

**UELAC DOMINION ARCHIVIST, CARL STYMIEST'S  
SUMMER JOURNEY 2015**



*"To my mind, the greatest reward and luxury of travel is to be able to experience everyday things as if for the first time, to be in a position in which almost nothing is so familiar it is taken for granted." – [Bill Bryson](#)*



Late July found Co-President of the UELAC Vancouver Branch and UELAC Dominion Archivist, Carl Stymiest UE in the Maritimes to attend two huge Reunions. The 50th Reunion of his T/C Class of 1965 from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, York Co., New Brunswick in late July, and then the 65th Old Home Week and Family Reunion in Tabusintac, Northumberland Co., New Brunswick.

Carl coordinated the Family Reunion Genealogy Centre at the newly constructed

Community School Centre in Tabusintac, NB where his loyalist namesake ancestors settled, namely, Benjamin Stymiest Jr., Rev. John Urquhart, Sgt Philip Hierlihy and Sgt Duncan Robertson after the American



Revolution in 1783.



The Genealogy Centre operated a full 8 days during the Old Home Week events and had hundreds of visitors, all searching for their roots and family information. Carl's assistant was Nancy

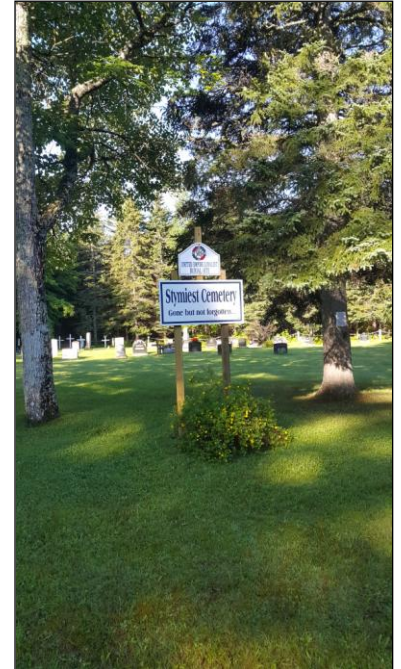
Avery who is also his cousin, an avid genealogist / researcher and is now retired in the small village of Tabusintac. The small community of about 600 population swells or doubles easily every five years. This year, they hit nearly 2050 registrants.



One of the most exciting events this year during Old Home Week 2015 was the designation by the UELAC's New Brunswick Branch and sponsored by Carl Stymiest UE to have the Riverside Cemetery (photo to the left) and the old Stymiest Cemetery dedicated as Loyalist Burial Grounds.



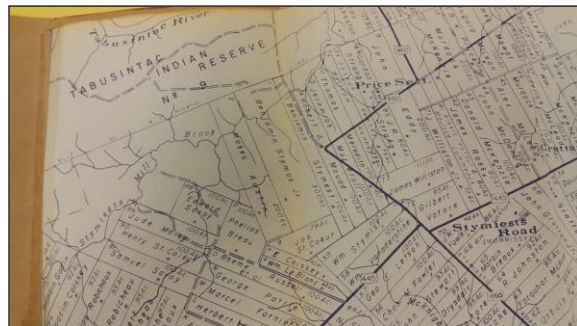
The Stymiest Cemetery (photo to the right) is located on the original land grant of Loyalist Benjamin Stymiest, Jr. and the Riverside Cemetery is the hallowed ground where Loyalist Duncan Robertson



rests.

In the left photo below, Carl & Dave are with Carl's cousins and descendants of Loyalist Duncan Robertson. The photo to the right is the Cadastral Land Grant Map for Tabusintac,

NB.





On Sunday 02 August, during the Sunday Cemetery Services attended by hundreds of visitors and community residents, Carl dressed in his Loyalist Period Clothing representing Loyalist Sgt Philip Hierlihy, dressed in his replicated Prince of Wales Royal American Regiment uniform from the American Revolution gave an historical account of the Loyalist ancestors and descendants who are buried in both the Riverside and Stymiest Cemeteries.

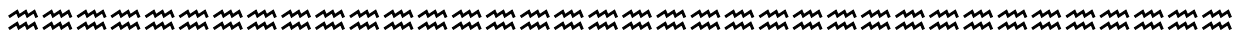
Dave Laskey, UELAC Dominion Treasurer also dressed in his loyalist period clothing gave the audience a background of why these two cemeteries were chosen to have the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada's designation as heritage sites.



At the end of the service, the Rev. Gerald Blaquiere of the United Church of Canada, gave the Invocation and Dedication prayer.



Many of the relatives and cousins who attended Old Home Week were also excited to visit and see the 56 foot Stymiest Family Tree that Carl had printed in Germany. Definitely, a "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?" moment at this reunion.



Monday the 03 August was a busy day for reunion events. The Genealogy Centre closed at noon so that participants could participate and attend the local Reunion Parade that day. Each reunion, this parade is the longest parade in all of Atlantic Canada and has the distinguishing feature of closing down ONE of the major New Brunswick highways for a period of 1 -1.5 hours every five years when Old Home Week is held.



Carl and his relatives decided to participate in this 65th parade, as 2015 was to be a special year. Carl dressed as his 4th Great-Grandfather, Sgt Philip Hierlihy of the Hierlihy Corps and later of the Prince of Wales Royal American Regiment, while his cousin, Lima (Stymiest) Branch and grand nieces dressed as Philip's wife, the famous Charlotte Howe Taylor, known as the "Mother of Tabusintac," their hired- farmhand, Burton and two

of Philip & Charlotte's daughters. Charlotte married Sgt Philip Hierlihy. This was her 4th husband.

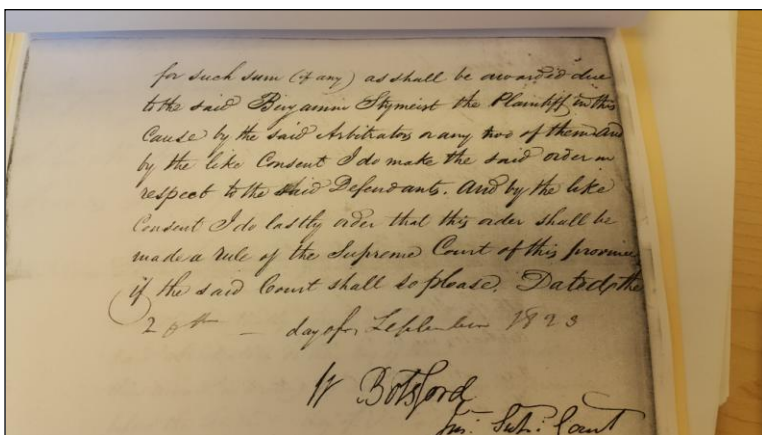


Carl traces his ancestry back through Charlotte SEVEN different ways- 4 through his paternal line and 3 through his maternal.





Each day the Genealogy Centre was a beehive of activity. Carl had prearranged genealogy experts and volunteers as special guests. The guests came for one - two days helping families research their roots. The newly equipped Genealogy Centre with free WiFi had an efficient smart, whiteboard where digital archival originals could be viewed and printed for a small, nominal fee. The Free ONLINE access provided by PANB and Ancestry.ca was also a great benefit to researchers.



Special professional guests came from such organizations as:

- Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (UNB-Fredericton)
- Miramichi Historical Society
- New Brunswick Genealogical Society (Miramichi Branch)
- Miramichi Scottish Society
- Tabusintac Library & Museum



At the end of the Old Home Week Reunion, Carl presented two Stymiest Family Trees, dating back to 1198 and including the 56 foot Descendant tree of Casparus Johannes Steynmets II to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick on behalf of the Stymiest Families all over America and around the world. This family tree has over 47,000+ ancestors and descendants.



Mr. Fred Farrell, Director / Directeur - Provincial Archivist / Archiviste provincial at PANB graciously accepted the research work by historian and researcher, Carl Stymiest UE. Carl continues his genealogical research and a new Family Tree and Book will be forthcoming in 2016 - 2017, updating the family database to over 70,000+ by time of publication.

As a researcher and local New Brunswicker historian, Carl has also donated his research papers to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. The donated works include his private research papers, letters, documents, local genealogy histories, scrapbooks, ephemeral items, ships logs, journals of the Stymiest and Price Settlement Schools, his collection of the A & R Loggie Co. documents and papers, personal diaries, travel journals and many photographs relating to the early history of the province of New Brunswick.



Following the Old Home Week Reunion, Carl made his way to the Loyalist city of Saint John, New Brunswick. While visiting relatives in the city, Carl had a two-fold agenda.

First, he arranged to meet with Kathy Wilson, Coordinator of Loyalist House which had opened its doors in the mid 1960s after some restorative

work had been completed.

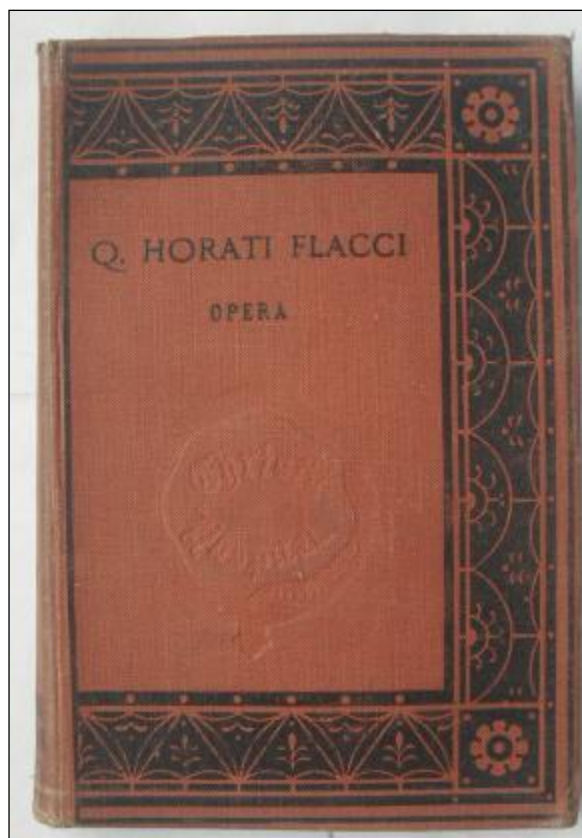


On Monday, the 10 August, Carl met with Kathy Wilson and presented a loyalist treasure that has been in his family since before the American Revolution. It was brought to NB by Loyalist, Benjamin Stymiest, Sr. who eventually settled in the Bay du Vin area of New Brunswick. It was Benjamin Sr.'s son, Benjamin, Jr. who came to Tabusintac later. Carl presented the hand-painted Delft Charger bowl to Kathy to be displayed for all who visit Loyalist House to enjoy. (Photo: Courtesy of

Kathy Wilson, NB)

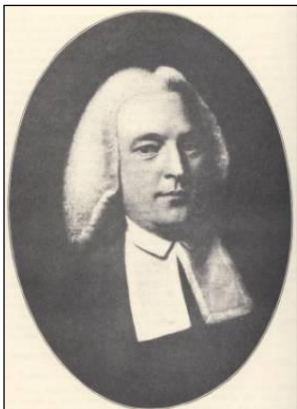
The second item of Carl's agenda was a stop at the Old New Brunswick Museum at 277 Douglas Avenue in Saint John where he met with Felicity Osepchook, Co-ordinator, Library & Archives to donate a book given to Carl by New Brunswick Historian and mentor Dr. Louis Manny after he penned, "Loggieville on the Miramichi...." in 1965 with co-author, James Fraser. Carl presented to the New Brunswick Museum for its collection, two books.

1. "Q. Horatii Flacci..." (a book of opera written in Latin belonging to the Adams, Blowers and Bliss families.)
2. "A Pride of Quincy's" a former book discarded from an American Library in the 1960s. Carl purchased it online from an antiquarian book-seller.



Book #1 contains several original signatures on its opening title pages. The antiquated book published in 1717 once belonged to Josiah Quincy Adams and in later years, was to be found in Sampson Salter Blowers' library. In Felicitities' letter to Carl in 1997, she writes:

***"You mention "Blowers" in your letter and that is certainly a well-known name to us. We have in our collections, the papers of Sampson (1743 - 1842). As you may be aware, he was the Chief Justice and President of the "Council of Nova Scotia". He graduated from Harvard in 1763, experienced hardships in the Revolutionary War and went to Halifax in 1783. As a friend to Jonathan Bliss, Blowers left his estate to William Blowers Bliss, Jonathan's second son. (We also have Bliss Family Papers)."***



**Book #2 is an authenticated, Family Genealogy and History of the Quincy Families with wonderful 8.5" X 11" photographs of the Quincy family, their marriages and lives in England and America. The photo to the left is Loyalist Samuel Quincy.**

**Visiting immediate and extended families was a journey well spent this summer and the journey was a self-made promise.**

**One must try to keep ones journals and records up-to-date, as they will indeed be a source of great inspiration to your families, to your children, your grandchildren, and others, on through the generations.**

**Each of us is important to those who are near and dear to us and as our posterity reads of our own life's experiences, they too, will come to know and love us.**

***"I saw behind me those who had gone, and before me those who are to come. I looked back and saw my father, and his father, and all our fathers, and in front to see my son, and his son, and the sons upon sons beyond. And their eyes were my eyes."- Richard Llewellyn***



**Our family is a circle of strength and love and with every new birth and every union the tree grows... Every joy shared adds more love... Every crisis faced together, makes the tree grow**



**stronger like the mighty oak... We of our time, must play our part in the preservation of our heritage, and pledge ourselves to the bygone generations who have preserved intact for us, this glorious heritage, that we, too, will strive to be faithful to the end, and pass on this tradition, unblemished.**

