

DEDICATION OF STYMIEST & RIVERSIDE LOYALIST BURIAL GROUNDS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

The STYMIEST Cemetery and the RIVERSIDE Cemetery located in Tabusintac, Northumberland County, New Brunswick, a small village on the northwest side of Miramichi River were designated as Loyalist Burial Grounds at the Stymiest Family Reunion and Old home Week this 01 – 08 August.

Carl Stymiest UE, UELAC Dominion Archivist and Co-President of Vancouver Branch UELAC nominated and identified these two cemeteries as Loyalist Burial Grounds. Two of Carl's loyalist ancestors are buried in each of these cemeteries. In fact, the Stymiest Cemetery is part of the original land grant that Benjamin Stymiest, Jr. obtained from the crown in 1785.

The Riverside Cemetery is located on the banks of the beautiful Tabusintac River where many descendants of loyalists are buried. Loyalist Duncan Robertson of the 42nd Highlanders is buried here along with his wife, Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Charlotte Howe Taylor; known as "The Mother of Tabusintac." Carl can trace his ancestry back through Charlotte Taylor 7 different ways; 4 through his father's lineage and 3 through his mother's.

Carl approached the UELAC New Brunswick branch who's 2014 Centenary Project was to identify as many Loyalist burial grounds in New Brunswick. This project was part of a national centenary initiative of the United Empire Loyalists' Association

of Canada (UELAC) who celebrated its anniversary last year marking 100 years since they received the UELAC Charter from the Federal Government in 1914.

Carl Stymiest UE and Dave Laskey UE of the NB Branch presented the two Loyalist Burial Ground plaques to the community of Tabusintac on Sunday 02 August at the well-attended cemetery services held at Riverside Cemetery. Carl gave a background on the special heritage and historical designation and introduced Dave Laskey UE of the NB Branch who gave an overview of the UELAC New Brunswick Centenary Project.

After the ceremony, Rev Gerald Ouimette led the Dedication prayer and remarked how wonderful that Tabusintac was selected to receive this historic designation for both of its cemeteries.







