



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada



∞ New Brunswick Branch ∞

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Executive Report

by Dave Laskey

Changing of the guard

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find reports about Loyalist Day, the Beaver Harbour event, the Loyalist Burial Site Project and our book publishing efforts. However, there are some other things that are worth mentioning.

The Branch's annual general meeting in June was brief and largely uneventful due to the

absences of some key members of the Executive. As is typical, the major item on the agenda was the election of new officers. Unfortunately, the Nominating Committee had not been able to identify a candidate for the president's position. (I had already served more years than our constitution permits).

It was agreed therefore that the new Executive Committee would adopt a shared leadership model and attempt to operate without a president.

Over the course of the summer it became clear that the shared leadership approach was not functioning as it should. As a result, the Executive Committee decided to appoint **Deborah Coleman** to the presidency for the remainder of the current term.

This means that we no longer have a Recording Secretary or a Social Chair, but efforts are underway to find suitable persons to fill those roles. In the meantime, the other members of the Executive Committee will step up as needed to get things done.

I should mention that Deborah has done a fantastic job of organising a number of events including our Christmas Parties and the September meeting in Beaver Harbour. She has shown skill and dedication in her efforts and I am confident she will do a great job as president. Please join me in offering Deborah congratulations and best wishes. ■

New Members, 2014

Compiled by Dave Laskey

New members of the Branch in 2014 are listed in alphabetical order, followed by their research interests ...

Mr. Dale Stanley Carle, Fredericton, NB

- Carle, Thomas

Rev. Ronald E. Curtis, Saint John, NB

Mr. Robert P. Fuller, Portland, ME

- Burnett, William
- Rupert, Catherine

Mr. Daniel Murphy, El Cajon, CA

- DeWitt, Everett
- Corey, Griffin
- Lounsbury, John

Mrs. Kathy Pappantoniou, Hartsdale, NJ

- Greenlaw, Alexander
- Malloch, Donald

Mr. Doug Patton, Shoreline, WA

- Towers, William

Mr. Everette Saunders, Westford, NB

- Saunders, Capt. John
- Marr, Alexander
- Keirstead, James
- Keirstead, Benjamin

Mr. Richard Sutherland

- Sutherland, George

Mr. Joshua Thomson

- Cogswell, Aaron
- Cogswell, Hezekiah

Mr. Richard Thorne

- Melancthon Thorne
- Benjamin Alward
- Daniel Keith

- Michael Butler
- William Perry
- William Humphrey
- Daniel Peatman Sr.
- Peter Parlee
- Robert Wilcox
- Jeremiah Lyons
- Jeremiah Travis
- Richard McDonald
- Thomas McDonald
- Hendrick Bulyea
- John Eamons Sr
- James DeBow
- William Gray
- John Ross Sr
- Benjamin Collings
- Christopher Willigar
- Dorothy Kingston

Mrs. Sandra Thorne, Hampton, NB

- Luke Keirstead
- Mary (Johnson) (Keirstead) Gaiter
- Joseph Drew
- Thomas Herrett
- David Bleakney
- Conrad Gunter
- John Titus
- Gilbert Dykeman
- Barnett Manzer
- Chalmers Bleakney (brother to David)
- Jonathan Ketchum
- Isaac Ketchum (Loyalist cousin to Jonathan)
- Elias Snider
- Henry Stultz
- Alançon Lewis

Ms. Brenda Williams, Siasconset, MA

- Ingraham, Benjamin

- Joslin, Andrew
- Bull, George C.
- Gunter, Conrad
- Gunter, Andrew
- Williams, Reuben
- Van Wart, Jacob ■

Nova Scotia Branch News

by Brian McConnell



The Nova Scotia Branch of the UELAC held a well attended Fall meeting in the historic and scenic town of Shelburne on September 27, 2014. More than 30 guests and members met at the waterfront location of the 'Sea Dog Saloon' for lunch followed by a business meeting and then a tour of the Shelburne Museum Complex.

At the meeting, chaired by President Shamus Diltz, members agreed to establish a committee to mark the Graves of Loyalists and to create a Branch Website.

Visiting President Peter Van Iderstine of the Abegweit Branch was also welcomed and invited to speak. He discussed the hosting of the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Association to be held July 8 - 10, 2016 in Summerside, PEI and encouraged everyone to make plans to participate and attend.

Alma Hayward UE, Secretary of the Branch and the predecessor Halifax-Dartmouth Branch

for 18 years, retired and was thanked for her loyal service and presented with a certificate, pin, and bouquet of cut flowers. Brian McConnell UE was elected as the new Secretary of the Branch.



Nova Scotia Branch Members at Shelburne, Nova Scotia meeting (L-R: Shamus Diltz, President; Marian Munroe, Treasurer; Frank Leaman, Flag Bearer; Alma Hayward, Carol Harding, Genealogist; Brian McConnell, Secretary)

As part of a Centennial Project, the youngest member of the Branch, Jacob Diltz, age 2 ½, was presented with a Certificate. Earlier in the year, Evelyn Denton, age 105, was presented with a Certificate as the oldest Branch member.

The Branch has decided to hold meetings in different locations around the province. Our next meeting is set for April 18, 2015 in Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia to be followed by one on June 20, 2015 in Tusket. Speakers are planned for

these events and the public will be invited to attend as well.

Current and future news of the Nova Scotia Branch is now being posted in its Facebook Group known as "Nova Scotia Branch - UELAC" and all who are interested are invited to join. As well the Branch has a Facebook page with photos and information called "Nova Scotia Branch United Empire Loyalists' Association". ■

Tabusintac Old Home Week

by Dave Laskey

Carl Stymiest, a member of NB Branch who is located in BC, has written to tell us about the event mentioned above. Carl and a colleague are organizing a Genealogy Centre at the event, which is scheduled for Saturday, 1 August to Sunday, 9 August 2015. As part of the Genealogy Centre, they are asking NB Branch to participate in the week-long festivities.



Carl feels this would be a good opportunity to place Loyalist Burial Site Plaques at a couple of

Loyalist cemeteries in and around Tabusintac, namely, the Stymiest Cemetery and the Riverside Cemetery. In fact, Carl had already nominated both of these cemeteries for the plaque project and provided information about some of the Loyalists buried there.

He has also suggested that New Brunswick Branch should host a display of artifacts and family information during the Old Home Week. Indeed, this might be an opportunity to attract some new members.

Sunday, 2 August 2015 will be the Cemetery Service for Riverside Cemetery and it is suggested by the Old Home Week organisers that this would be a an opportunity to do the Plaque unveiling as hundreds attend this event. We could then move down Hierlihy Road to The Stymiest Cemetery to unveil the second plaque.

The UELAC-NB Executive Committee has agreed to participate in the event and, obviously, August 2nd would be the best day. We thus encourage all our members to include this event in your calendars. We will also need volunteers to assist with the display. Loyalist costumes would be particularly appropriate. ■

The next UELAC-NB newsletter will be put to bed in May, 2015. The editor earnestly solicits articles, photographs, genealogical queries, and news of interest to the members.

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Loyalist House Dining Room

by Ruth Lesbirel

Sunday, May 11, 2014 was such a wonderful occasion for Loyalist House, when the newly refurbished dining room was unveiled.

Following the annual Loyalist Church Service at Trinity Anglican Church, Saint John, members of the UELAC (NB) and Trinity Anglican's congregation joined members of the New Brunswick Historical Society at Loyalist House for a lovely luncheon and celebration.

The details and even the colours of the new décor had been carefully kept under wraps until this big day arrived. The dining room looked spectacular in its new tone-on-tone ivory paisley damask wallpaper sourced from England and its burgundy and ivory silk jacquard draperies, in a pattern called "Belagio", by Cretex of Toronto, with coordinating tassel braid from Unique Fine Fabrics, all work done under the direction of Albert's Draperies, Saint John.

Everything about the interior decoration of the room looked so fresh and bright as sun streamed through the windows that fine spring day, since the dining room woodwork had also been repainted, the Axminster carpet cleaned and back in place, and the entire room had been given a thorough housecleaning.

There was no hint of the upheaval which had taken place over nearly two years, from the time it was first discovered that the chimney was leaning outward, its support wall fracturing away from it, and collapse a real possibility. Previous articles have detailed the structural

problems and the steps taken to resolve them. Here are the results of many months of careful and painstaking hard work and a glimpse of our celebrations:



And more photographs on page 13 ...

Financial Report

by Jim McKenzie, Treasurer

On August 1, 2014 we had investments of \$ 21,815.00. Included in this is \$ 3,000.00 that we received from the Dominion Office for our Cemetery Project.

Investment Account Aug 1, 2014	\$ 21,815
Investment Account Dec 31, 2013	\$ 20,739
Gain as of August 1, 2014	\$ 1,056
Rate of return	5.1%
Annualized Rate	8.7%

On August 14th we withdrew \$ 4,442.91 from a super savings Account.

Balance on August 31, 2014	\$ 17,683
Balance November 13, 2014	\$ 17,404
Withdrawal, November 2014	\$ 3,000
Current Balance	\$ 14,404

Note: We made \$ 1,056 to the end of August and we have \$ 3,000 in the account that Dominion Office gave us for the Cemetery Project. Our Bank Account Balance at the Royal Bank of Canada is \$ 2,467.54 plus we will receive the \$ 3,000.00 from the Investment Account which will bring it to \$ 5,467.54.

The twenty Loyalist Cemetery Signs cost us \$ 5,313.68 including taxes and shipping. We paid \$ 2,000.00 with the order on September 1st and on November 14th we paid the balance of \$ 3,313.68. This left a balance of \$ 2,153.65.

Loyalist Burial Sites Project

by Dave Laskey

Many of you will be wondering about our Loyalist Burial Site endeavor, especially since this was intended to be a Centennial Year project. With the year almost over an update is overdue.

As you may know, the original price for the burial site plaques was around \$180. We had always purchased our plaques from a company in Ontario that was also supplying the plaques to other UELAC branches. However, when we were ready to place a new order for the 20 plaques we wanted to install this year, we learned that the price had climbed to \$269. This increase in price was, to put it mildly, a bit of a shock so we decided to shop around for local alternatives, thinking that even if the price was the same we could save the shipping costs. We then visited four local companies in an effort to find somebody who could provide similar plaques. Surprisingly, only one of those companies said they could do the job. An even greater surprise — they came back with a price of slightly more than \$400.

Meanwhile, Jim McKenzie, our Treasurer, had reported that the plaque he had installed to mark the grave of his Loyalist ancestor, Malcolm McKenzie, had weathered quite badly. More specifically, the sign itself was fine but the paint had faded markedly. It was clear to us that the paint used on the most recent batch of plaques was not standing up to the elements. We then spoke to an auto-body shop to inquire about applying automotive clear-coat to the plaques to

preserve the paint. We were told that the clear-coat would have an adverse chemical reaction with the paint.



As the discussion with the automotive paint experts continued, we asked what type of paint should be used on the plaques. We learned that we should probably use acrylic urethane, which comes in two-part kits — the paint plus a hardening agent.

Armed with this information we then contacted our original plaque manufacturer to ask for a new price without any painting. They told us that their original quoted price included \$40 for painting and they would be willing to supply unpainted plaques to us at \$229 each.

The disadvantage of this approach is that we will have to buy the paint kits and then apply the paint ourselves. We'll end up spending about \$10 per plaque on paint, assuming that we can find volunteers to do the work.

In any event, the plaques have been delivered and are now ready for painting, which we hope to have done before the end of November. Then we can start the actual job of installing the

plaques at the selected cemeteries.

As you will recall from previous reports, we have already identified more than 50 cemeteries that are the final resting places of known Loyalists. Clearly, we will not be able to place plaques at all of these cemeteries. Our approach will be to seek the approval of the managers of the highest priority cemeteries to place markers there. Cemeteries known to contain multiple Loyalist burials and those in prominent locations will be at the top of our list. However, once we have approval from the managers of 20 cemeteries it is likely that our efforts to contact managers will slow down until we have funding in place for more plaques. In effect this means that first come will be first served.

On a final note, we are not in a position to identify the managers of all the cemeteries that have been located. We are relying on our members — those who actually proposed the various cemeteries — to discover the names and contact details of the various managers. So, if you've nominated a cemetery and provided proof that a known Loyalist is buried there, we urgently implore you to send us the details of the manager. ■

Beaver Harbour Report

by Deborah Coleman

The autumn meeting of the New Brunswick Branch was held September 14, 2014 at the Museum and Archives in Beaver Harbour, NB. Our meeting was held in conjunction with the N.B. Black History Society.

We celebrated the arrival of the *Camel* and passengers, which came with the Fall Fleet in September of 1783. The *Camel's* passengers consisted of Quakers, Anabaptists, indentured servants and black settlers. They established a Quaker colony in Beaver Harbour that was known as Penn's Field Colony.

Kings Landing representatives brought artifacts belonging to Joshua Knight, the Colony's leader, to put on display.

Ralph Thomas of the N.B. Black History Society welcomed the capacity crowd. Ralph made note that the Penn's Field Colony was the only place in all of British North America at the time where slavery was not permitted.

Deborah Coleman of NB Branch gave a talk on the Quaker colony and the hardships they endured.

Following the talk there was a question and answer time.

The old Quaker Burial Ground is across the street from the museum. The early Quakers did not believe in the use of tombstones, yet a large stone donated by the late Mrs. Arthur Hawkins marks the place where many of the Quakers are buried.

The Reverend Phillip Williston, UE spoke at the cemetery with moving words that many in attendance close to tears.

The Reverend Ron Curtis, UE placed a pot of harvest-coloured flowers in front of the stone and offered the blessing over the food.

The tables were laden with sweets and savouries prepared by Deborah Coleman, UE and the ladies of the Beaver Harbour Community Club.

There were 74 persons in attendance, coming

from Maine, Nova Scotia and all over New Brunswick.

Descendants of seven families of the original forty-nine signers of the document to settle together in Nova Scotia were in attendance. The families represented were Joshua Knight, Joseph Tomlinson, Benjamin Brown, Gideon Vernon, Samuel Fairlamb, Elias Wright and Jesse Walton.

It was an afternoon filled with hugs, tears and laughter and a deep sense of pride in our Loyalist ancestors, who endured and overcame so much that we can live such abundant lives in Canada. We have very large shoes to fill. ■

Certificate Applications

by John Mackay

The first ten months of 2014 have not generated a large workload. In fact, only five certificate applications have been processed during that time.

However, as usual, these applications contain some valuable genealogical information, which may be of interest to other researchers.

Following is a list of the applicants along with some high-level details from their respective applications.

Marilyn Keller proved her descent from the Loyalist Thomas Wheaton. The line of descent looks like this:

Thomas Wheaton (UEL)
|
David Wheaton
|
William Wheaton

|
Bliss Harold Wheaton
|
Manning Borden Wheaton
|
Marilyn Joyce Wheaton

Even the Branch Genealogist submits the occasional application. Mine, in respect of the Loyalist Joel Edgett II, shows the following descent:

John Edgett
|
George Edgett
|
Joel Edgett I
|
Joel Edgett II (UEL)
|
Joel Edgett III
|
Annie Edgett
|
Martha Jane Evans
|
Annie Maude Barton
|
John Sinclair Mackay

Nathaniel Howe was the Loyalist proved in Christopher Horseman's application. His descent from Howe lines up as follows:

Nathaniel Howe (UEL)
|
Hannah Howe
|
Rebecca Mills
|
Phebe Elliot
|

Jemima Poole
|
Violetta Megarry
|
Miriam Pilkington
|
Christopher Horseman

The number of generations separating Joe Bradstreet from his Loyalist ancestor, John Giberson Sr., is relatively small as you'll see in the following:

John Giberson Sr. (UEL)
|
John Giberson Jr.
|
Daniel Giberson I
|
Abaslom Giberson
|
Mary Josephine Bradstreet
|
Joseph Raymond Bradstreet

One of our youngest recent applicants was Andrew Carle Reith, whose application was submitted by his grandfather and shows the following descent:

Thomas Carle (UEL)
|
Joseph Carle
|
Isaac Hunt Carle
|
John Robert Carle
|
Albert Isaac Carle
|
Dale Stanley Carle

|
Matthew Aaron Rogers Carle

|
Andrew Reigh Carle

UELAC Strategic Planning Workshop

This is a summary of the October 24, 2014 UELAC Strategic Planning Meeting as prepared by Dominion President Bonnie Schepers, UE. Action items arising from the Strategic Planning Meeting were:

1. Mission Statement. Review and update of the Mission Statement to reflect more current language and support the 2013 By-law and policies. An ad hoc Mission Statement Review Committee was formed, consisting of Sue Hines, Marlene Dance, Dave Laskey, and Bonnie Schepers. Deadline for report with recommendations to the spring DC is January 23, 2015.

2. Membership. Review of the relationship between Dominion Council and the branches. What are the responsibilities of the Dominion executive to the branches and vice versa?

An ad hoc Branch President's Manual Review Committee was formed to review branch governance, branch responsibilities, branch relationship with Dominion. This will include access and use of shared information and resources. A suggestion was put forward that branches share their membership application forms as a sample for information to include.

Committee Members: Roy Lewis, Jim Bruce.

Deadline for report with recommendations to the spring DC is January 23, 2015.

3. Communication. We are in agreement that there needs to be a better flow of communication between Dominion executive and the branches. Areas to investigate include the use of communication technology and web conferencing of Council meetings so branch members and branch executive can participate. The findings of the Branch Presidents Manual Review Committee will be of use in making improvements to communication within the organization.

Tied to the topic of communication was reaching out to youth using school programs and teacher resources. Ensure that Education and Outreach information is readily available on the UELAC website.

Options will be explored by the ad hoc Communications Review Committee. Committee Members: Sue Hines agreed to research options with the assistance of Doug Grant.

Deadline for report with recommendations to the spring DC is January 23, 2015.

4. Leadership. Every individual currently holding an executive position on Dominion Council needs to be actively searching for members with an interest and skills to move into positions of responsibility. Build relationships, ask for assistance and act as a mentor. Recognize and acknowledge a 'job well done'.

5. Genealogy. Discussion about what UELAC has to offer its members focused on Loyalist genealogical information collected in Certificate of Loyalist Lineage applications. Review and recommendations will come from the ad hoc Genealogists Review Committee.

Areas of concern include –

1. Keeping data safe, keeping it available, retrievable and search-able
2. Appropriate privacy policy
3. Work-flow, storage, and access

Areas highlighted for review include –

1. Storage and maintenance of existing information
2. Accessibility to current and future information
3. UE Certificate application process

Committee Members – Jim Bruce, Mette Griffin, Marlene Dance, Gerry Adair, Myrtle Johnson with the assistance of Linda Nygard, John Mackay, and Michele Lewis.

The Committee will review current data storage and accessibility practices and recommend improvements. The Committee will review the current UE Certificate application process. The Committee will review the role of the Branch Genealogist in the application process.

The Committee will revise the UELAC Privacy Policy, investigate Freedom of Information and Publication, and develop an End User License Agreement for future use. Deadline for report with recommendations to the spring DC is January 23, 2015. ■

LOYALISTS COME WEST

Our Dominion Conference is taking place this year in Victoria May 28 -31, 2015. The Conference Site is the COAST VICTORIA HARBOURSIDE HOTEL AND MARINA

For details see <http://www.uelac.org>

New Brunswick Branch as a Book Publisher

by Dave Laskey

In the Spring 2014 issue of our newsletter I reported on the evolution of the Branch's foray into the publishing business. An update seems appropriate.

As you know, Graeme Somerville, a noted New Brunswick genealogist, donated to NB Branch the publishing rights to his book *Some Burial Records of the Loyalist Burial Ground*. We have since gone to print with this book and it is available on our website.

A bit later we were asked whether we would consider publishing Glen Wiche's manuscript, *Their Loyalty They Kept*. Since then we have negotiated and signed a publishing agreement with Mr. Wiche and the job of preparing the book for printing is almost done. In fact, the text had already been copy edited and has since been formatted for printing. The application for an ISBN has been submitted and the application for Cataloguing in Publication is ready to go as soon as we get the ISBN. Our graphic designer is currently working on the front and back covers and the whole package should be going to the printer by early December.

We have also had numerous discussions with Stephen Davidson, UE, about the possibility of publishing one of his books, *The Burdens of Loyalty*. This book has been available electronically but has never appeared in print.

We have reached an agreement in principle and the next step is to prepare a publishing

agreement for signing by both parties. That work should happen shortly after Glen Wiche's book goes to the printer.

Meanwhile, the preparation of *Loyalists All*, Vol. 2, is still proceeding, albeit at a very slow pace. The main issue continues to be the lack of contributions from our members. Eric Langley, the editor, is very willing to work with contributors to develop and refine their stories about Loyalist ancestors but he cannot create these stories out of whole cloth. So, we find ourselves once again appealing to our members to look at material they've collected about their Loyalist ancestors and the stories that have been passed down through their families and then to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) to create the first rough draft. Contact Eric and he will happily provide the editorial input these stories need to make them worthy of inclusion in the book.

In any event, it will soon be time to stand back and review our efforts as a book publisher. Members of the Branch Executive all agree that this is an important initiative but it's the buyers who will determine whether we've been successful. Maybe we'll have an idea of where we stand by the time our next newsletter is ready to go. ■

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Loyalist House Dining Room Unveiled



UELAC(NB) and NB Historical Society members in period dress. Left to right: Ruth Lesbirel, Francis Morrissey, and Don Flewelling



Frances Morrissey UE cutting cake, Deborah Coleman who catered the luncheon and is a member of both organizations



David Laskey UE, President UELAC(NB) presents plaque to Kathy Wilson, President of the New Brunswick Historical Society

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Classifieds

Books for Sale

Loyalists All by Gail Bonsall Pipes (\$25.00) and **The Loyalists of New Brunswick** by Esther Clark Wright (\$26.00) plus shipping and handling. These can be ordered by sending a cheque to our treasurer at the following mailing address: The U. E. L. Association, New Brunswick Branch, PO Box 484, Saint John, NB E2L 3Z8

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Queries

FRANCIS LAWRENCE VANDERBILT — One of the original St. John grantees, and a daughter of Colonel Richard Lawrence of Staten Island. Married Cornelius Ackerman circa 1786 and settled in Fredericton. Any information appreciated. Please contact Gord Ripley at gripley@trentu.ca

Postscript

by Gord Ripley

Last month in Digby, Nova Scotia there was a flurry of interest in a possible replacement for the 43-year-old *Princess of Acadia* on the Digby to St. John run. People have been googling the words 'Blue Star Ithaki' to look at pictures of a ferry currently in service among the islands of Greece.

The *Ithaki* is one of nine ferries now operated by Blue Star Ferries.

Ed Gray is not a Digby resident, but his ancestors were Loyalists who settled in New Edinburgh and Digby Neck, and then migrated to 'the great metropolitan area of Digby'. Some of his forebears, including Dr. Azor Betts and his wife Glorianna Purdy, put down roots in St. John in 1783.

One branch of his family by the name of Turnbull (writes Mr. Gray) came directly from Scotland, and they started the Digby-St. John passenger service in a schooner named *Sarah*.

It is understandable then that Ed (who is also an Associate Member of the United Empire Loyalists Association) has an interest in the proceedings. He would like to have the new Digby-to-St. John ferry renamed as the *Fundy Loyalist*.

He hopes that UELAC-NB and the Nova Scotia Branch will support the naming campaign, and he asks that members contribute by contacting their MLAs and Ministries of Transport.

Initiatives like this are never smooth sailing, but *Fundy Loyalist* seems to me a good idea on several counts, and worth a try. ■