



# UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

NEW BRUNSWICK BRANCH



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## The President's Report

by Dave Laskey

*Maybe this will be the year ...*

Winter seems to be a time for bears and for the NB Branch to be snuggled up in our dens. With the robins now here in numbers and with yesterday's sighting of a red-wing blackbird, spring is well established and Branch activities are ramping up.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a report about our April meeting. We experimented with

a change to a Saturday afternoon rather than a Thursday evening but couldn't really tell whether that made a difference. Maybe our next meeting will give us a better feel on the timing issue.

On the question of meetings, we need to determine whether a winter meeting would be a good thing. Is the gap between our final winter event (our Christmas party) and our first spring event (the April meeting) simply too large? Would an additional meeting keep us more engaged or are members happy with the long break?

Our membership is down quite markedly from the end of last year. Hibernation (of members and the Membership Chair) offers a partial explanation but we need to look carefully to determine whether people are voting with their feet. Are members failing to renew because we're not offering sufficient value?

Meanwhile, the plans for Loyalist Day are progressing very nicely. For the first time since I joined the Branch, we will be working closely with the 3rd Field Artillery (the Loyal Company) in the planning and execution of the event. As part of the celebration, the Loyal Company, together with their band, will be forming up at King's Square and then marching down King St. to City Hall to exercise their Freedom of the City.

This will add colour and sound, pomp and circumstance to the day and should attract a much larger audience than we've had for the last

couple of years. Of course, the firing of the 21-gun salute to the City by the Loyal Company is always a lot of fun, a real crowd-pleaser.

We have been making progress on our Loyalist Burial Site project. Our membership renewal form prompts people to supply information about the burial places of their Loyalist ancestors and we know of at least fifty cemeteries, public and private, where original grave markers remain intact. Dominion Council approved our request for a major grant in the amount of \$3,000 and we are now in a position to purchase twenty plaques to be placed during 2014. We will apply for another major grant for 2014 with the hope that we can mark a lot more of the fifty known Loyalist cemeteries.

So, to continue the winter-to-spring analogy, we find ourselves surrounded by the detritus of a bleak season but find signs of new growth all around us. You've heard my refrain about the need for new members, especially local members. You've also heard my views on providing value for our members. Perhaps this will be the year when we can start to deliver. ☐

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## 2012 Christmas Celebration

*by Deborah Coleman*

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The New Brunswick Branch UELAC hosted a Victorian Christmas celebration on December 3, 2012. The event took place in the Bennett Room at historic Trinity Anglican Church, in Uptown Saint John. More than forty members and guests were in attendance.

Ron Coleman acted as greeter and was in charge of the guest book.

Many persons were spellbound by the beauty of the room. Each table was covered with a white linen tablecloth. The bone china was apple green, trimmed with ivory and gold. Serving platters were crystal and silver. The punch bowls were crystal with silver ladles.

Our Christmas tree was donated and professionally decorated by Kierstead Flowers of Saint John. The tree was trimmed in the Victorian style and was positioned by the fireplace. Our sincere thanks go to Brian Keirstead. The greening was purchased from Balemans Produce and was beautifully decorated by member and local artist, Carolyn Laskey.

There were centerpieces at each table. A large wreath hung above the fireplace. The broad window sills each held a wreath with a white taper in the center, which illuminated the stained glass. Garlands were draped over the book cases, piano, buffet and beverage tables. Each decoration was done in the same style, being adorned with pine cones, rosehips, tea berries, goats beard and scarlet bows and ribbons.

The beverage table offered cranberry wassail, brandied eggnog, tea and coffee. The buffet table was laden with savouries, sweets and confections, all reflective of the Victorian era. All food was professionally catered by Deborah Coleman.

The blessing before the meal was made by the Reverend Canon Lloyd Lake, a Branch member. John Watson acted as the master of ceremonies. John kept everything free and light, doing a fantastic job, as always. Local author and

historian David Goss was in charge of the program. Dressed as a Victorian gentleman, he led us in the singing of carols and in Victorian parlor games.

The decorations were awarded to members and guests at the end of the evening and all went away with warm feelings following the event.



Thanks to committee members Helen E. Seely and Deborah L. Coleman, who acted as hosts. In the months prior, they created the basic layout, design, and order of programming of December's event. Separately, Helen was in charge of ticket sales and publicity, Deborah, menu selection and catering.

Thanks to Michael Plourde who designed and printed the tickets. Michael acted as sous chef and assisted in the clean up.

Thanks to Ron Coleman who assisted in the months prior and assisted the day of the event. Thanks to Branch president Dave Laskey for his assistance the day of the event.

Thanks to K  t   Braydon, photographer from the Telegraph Journal, who covered our event and featured us in the December 29, 2013 edition (Paparazzi Section).

The Branch wishes to thank Tracy Saunders, Sexton of Trinity Anglican Church and Pam Stuart, Church Administrator.

Finally, thanks to the Branch members who helped to make this event such a great success. It was the party of the season! ☐

*Deborah Coleman is an executive member of the  
New Brunswick Branch, UELAC*

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## Loyalists All, Volume 2

by Eric Langley

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### *A call for submissions ...*

As editor of *Loyalists All*, Vol. 2 I have been giving some thought to the draft manuscript, re-evaluating the stories I've been provided so far, and the project as a whole. In a nutshell, about 75% of the items people have sent me are extremely brief and uninformative.

To compound the problem, they are much the same as each other, making them repetitive as a collection. They are little more than the brief sketches found in Sharon Dubeau's book, or Lorenzo Sabine's book, and they do not compare well, as they stand, with those in the original *Loyalists All*.

A handful of the stories I've received are more interesting. For myself, in my role as a contributor, I would like to submit stories of the several ancestors not in the first edition, and my challenge is to edit *down* the information I have put together about my own Loyalist families.

My concern for the book is the disparity that

would exist in this collection. I would hope that such a book would begin to appeal to a younger generation of family historians, and students of our history, but I'm not confident that this particular collection could do that as it is. In good conscience I could not recommend that members of the Branch devote effort or that the Branch pour resources into this collection as it stands.

There will come a time in the not-too-distant future when I will be able to give this whole project more attention, which it would be my pleasure to do. I would like to take the time to do some research into these Loyalists whose stories I find lacking, and fluff them up with background and a few more facts about the families.

This is not rocket science, and the Internet data is overflowing in some areas, but it will take some time. I would like to solicit more stories from the people who expressed an early interest and sent me the ancestor's name but nothing else.

Perhaps we can also reach out to members who have not volunteered to submit a story but who are descended from Loyalists not mentioned in the original book.

These ancestors all lived difficult and interesting lives and deserve to be commemorated. Anecdotes about their lives that have been passed down through the generations deserve to be captured and preserved.

I like the challenge of making something out of this book, and even considering the lack of volunteers, I will happily stay on it if an extended time line is agreeable. ☐

*Eric Langley is a member of the New Brunswick Branch, UELAC*

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## April 6th Meeting

*by Jim McKenzie*

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I had the pleasure of introducing our guest speaker, Koral LaVorgna, at our April meeting held Saturday afternoon, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at Stone Church hall. Koral lives in Fredericton and is a graduate Ph.D student at UNB. She chose a very interesting topic: "Whatever Happened to the Loyalist Memorial Hospital in 1846?"

We enjoyed her informative talk and wished more members had been there to enjoy it. We had a fairly good attendance with about twenty members and guests attending

When I arrived home on Saturday evening there was a voice mail from one of our members expressing how pleased he was with her talk. He was impressed with the research she had done and how well she prepared her talk. She presented her very interesting information for about twenty minutes and then answered questions from a number of members and guests attending. ☐

*Jim McKenzie is Treasurer of the New Brunswick Branch and Atlantic Vice President*

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## Financial Report

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April 1, 2013

Bank Account ..... \$ 3,830.00  
[Note this includes \$ 1,325.00 from our Dominion

Office for our Loyalist Cemetery Project in 2013.]

#### INVESTMENTS REPORT

Investments Dec 31, 2012 ..... \$ 19,055.58  
Investments Dec 31, 2011 ..... \$ 17,888.85  
Net Increase ..... \$ 1,166.73  
Percentage Increase ..... 6.5%

#### QUARTERLY

Investments Apr 1, 2013 ..... \$ 19,746.00  
Investments Jan 1, 2013 ..... \$ 19,056.00  
Net Increase, Three Months ..... \$690.00  
Percentage Increase, Three Months ..... 3.6%

#### TOTAL ASSETS APRIL 1, 2013

Bank account ..... \$ 3,830.00  
Investment account ..... \$ 19,746.00  
**Total Assets** ..... \$ 23,576.00

*Submitted by Jim McKenzie UE, Treasurer*

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## New Members

*New Brunswick Branch*

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*Since September, 2012 —*

#### **Elliott Martin Andrews**

5 Keith Place, Port Hope, ON L1A 2G2

#### **E.J. Boris**

7091 Darnell Lane, Greendale, WI 53129-2356  
U.S.A.

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#### **Dr. Michael Naaman Hughson**

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#### **Mr. David A. Tompkins**

1071 Route 28, North Branch, NJ 08876 U.S.A.

#### **Mr. Philip Norman Williston**

608-20 Prince Edward St., Saint John, NB E2L 3S2

#### **Mrs. Carol Wilson**

919 Sand Cove Rd., Saint John, NB E2M 4Z7

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## UE Certificates

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*Issued by the New Brunswick Branch  
September 2012 — April 2013\**

#### **Elliot Martin Andrews**

March 18, 2013 : *Martin Rush*

#### **David Allan Laskey**

November 12, 2012 : *Capt. Thomas Spragg*

#### **Carol Elizabeth Wilson**

March 4, 2013 : *Daniel Smith*

\* Recent applications have been much easier to process, I hope in part because of the instructions we provide to new applicants.

The commonest problem in the past has been submission of a great deal of information which however interesting to the families involved,

does nothing to enhance the process. It is important to understand that UELAC has no authority to grant or withhold the UE designation itself.

What it does is offer a certificate saying that the applicant's claim has been reviewed by an independent genealogist and found to contain proof of the descent claimed, according to generally accepted standards of genealogical evidence.

Essentially that evidence consists of contemporary documentation, both for the Loyalist status of the ancestor in question, and of the descent of each subsequent generation down to the applicant. The critical information thus involves only a single document for each step. I am pleased to learn that because of recent legislation governing the structure of non-profit corporations, our Dominion Office is proposing to revise our constitution to include only a single class of member, the only requirement being support for our mission.

It is not necessary to be of Loyalist descent to share an enthusiasm for the principles of a constitutional monarchy, and a belief that progress is better made by debate and compromise than by revolutions.

The UE certificate should not define a separate class of member, but rather constitute a service offered by the Association to those who seek confirmation of their family history. I would personally be prepared to go even further, and offer this service (for an appropriate fee) to anyone who wants it, regardless of their interest in the educational and social aspects of UELAC. It has often been observed that some of our most

active members are not personally of proven Loyalist descent, whereas others drop out as soon as they acquire their certificate. Different people have different interests; there is nothing wrong with that. — *John Mackay, Branch Genealogist*

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## Changes to By-Laws

*by Dave Laskey*

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New legislation, called the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act ("CNCA") came into force in October, 2011. This Act is forcing the UELAC to make some changes and encouraging it to make some others. This is a brief summary of the proposed changes.

Article III – Members – It is proposed that we merge the Associate, Affiliate and Regular classes of membership into a single class. All members would have the right to vote at meetings of the national organisation. It would no longer be necessary to hold a UE certificate and be a subject of the Crown in order to vote.

Article IV – Votes – The new legislation would allow non-members to be proxy holders at Dominion Council meetings – an undesirable situation. It is proposed that proxy voting be removed from the By-laws.

Article V – Directors – Under our current structure Branch presidents are ex-officio members of the Dominion Council (our board of directors), something not permitted under the new legislation. The proposed By-law change would reduce the size of Dominion Council so it would consist of President, Past President, Senior

Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, five Regional Vice-Presidents and five Regional Councillors.

Article VI – Committees – Some minor changes are proposed to the appointment and structure of committees. The most important is the change in the operation of the Nomination Committee so it will have a greater role.

Article IX - Description of Offices – The By-law will be changed so that the roles of the Executive are described in very general terms only. The detailed descriptions of the roles will be contained in a policy statement, thus allowing a much simpler modification procedure in the future.

I outlined these changes to the Branch meeting that was held on April 6, 2013 and also indicated that I support the changes. I went on to indicate that I would be attending the Association's Annual General Meeting and would cast my personal vote in favour of the changes. It was then moved, seconded and carried that I should carry the Branch's proxies to the AGM and then vote in line with my personal view.

A more detailed outline of the changes and the reasons for them have been prepared by Bob McBride, UE, our Dominion President and that document is appended to this edition of our Newsletter. Please let me know if you would like a draft of the new By-law or any other supporting material.

I would also welcome your comments and questions about these changes and give you my commitment to carry the various views of the members of our Branch to the AGM. ☐

*Dave Laskey is President of the New Brunswick Branch of UELAC*

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## Our New Facebook Page

*by Peter Conley*

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Facebook serves as the world's largest social media network, and now the New Brunswick Branch has staked out its own corner on the site! Launched in September, but only made public in March, the Branch's Facebook page will help to extend our association's reach across the Internet.



Information about our upcoming meetings, relevant news items, and other historical tidbits can be posted on the page, allowing those with an interest in Loyalist history and our local branch to connect with each other. If one wants to be a member of the page, they can find us on Facebook under the following: New Brunswick Branch United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada. New members would be welcomed, as the page is still in its infancy. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, social media may be a key part of promoting an organization, and our new Facebook page is a step in the right direction. ☐

*Peter Conley is Publicity Chair of the New Brunswick Branch , UELAC*



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## Dan Johnston Remembered

by Dave Laskey

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Eight years have passed since the untimely death of our friend and colleague, Dan Johnson. During that time various steps have been explored by the Saint John Branch of NBGS to memorialize his life and his contributions to history and genealogy in New Brunswick.

The Branch has been determined to do something permanent and has explored many options, finally deciding to endow *two* scholarships in history at the Saint John Campus of the University of New Brunswick.

Daniel Fred Johnson was born in Fort Fairfield, Maine, the youngest child of Fay (Tregunno) and Verdell C. Johnson but grew up in Perth-Andover and graduated from Southern Victoria High School. He earned a BBA from UNB and started his business career.

Danny's work on his own family history led to a broader involvement in genealogy and he

began to help other people. He taught one of the first courses in genealogy in Saint John in 1979. He was instrumental in founding the New Brunswick Genealogy Society and served as president of the Saint John Branch and as vice-president of the provincial body. He was also one of the first to obtain certification through the Genealogical Institute of the Maritimes.

A frequent presenter at genealogical workshops and conferences, he also transcribed cemetery records, provided a genealogical research service and helped genealogists from across Canada and around the world. He became one of the leaders in New Brunswick genealogy as it became his passion and his full time occupation.

Danny was also interested in NB history, particularly of Kings and Queens Counties, Saint John, the Loyalists, pre-Loyalist settlement and the military settlements of Victoria County. He authored numerous articles and books on subjects ranging from specific families, to Jack the Ripper, to compilations of sources and records that would assist genealogists,

In 1995, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to local history and genealogy, Danny was awarded the Certificate of Merit by the American Association for State and Local History.

### THE PANB WEB SITE

Following Dan's death, through the co-operation of Dan's mother, Fay Johnson and Dan's sister Celia and brother Mark, and with the assistance of the Friends of the Archives, as well as Marion Beyea, all of Dan's *Vital Stats* were made available, free, on-line from the Provincial



Archives of New Brunswick. It is an unique resource and to Dan we owe a debt of gratitude for devoting twenty years (1985 - 2005) of his life to producing this outstanding historical and genealogical treasure.

#### PATRONS

Three important figures in New Brunswick have agreed to assist the campaign through their roles as patrons. David A. Ganong, O.C., BBA, MBA, is well known as the president of Ganong Brothers, Ltd. Marion Beyea has been the Director of the Provincial Archives of NB since 1978. Dr. Gregory Marquis, BA, MA, PhD, is professor of history at UNB in Saint John.

#### THE CAMPAIGN

To fund the scholarships in perpetuity will require a capital sum of about \$50,000. To raise this amount the Branch is calling for support from all the members of the NB Genealogical Society as well as all users of Dan's *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers* and the general public.

The fund-raising commenced in 2012 and will continue for the next three years. Tax receipts will be issued by NBGS Inc., a registered Canadian charity.

The fund will be administered by the Greater Saint John Community Foundation, which was established over 35 years ago as a way for people to assist certain worthy causes.

Donations may be sent to:

New Brunswick Genealogical Society,  
Saint John Branch,  
PO Box 2423,  
Saint John, NB E2L 3V9

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## Abraham Roome

by Stephen Davidson

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*Sometimes the driest of documents can  
contain a fascinating story ...*

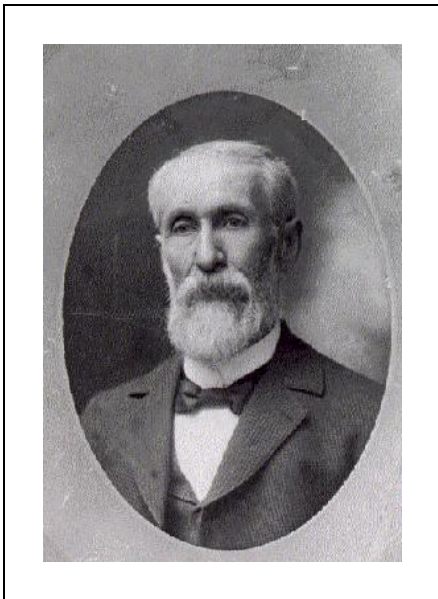
Loyalist farmers from New York and Connecticut who had settled along the Oromocto River may have wondered why a British sailor like Abraham Roome had petitioned for land so far from the sea. It could be that Roome was distancing himself from traumatic memories as well as the broad Atlantic Ocean.

During the Revolution, Roome had served in the Royal Navy aboard the 44-gun ship, the *HMS Charon* under the command of Captain Thomas Symonds. Along with three other ships, the *Charon* had attacked the Honduran fortress of San Fernando de Omoa in the fall of 1779. The British captured two Spanish treasure ships and raided the fort, making off with booty worth two million dollars. But within just two years, the ship's luck would take a drastic turn.

In October of 1781, the *Charon* was the largest of the British vessels anchored in Virginia's York River. It could only be a menacing presence, for as the British were fortifying their positions at Yorktown, they had taken the *Charon's* guns. Constant artillery fire from patriot positions prevented the naval vessels from protecting Cornwallis' forces. Then the French artillery joined the fray, firing on the British ships. They used red-hot shot, an incendiary munition usually reserved for siege warfare. As it was such a large target, the *Charon* was hit time and again

by the heated shot. Soon she was on fire; Roome and his crewmates could not stop the flames running up the masts, along the yardarms and into the frigate's broad canvas sails. The *Charon* burned to her hull's waterline, suffering "a considerable loss of life". Flaming and adrift, the frigate rammed into three British transports, also setting them on fire.

Surrounded on land and sea, Cornwallis surrendered nine days after the destruction of the *Charon*. Unbeknownst to anyone at Yorktown, it would be the final battle of the American Revolution.



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*Dr. John Somers Roome, grandson of Abraham Roome. Dr. Roome was born on November 24, 1839 in Clearville, Kent County, Ontario.*

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The enemy imprisoned Abraham Roome and the other survivors who had clung to the wreckage of the *Charon*. Patriot prisons were never very secure; Roome escaped to the safety of the British lines.

After 1783, Roome returned to England. In two year's time, he took his wife and children to the loyalist colony of New Brunswick. The former crewmember of the *Charon* petitioned for land on the Oromocto River, but it is uncertain if this was ever granted. What is certain, is that Roome's wife Catherine gave birth to a son, William Frederick, in Fredericton on May 5, 1807. Eight years later, Roome's family relocated to Orford Township in Upper Canada. Abraham died sometime around 1818; his wife died in 1848. Their son had seven children. The third child, Dr. William Frederick Roome Jr., became the Member of Parliament for London, Ontario.

Little did the voters of London realize, they might never have had their MP had his grandfather not survived the burning of the *Charon* in 1781. ☐

*Stephen Davidson is a member of the New Brunswick Branch, UELAC*

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## Classifieds

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### *Books for Sale*

**Loyalists All – Vol 1** and **The Loyalists of New Brunswick** by Esther Clark Wright are available from our New Brunswick Branch for \$25 each + shipping & handling. Please contact Helen Seely at [nw@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:nw@nbnet.nb.ca) or phone (506) 642-1617

**The Teachers' Loyalist Resource Book** is also available for sale for \$6.00 + shipping & handling. Please contact Helen Seely at [nw@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:nw@nbnet.nb.ca)

**Early Loyalist Saint John: the origin of New Brunswick politics, 1783-1786** [Paperback] , by David Graham Bell. \$35 + shipping. Contact: sonnet@wightman.ca

### *Coming Events*

**Loyalist Church Parade**, Sunday, May 12th : Trinity Church will once again hold a special service for members of the New Brunswick Branch on the Sunday before Loyalist Day, May 12, beginning at 10:30am. All are welcome to attend and we hope several will appear in period dress as we meet at 10:15am to assemble behind the Queen Ann flag and enter this historic, Loyalist-founded church. There will be light refreshments after the service.

**Loyalist Day**, Saturday, May 18th : This year's Loyalist Day morning ceremonies will take place at City Hall Plaza just above the spot where our ancestors landed 230 years ago in 1783. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company) RCA will also be present, exercising their 'Freedom of the City'. After the ceremonies, Saint John's birthday cake will be served in Loyalist Plaza. At noon, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery will fire a 21-gun salute from Pugsley Terminal, Saint John. The New Brunswick Museum has free admission all day and Loyalist House has guided tours for free in the afternoon.

**Loyalist Dinner**, Saturday, May 18th : In the evening, the annual Loyalist Day Banquet will take place, this year returning to the historic architectural gem, the Union Club, on Germain Street. There will be a reception with punch and a cash bar beginning at 6:30pm, with the dinner following at 7:30pm. Our fascinating and

knowledgeable speaker for this event will be the Honourable Trevor Holder, New Brunswick Minister of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture.

**Executive reports submission deadline**, June 8th  
**Annual General Meeting**, Wednesday, June 12th  
**Fall newsletter copy deadline**, September 15th  
**Fall newsletter publication date**, September 30th

### *Queries*

**CORNELIUS ACKERMAN (1748?-1846)** — Who *was* Cornelius Ackerman? Records show that he was granted land in Fredericton in 1784, and that he operated the Golden Ball Inn (along with his cousin Abraham Vanderbeek). However, a Loyalist by the same name, also a disbanded soldier, was reported to have died in Shelburne, Nova Scotia in 1783, leaving a wife Elizabeth and two small children. Is this a mystery, or only a coincidence? G. Ripley: sonnet@wightman.ca.

**DANIEL ODELL (1760-1804)** — I am seeking information about Daniel Odell (b 3 Sep 1760) and his parents. He married Hannah Spragg (b ca 1764), daughter of Thomas Spragg and Mary (Carman) Spragg, in 1784 in New Brunswick. Daniel died in Springfield, Kings Co., NB in early 1804. The Spragg family moved from their native Hempstead, Long Island, NY to Wappingers Falls between 1756 and 1761. It is possible that Daniel was also from the Fishkill area of Dutchess County. Contact Dave Laskey by e-mail at: [dave@laskeyfamily.ca](mailto:dave@laskeyfamily.ca)

**JACOB TILL (1765-1839)** — I am seeking information about Jacob Till (b ca 1765), his parents and his spouse. He is believed to have

been working with the Engineering Dept. in New York but nothing else is known of his origins. He was a grantee in Parrrtown and it is reported that he settled around Gagetown and may have later moved to the Miramichi. James Till, the likely son of Jacob, died in Geary in 1839. Contact Dave Laskey by e-mail at [dave@laskeyfamily.ca](mailto:dave@laskeyfamily.ca)

### Services

**Ancestors New Brunswick**, Family Tree Research. *We specialize in Loyalist Certificates.*  
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**Broad Meadow Genealogy**, Rose Staples, UE, PLCGS. 1080 Route 605, Maple Ridge, NB E6E 1W6 Email: [roses@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:roses@nbnet.nb.ca)

similar Societies in Halifax (1786) and other cities. Today the Society considers itself the standard bearer of traditional English values, both at home and abroad.



*Malcolm Newman (second from the left) distributes copies of the Loyalist Gazette to members of the Royal Society of Saint George at a recent meeting in the King and Queen pub in East Malling, Kent. Malcolm is the only British member of UELAC-NB.*

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## Postscript

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### *The Royal Society of St. George*

According to Wikipedia, Societies of St. George had been founded in the North American Colonies before the American Revolution ... for the relief of British immigrants and to give them general assistance in the new country. The earliest Branches of which there are any records are those of New York (1770), Philadelphia (1772) and Charlestown (1773).

Subsequently Branches were formed in all the great cities of the North American continent and celebrations were always held on St. George's Day. At the time of the War of Independence many Loyalists moved to Canada and founded

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