider for what is becoming a well-attended and successful annual community event.

*Valerie Teed*  
*John Watson*

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### New Members

*We welcome new members ...*

Frank Clarke ancestor \*Alexander Clarke  
Mary MacDonald

Col Gordon Smith \*Eli Benedict  
Don Flewelling \*Thomas Flewelling  
Norman Lawton \*John Lawton  
William Catherwood Holder \*Jacob Holder  
Gayle Pittman \*Mordecai Starkey  
Wendy Colpitts \*Col Beverley Robinson  
Richard Boone \*Samuel Boone jr  
Barbara Boone  
Janice Haerberlin \*Timothy Shaw  
Malcolm Newman \*Fyler Dibblee  
Hugh Bibbs \*John Saunders  
Paul Bishop \*Richard Stockton  
Irene MacMackin \*James Hoyt (Hait)  
Doris Knight \*James Hoyt (Hait)  
Ruth Herd \*James Hoyt (Hait)  
Matthew Hawkins-Estes \*Wm Wilmot Hawkins  
Chris Northrup \*Benajah Northrup  
Peter Armstrong \*Col Beverly Robinson  
Sheila Donner  
John Campbell \*Capt Walter Campbell  
Jennifer Kohner \*Daniel Grant  
Marilyn McKenzie  
David Walker \*Ebenezer Slocum

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* (506) 849-4727 or e-mail him at [sbolton@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:sbolton@nbnet.nb.ca) Steve has 'new member' contact information.

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### NB Branch Sets Local Records

*(article also submitted to the Gazette)*

Membership Chairman for the New Brunswick Branch, *Dr Steve Bolton*, has done an excellent job effecting a record membership increase for the Branch. Membership increased 20% in the past year. In place of traditional application forms which had to go through the mail, Steve created one form which is sent electronically when possible, in response to a membership request. He says 80% of new members have e-mail.

*Albert Button*, former treasurer of the New Brunswick Branch, took over as genealogist last June and by the end of 2005 had 15 UE Certificates approved. In her congratulatory e-mail to Albert,



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National Genealogist, Elizabeth Hancocks, said she had never received so many applications from the NB Branch in that time span. Among the recipients were Albert's wife *Betty Button* who received five Certificates and new members, *Ruth Lesbirel* & her brother *Don Flewelling* who each received one.

*Jim McKenzie*  
*Valerie Teed*

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### 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](http://www.automatedgenealogy.com) Statistics from the 1911 Canadian Census which relate to genealogy are scheduled to be released, as well.

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### Photos Available On Line

Log on to [www.communitylens.com](http://www.communitylens.com) to see photos of community events in Saint John including pictures of our NB Branch members at 2005 & 2006 events.

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### Items For Sale

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

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### Photocopied Books:

**Loyalists of New Brunswick** by E Clark Wright

**Loyalists All** by UELAC/NB Branch

NB Branch members \$20 All others \$25

(+ Shipping & Handling \$9.50)

Contact Nadine ~ 190 Vincent Road  
Quispamsis, New Brunswick E2E 1P5  
or e-mail her at [nadbolt@hotmail.com](mailto:nadbolt@hotmail.com)

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### Genealogist's Report

*Albert Button* is thoroughly enjoying his new job as genealogist. He says he started researching his wife's family in 1995 while living on the Kingston Peninsula and since then has recorded over 5,000 names in his computer, many of which date back to the late 1700s. As a result of his research, he

feels that he has learned a great deal about New Brunswick history & especially as it was influenced by the Loyalist pioneers.

Of 227 UE Certificates that were approved in 2005, twenty-five or more came from the New Brunswick Branch. It is Albert's hope that in 2006 every member who has not researched & applied for his or her UE Certificate will do so and enjoy a little bit of history in the undertaking. He adds...  
"Keep me busy !"

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### Certificates were awarded in 2005 to:

Peter Robert Beverley Armstrong, UE  
Hugh Richard Bibbs, UE  
Betty Marie Button, UE  
Donald Leigh Flewelling, UE  
Janice Corbett Haerberlin, UE  
Andrew Robert Kingston, UE  
Rachel Elizabeth Kingston, UE  
Edward Morrisey, UE  
Frances Jane Morrisey, UE  
Annette Jean Murray, UE  
Gayle Pittman, UE  
John B Campbell, UE  
Virginia Horler, UE

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## THE PERPLEXED HOUSEKEEPER.

I wish I had a dozen pair of hands this very minute ;  
I'd soon put all these things to rights—the very deuce is in it.  
Here's a big washing to be done, one pair of hands to do it—  
Sheets, shirts, and stockings, coats and pants—how will I e'er go through it ?  
Dinner to get for six or more, no loaf left o'er from Sunday,  
And baby cross as he can live—he's always so on Monday.  
And there's the cream, 'tis getting sour, and must forthwith be churning,  
And here's Bob wants a button on—wh'ich way shall I be turning ?  
'Tis time the meat was in the pot, the bread was worked for baking,  
The clothes were taken from the boil—oh, dear ! the baby's wailing !  
Oh, dear ! If Johnny soon comes home, and finds me in this bother,  
He'll just begin and tell me all about his tidy mother.  
How nice her kitchen used to be, her dinner always ready  
Exactly when the dinner-bell rung—hush, hush, dear little Freddy !  
And then will come a hasty word right out before I'm thinking—  
They say that hasty words from wives set sober men to drinking.  
Now is't not that a great idea that men should take to sinning  
Because a weary, half-sick wife can't always smile so winning ?  
When I was young I used to earn my living without trouble,  
Had clothes and pocket money, too, and hours of leisure double.  
I never dreamed of such a fate, when I, a *lazz* I was courted—  
Wife, mother, nurse, seamstress, cook, housekeeper, chambermaid, laundress,  
dairy-woman, and scrub generally, doing the work of six, for the sake of  
being supported.

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Our Wishes for a speedy recovery go  
out to Marilyn McKenzie !



Obituaries



**Muriel Evelyn (Teed) Young 1919 - 2005**  
Members of the NB Branch were saddened by the death of their faithful long-time member, Beth Young on 11 October, 2005. Beth had been the Branch president from 1981 – 1983 and, along with her husband, Laurence, played a very important role in the 1983 Dominion Conference. Her mother Muriel (Mrs JFH Teed) and her brother, Eric, were founders of the NB Branch/UELAC in 1966. Another brother, George, and sister, Mary Gillis, are currently members of the Branch. Beth was educated at Edgehill School for Girls in Windsor, Nova Scotia and at McGill University. She served in Ottawa with the WRENs during World War II. She married Laurence Young in 1947 and, in addition to bringing up six children, she accompanied her husband on many exciting trips all over the world. She is survived by three sons, one daughter, 13 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers.

When we were kids...

We played 'King of the Hill' on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites and when we got hurt Mom pulled out the 48¢ bottle of Mercurochrome and then spanked us. Nowadays it's a trip to Emergency, a 10-day dose of \$49 antibiotics, & a call to an attorney to sue the contractor for leaving a vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.



**Joyce Marion Ward, UE 1917- 2005**  
Members of the NB Branch were saddened by the death of their long-time member Joyce Ward on 8 September 2005 after a long period of failing health. She was an enthusiastic and faithful member of the Branch, along with her husband, CG "Hap" Ward who passed away in 1993. Joyce assisted Hap, one of the three co-authors of the mammoth book *The Seelys of New Brunswick*. She is survived by her daughter, Cathryn (Steven Sellers) and sons Bruce & Robert (Daphne) all of the Saint John area, several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces & nephews.

A Capital Experience

**UELAC Conference 2006**  
At the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale, June 1 - 4  
*Experience three days of Loyalist fellowship, education & entertainment.*

Thurs, June 1 Welcoming Reception, Speakers, Loyalist Displays, Sales Tables & Friends, Genealogists' Workshop.  
Fri, June 2 Morning Seminars, Expert Genealogists & History Specialists, Fort York, First-Class Food, Tours, Military Entertainment. Sat, June 3 Annual Meeting, Traditional Costume Parade, Guest Speaker ~ Gavin Watt (author, re-enactor, historian) Sun, June 4 Church Service, Luncheon, Tour of Loyalist Buildings at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

More Information & Details on website  
<http://www.uelgovsimcoe.org>  
or call Frances Morrisey (506) 693-7054



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**Gallery**



Keith Dowe & Wally MacMurray Auctioneering at the Christmas Party



Margaret Bourne & Louise Dickson at the Christmas Pot Luck Supper & Auction



New Year's Levee at Loyalist House (left to right) Steve Bolton, Nadine Bolton, Sylvia Watson, John Watson, Sheila Donner



Christmas Party Sing-Song  
(top to bottom) George Teed Ruth Lesbirel Don Flewelling



Doctors Karen & Peter Thompson



UE Certificate Recipients (left to right) Betty Button (5 Certificates) Ruth Lesbirel, Don Flewelling



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## Understanding the Loyalist Sacrifice

In a 1975 issue of National Geographic I came across an article entitled **The Loyalists: Americans With A Difference**. Hmm... a piece in an American magazine written by an American writer... I was sceptical that the Loyalists had been given a fair shake. Curious, I read on.

*Outcasts, exiles, losers, pariahs... these were the founders of Shelburne, Nova Scotia... Their enemies had also called them other names. "Tories" was the kindlier term, "traitors" the more common. They called themselves "Loyalists" and many of them arrived from the young United States in 1783-84 at Shelburne, originally 'Port Roseway' & regarded 'the late troubles' as a time of persecution, deprivation and dashed dreams.*

The writer was surprised at hearing that half the people in Shelburne were descended from Loyalists – and were proud of it. *Proud? He wrote. Pride of accomplishment he could understand... but pride in being Loyalists? He admitted that to really grasp such a thing he had to delve into American history's shadowy side, beyond the popular myth that still cavalierly equates Toryism with treason - the myth that sprang from hate which had begun simmering several years before the American Revolution<sup>1</sup>.*

For their loyalty to the Crown they had lost sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, fortunes and decades-old friendships. Neighbours had changed into spiteful enemies who physically mistreated them & publicly taunted them. *Patriots, as the rebels tagged themselves, confiscated Loyalist-owned property worth millions of dollars and vengefully hounded thousands of Americans out of their homeland.*

The persecution started as early as 1765. The Sons of Liberty, spawned from the fateful Stamp Act, in a vendetta against the British-appointed secretary and the lieutenant governor of the Colony of Massachusetts, vandalized & destroyed their homes, bullied their families & eventually hanged the secretary in effigy. All of their lands were eventually confiscated on the

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<sup>1</sup> All italicized references taken from **The Loyalists** an article in National Geographic: Vol 147 No.4 April, 1975 – by Kent Britt

grounds that their children were *dangerous and seditious*.

In 1780 Loyalist Seagoe Potter was found guilty of treason and stealing arms from the Patriots for the Loyalist cause. He received the ultimate sentence... *it is considered by the Court that you, Seagoe Potter, return to the prison from whence you came, from thence you must be drawn to the place of execution. When you come there you must be hanged by the neck but not till you be dead, for you must be cut down alive, then your bowels must be taken out and burnt before your face, then your head must be severed from your body, and your body divided into four quarters, and these must be at the disposal of the Authority of the State.*

The writer wondered **why then did the Loyalists pick the side they did?** He offered that it must have been *pure loyalty, their bounden obligation to the Crown*. But he also felt economic factors may have played a role for some – especially for Crown officials & merchants doing business with England. Additionally, some Loyalists may have followed their leaders – *where Tories held sway* – in New York City, for example, where Loyalists were numerous. Perhaps some of them had calculated the odds as Congregationalist minister & Boston Loyalist, Mather Byles<sup>2</sup> must have done. It was he who remarked *"They call me a brainless Tory, but tell me... which is better – to be ruled by one tyrant three thousand miles away, or by three thousand tyrants not one mile away?*

Acknowledging the abuse they suffered at the hands of the Patriots but still not understanding the pride felt by their descendants, the writer concludes that *The Loyalists were honest and decent men – they were Americans, too ...who just guessed wrong.*

More accurately, most 'Loyalist Americans' didn't guess, they *knew*. They *knew* where their loyalties lay & were ready to sacrifice whatever it took. They had *refused* to be bullied into Treason. They had showed immense strength of character & tenacity in the face of persecution, which traits Americans tout as admirable today ~ and certainly reasons for Loyalist descendants to be proud.

Valerie Teed

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<sup>2</sup> Dr Byles became the second rector of Trinity Church, Saint John NB & served from 1788-1814