

# The Niagara Loyalist



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## President's Pen

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As incoming President, I look forward to the challenges of 2016 that this position will bring. I am confident in my executive team that we will keep the same level of leadership that has been provided in the past, with the possibility of some exciting changes.

As the New Year begins, there are a lot of the same activities planned, commemorating our heritage and I look forward to attending the ones I am able to. A list of these events will be posted in the newsletter. Also posted in the newsletter will be the meeting dates and times and as well as the speakers for each meeting. If anyone has an idea for a topic that is of interest to themselves or the membership, please contact Janet Hodgkins UE.

Just to give you a hint of some ideas, we are considering for this year is a Summer Social possibly coinciding with the celebration of Loyalist week in June. Another thought is a different venue for the Christmas Social, where we could wear our Heritage fashion and make the event special, just like in the beginning when the Loyalists first came to Canada. If anyone has any ideas for these events and others, or would just like to help out, please contact myself or one of the Executive members.

I am looking forward to an exciting new year with everyone.

Loyally

Carol Clifford, UE



*The holidays are over...*

*Have YOU renewed your membership yet?*

*Thanks to everyone who has done so.*

*For everyone else, membership forms are on the website.*

**Membership Form**

2016

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## New 2016 Certificate Application Form

The UELAC's Dominion Genealogist and the Committee that has been setup to oversee the revamping of the Certificate Application Guidelines and Form have completed the process.

The expected release date for the new Application Form is Monday, February 1, 2016.



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2016 Executive and Chairs



Front to Back: Dale Flagler UE, Vice-President; Carol Clifford UE, President; Rod Craig; Genealogist; Ted Huffman UE, Treasurer; Courtney Taylor UE, First Vice-President; Wendy Broda UE, Secretary; Ann Huffman Membership

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*December 2015 ~ Annual General Meeting and Christmas*



At the Annual General Meeting, 80 members and guests of the Branch helped celebrate the holiday season. Along with the swearing in of the new executive, members who contributed throughout the year were honoured.



*2015 Volunteer Recognition Awards*



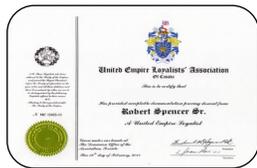
Awards were handed out to Dale Flagler UE, Roy Johnson UE, David Ellsworth UE, Kelly Vink UE, Betty Ellsworth UE, Jean Johnston UE, Catharine Wiley UE, Joan Martin UE, Absent from the awards were Dale Smout UE, Rosalyn MacTavish UE, and Maurice Gomme UE





## Genealogist's Corner

### New 2016 Certificate Application Form Continued...



Along with the new Certificate Application Form, the Committee will also be releasing instructions, resources and a YouTube video to assist with the completion of the Certificate Application.

As well, there will be a 3 month transition period between February 1 and April 30, 2016 in which both versions of the Certificate Applications will be accepted.

### Best Genealogy Software Online:

The task of researching your ancestry and proving your Loyalist heritage can be quite difficult at times. This process is even more challenging when you cannot find that final piece of documentation that will prove that your ancestor is a Loyalist. Many of us have had to turn to our Branch Genealogists for assistance and have been encouraged by the amount of knowledge and material he or she has been able to provide.

However, a lot of us have turned to the *internet* to help us with the task of compiling that dreaded last piece of information. For many of us, the internet can be a goldmine or a wasteland full of useless words and graphics. If I click on that, will I get what I want or will my screen flash with some unrecognizable message! How does one filter through all of this and find the necessary document to assist in the continuation of the quest?

Well, fortunately for us, historical data has become digitized to the point that companies are making a lot of the material that we seek, available online. Yes, there is usually a cost associated with the sites as big corporations look to make profits from our need for information.

This brings us to the dilemma, what is the best Genealogical software website to select? There are about a dozen or so sites that will satisfy some of your inquiries and help you with certain discoveries. Some of these sites include Ancestry, My Heritage, Find My Past, and Family Search.

Each website has its pros and cons that you must research to see if it will do what you require. Cost, databases and ease of use are only a few of the factors that you must look at in order to make an informed decision on which one is for you.

*Below is a list and comparison of some of the more popular search websites. Please send us your thoughts on which website(s) you use for your research. State what you like or dislike about the ones you have used. If you use a site that does not appear in the list, please let us know about it. (Go to the "Contact Us" section of our website for submissions.)*

<a href="http://Ancestry.com/ca">Ancestry.com/ca</a>	<a href="http://MyHeritage.com">MyHeritage.com</a>	<a href="http://Find My Past.com">Find My Past.com</a>	<a href="http://FamilySearch.org">FamilySearch.org</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to navigate website</li> <li>• Over 16 Billion Historical Records</li> <li>• Active online community</li> <li>• Available AncestryDNA</li> <li>• More search options than other site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 28 million family trees and 80 million registered users</li> <li>• Partnered with a top DNA testing company; 23andme</li> <li>• Family Tree Builder software</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to use, intuitive platform</li> <li>• 1,000 exclusive collections</li> <li>• Partnered with Family Search.org, and other genealogy societies</li> <li>• More than 2 billion historical records</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 3.3 billion records</li> <li>• Easy to use and navigate through indexed records</li> <li>• Family tree builder</li> <li>• Create a genealogy fan chart</li> <li>• Most Searches are free</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ World Explorer ~ Unlimited access to everything on Ancestry \$149 (6 months)</li> <li>◇ If you want to take your family tree offline, you must pay a fee to download</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Premium Plus + Data \$250/yr</li> <li>◇ You can't upgrade to Premium or Plus plans without signing up for at least a 1-year subscription</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ World Member \$199/yr.</li> <li>◇ <a href="http://PayAsYouGo">PayAsYouGo</a> is available with the use of credits</li> <li>◇ You can't search or integrate with other people's family trees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Free to the public</li> <li>◇ Largest genealogy organization worldwide</li> <li>◇ Can be used with other genealogical websites</li> </ul>



UELAC Certificates Issued in 2015

Ancestor Surname & Given Name		Member Surname & Given Name	
Anderson	Thomas	Garr	Wayne
Beam	Jacob	Garr	Wayne
Bertran	Daniel	Private	Private
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Gould/Goold	John	Newman	Harry
Gould/Goold	John	Newman	Richard
Gould/Goold	John	Newman	Sarah
Green	Charles	Timms	H. Grant
Hare	Peter	Newman	Harry
Hare	Peter	Newman	Richard
Hare	Peter	Newman	Sarah
Haines Sr.	Joseph	Peters	Ina
Hicks	Benjamin	Hicks	John
Hicks	Benjamin	Newman	Harry
Hicks	Benjamin	Newman	Priscilla Hicks
Hicks	Benjamin	Newman	Sarah
House	John	Dakus	Victoria
Nixon	Allan	Ewen	Randy
Pettit	Nathaniel	Timms	H. Grant
Price	Christian	Troup	Dean
Price	Christian	Tait	Marion Smith
Stewart Sr.	James	Private	Private
Stewart Sr.	James	Private	Private
Vollick	Isaac	Pearse	Carol
Vrooman	Adam	Sherwin	Donald
Wardell	Joseph	Private	Private
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Wintermute	Abraham	Zinken	Jane
Woodley Sr.	George	MacTavish	Rosalyn
Wyckoff Sr.	Peter	Swayze	Allan



Annual Conference ~ 2016



Hosted by the Branches of the Atlantic Region: Abegweit, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The Conference will be held within the beautiful and historic Loyalist Country Inn.



Summerside is P.E.I.'s second largest city and is home to many historic sites. A lively boardwalk allows visitors to shop and dine beside the ocean and just down the way at the College of Piping, performers show off the Island's Celtic roots with energetic displays of dancing, piping and drumming.

A walking tour of Summerside's tree-lined streets past stately heritage homes will reveal much about this community. In the downtown area, significant events in the town's past have been portrayed in dramatic fashion in large murals and visitors can learn more about the boat building and fishing heritage at the boatshed at Spinnakers' Landing on the Summerside Waterfront.

What makes Summerside an excellent choice for the 2016 Conference? Along with its beauty and proximity to the ocean, Summerside can be traced back to its Loyalist roots.

An article was printed back on November 8, 1969 in the Star Weekly about the origin of the Summerside name.

“Summerside was once Green's Shore, named for Daniel Green, a Loyalist granted land here on the south side of Prince Edward Island. His son called his house (also an inn) Summerside House, and so people began calling the settlement that.”

If you are panning to attend this year's Conference, please go to the 'Events' tab on the UELAC website and select 'Annual Conference' for more information.

[www.uelac.org](http://www.uelac.org)



Memories from 2015



1. Shirley Lockhart UE receiving her Past-President Medallion from Eugene Oatley UE
2. Gail Woodruff UE and Madeleine Battis
3. David Ellsworth UE receiving gift from Branch for Volunteer Service
4. 2015 NOTL Flag Raising
5. Bev Craig UE in period attire
6. Ted Huffman UE, Ann Huffman and Sandra DeYoung UE
7. Betty and David Ellsworth UE in Victoria, B.C.





## WE'RE ON THE WEB

### Up-Coming Meetings

◆ February 6, 2016

Guest Speaker: David Webb  
*One Jam Berry After Another: The Ontario Farm Service Corps and The Farmerettes during the Great War*

◆ March 5, 2016

◆ April 2, 2016

◆ May 7, 2016



All meetings are held at Betty's Restaurant in Niagara Falls (Chippawa)

**Doors open at 11 a.m.**

**Lunch at 11:45 a.m.**

### Welcome New Members

Gloria Carbaugh  
Eleanor Hatt  
Donna Zelmer  
Richard Pelletier  
Dr. Harry Long  
Deb Blair  
Stephen Vollick  
Dale & Phyllis Sensabaugh  
Donald Henderson  
Beth Salama and family:  
Sacha, Parker, Chase  
Paul Pearson  
Margaret Paul  
Robert May  
John T. Wagner



### UELAC Scholarship Fund

This award is available to Masters and PhD students who are undertaking relevant research in historical Loyalist Studies. The recipient's research should further Canada's understanding of the Loyalists and our appreciation of their, or

their immediate descendants, influence on Canada. The award is for \$2,500 per year and will be provided for each of two years for Masters and three years for a PhD student.



### It's All In The Genes ~ The Oldest Loyalists

The UELAC website has a wealth of information on it that includes a list of some of the oldest Loyalists on record. When you visit the website, you will find the menu item 'Making The Loyalists'. When you scroll over this item, a new drop down menu will appear. Click on 'Oldest Loyalists'

It is amazing to see the age of some of our ancestors, especially given the conditions of war and the hardships of starting a new life in a new wilderness full of danger.

Below are some of the 'Oldest Loyalists':

*Peter Secord, died at 103 (ON)*

*John Smith, died at 98 (ON)*

*George Mabey, died at 91 (PEI)*

*Geronimous Crysler, died at 91 (ON)*

*Susannah Craft, died at 97 (NB)*

*James Burwell, died at 99 (ON)*

*Mary Jemima Stewart, died at 109 (ON)*

