

The Niagara Loyalist

Col. John Butler (Niagara) Branch

UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

President's Pen - September 2015

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Many of our members were busy attending events and celebrations over the past several months throughout all of Canada. Sometimes we only think of ourselves as a local Branch and not as part of a larger entity. It is understandable that one would be inclined to feel this way until something happens to bring light on the whole community.



Well, the light shone brightly on one of our members this year at the national level. During the UELAC AGM and Conference in Victoria, B.C., David Ellsworth UE was honoured for his dedicated service as Standard Bearer of the UELAC for 14 years and his generous donations of full sets of Canadian, Provincial, Territorial and Loyalist flags to each UELAC Region. Bob Ferguson UE, VP of Victoria Branch and co-chair of the Conference presented David with a painting of Lake Louise. Congratulations David, we are very proud that you have represented

the Col. John Butler (Niagara) Branch and all of UELAC in a way that helps to promote our heritage in the highest regard.

Along with the Conference, other events were being celebrated over the past several months. Among these events, some



of our members were involved with recognizing ancestors that served in the War of 1812. A ceremony to honour Aaron Doan, UEL, and his son Levi Doan for their service in the militia during the War of 1812 was held on May 23. Aaron Doan is one of a very few men who served in both the American Revolution and the War of 1812. On June 13th, Bill Young UE assisted in the unveiling of an Interpretive Plaque and a Memorial Stone which highlighted the service of Daniel Young in the War of 1812. The ceremony took place at Rykman's Park, part of the

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...(continued from page 1) Young family Homestead. The next day, June 14th, the descendants of Burriss Dell gathered at his grave on Grassy Brook Rd. (Young Misener Cemetery) for a ceremony honouring his service in the War of 1812. Brenda Denyes UE planned the unveiling of a War of 1812 Graveside Plaque for Private Isaac Corman, 2nd Flank Company, 5th Regiment, Lincoln Militia, Saturday August 22 at the Stoney Creek Municipal Cemetery.

The Annual Flag Raising Ceremony took place in Niagara-on-the-Lake on June 20th. About 25 of our members, many in period attire, came out to help commemorate the raising of the Union Flag. As well, Councilor, Terry Flynn, on behalf of the Lord Mayor Pat Darte, was in attendance to proclaim this as Loyalist week and assist in the raising of the flag. Three members of the Fort George Fife and Drum Corps provided music. Following the ceremony, we were treated to a very nice lunch at the Strewn Winery. After lunch, about ten of our members went on a wine tour.

On July 5th, Gail Woodruff's granddaughter, Madeline Battis UE, laid the UELAC wreath at the Battle of Chippawa Ceremony. At the Battle of Lundy's Lane Ceremony (July 26th), Rod and Bev Craig laid the wreath for the Branch.

It was a very busy summer for many of our members and I hope to see all of you in September ready to share some of your stories that helped in the promotion of our heritage.

Loyally, Paul Preece UE

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What is growing in Your Garden?

The Loyalist Hosta will be a
welcome addition to your
UEL Heritage



Dell Veterans of War of 1812 (Descendants of Basnett Dell U.E.)

The first members of the Dell family, William Dell, his wife Hannah and their two small children arrived at Niagara in 1786. They settled along the shores of Lyon's Creek in Willoughby Township.

Two years later saw the arrival of William's parents Basnett Dell U.E. his wife and children Rebecca, Henry, Nathaniel and Burris. Basnett's U.E. land grant was on the shores of the Chippawa Creek in Crowland Township.

In 1789 the arrival of Basnett Dell Jr., his wife and three small children, Henry, Martin and Peter completed this Dell family's migration to Upper Canada.



Dell family researchers have discovered that several Dell family members served with the Third Lincoln during the war of 1812. We have researched each of these veterans and have written their biographies. We have made applications to the Graveside Program to prove their service. We have awaited anxiously to hear that our applications had been approved and we were overjoyed when we received the plaques for the graves of four of our Dell ancestors!

These beautiful black granite plaques are very special because the engravings are the same ones that appeared on the Upper Canada Preserved Medal which was cast in 1813 and was intended to be awarded to the veterans. Very few veterans ever did receive this medal so now with the plaque presentations at their gravesides, the vet-

erans are finally being recognized by a grateful country!

Plaque dedication ceremonies were conducted on June 14th to honour Private Burris Dell who is buried in the Young Cemetery in Crowland Township and to honour his nephews Privates Henry, Martin and Peter Dell who are buried in the Dell Cemetery in Willoughby Township.

The ceremonies commenced with a bag-piped march on by Legion Honour Guard and were followed with introductory greetings by Dell family representatives and a dedication prayer by Rev. Powell of the Chippawa Legion.

At each of the four ceremonies a Dell descendant escorted by the Fort Erie Legion Honour Guard placed a flower alongside the very beautiful plaque at the veteran's gravesite.

The ceremonies were attended by Fort Erie Legion Branch 71, Fort Erie Legion bagpiper Peter Cotton, Niagara Falls Councillor Kim Craitor, Rev. Powell of the Chippawa Legion, Colonel Butler Branch U.E. representatives and descendants of the veterans.

The ceremonies concluded with one minute silence followed by the firing of the cannon by re-enactors from Historic Fort Erie, the Act of Remembrance by Sgt. of Arms Fred



Belton and the Benediction by Rev. Powell and then the march off of the colours.

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The rain didn't dampen our spirits. Following the ceremony a reception was held under a tent in the historic pioneer Dell Cemetery which is the resting place of so many of our Dell ancestors.

Thanks to the many people who helped to make this such a memorable event. We especially thank the group at www.1812veterans.ca for creating this Bicentennial program to honour the veterans. Because of their efforts the war of 1812 veterans will never be forgotten.

Jerry Dell U.E.
Garvin and Sharon Dell
Beverley Dell Jewson U.E.

Fort Erie's United Empire Loyalist War of 1812 Veterans

Many of Bertie Township's early settlers were United Empire Loyalists.

Did you know that many of these same Loyalists served during the war of 1812?

The following United Empire Loyalist veterans of war of 1812 served with the Third Lincoln Regiment and are buried in our local Fort Erie cemeteries.

Private Peter James Plato U.E. 1756-1855 Plato Cemetery, Fort Erie

Private Christian Plato U.E. 1793-1857 Plato Cemetery, Fort Erie

Private William Bowen U.E. 1774-1860 McAfee Cemetery, Fort Erie

Private Philip Wintemute U.E. 1789-1849 McAfee Cemetery, Fort Erie

Ensign Andrew Miller U.E. 1766-1843 St. John's Cemetery, Fort Erie

Private Peter Miller U.E. 1793-1853 St. John's Cemetery, Fort Erie

Private Jacob Huffman Sr. U.E. 1759-1837 Little Cemetery Around The Corner, Fort Erie

Private Jacob Huffman Jr. S.U.E. 1790-1849 Little Cemetery Around The Corner, Fort Erie

Private Augustus House U.E. 1774-1855 Little Cemetery Around The Corner, Fort Erie

These Loyalists and sons of Loyalists were among the 42 plaque dedication ceremonies which were conducted at cemeteries throughout the town of Fort Erie during the recent Bicentennial celebrations of the war of 1812-1814.

The very beautiful black granite plaque was presented to descendants to be placed at the veteran's gravestones during the ceremonies. The plaque is very special because the pictures are the same ones that appeared on the Upper Canada Preserved Medal, which was cast in 1813 and was intended to be awarded to the veterans. Very few veterans ever did receive this medal.

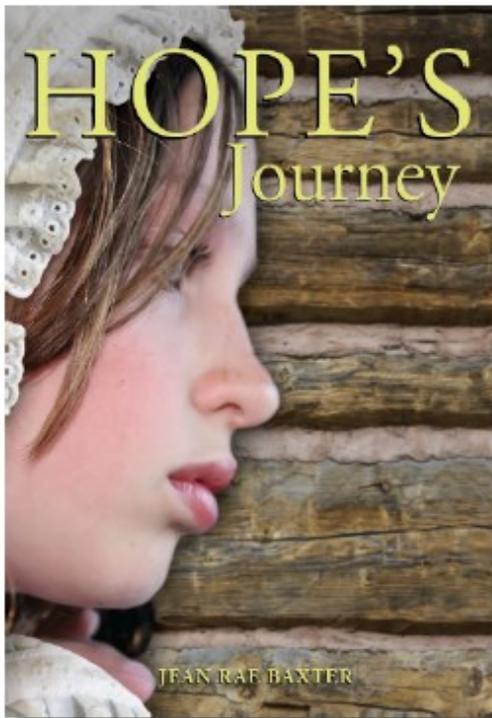
Veterans of the war of 1812 have never been recognized nationally so with this plaque they have received a well deserved and long overdue recognition by a grateful country.

We celebrate these United Empire Loyalist veterans and their contribution to our country.

Sharon Huffman Dell

BOOK LAUNCH!

Hope's Journey by Jean Rae Baxter



*"A compelling quest for family."
~ Sylvia McNicoll, author of
Revenge on the Fly*

Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m.

**Niagara Historical Society Museum
43 Castlereagh Street
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON**

(905) 468-3912

*Book #5 of the award-winning
"Forging a Nation" series*



Wayne and Cheryl Scott (maile4wayne@cogeco.ca) are the publishers of this newsletter. If you have information or photos that would be of interest to other members— photos of your summer events or news of upcoming events please share. Submissions needed before October 10th.

David Ellsworth, U.E.

In 1973 there was a slight bump in the universe that many of us probably never even noticed. This bump, in hindsight, has had a lasting and continued impact on us all as well as the United Empire Loyalist Association these 42 years later.

What caused this disturbance in the orderly progress of the Universe? A school assignment was given out at the Westbrook Vocational Secondary School in Welland, Ontario. The task, the students were to mount an expedition into their family history and trace their ancestry back as far as possible. This assignment ignited a fire of excitement in one student that continues to burn as brightly today.

In 1976 this fire found an outlet in the U.E.L.A.C when the student joined our family. Although it would take a few years to document his connection to the Loyalist who was granted a piece of land near Niagara Falls by King George III in 1806, he persisted. In 1983 the connection was clinched and a U.E. was now attached. Not content to sit in the back row of the Association and observe, he eagerly anticipated and participated in the Annual Conference and AGM's over the following years. Since I have become, in terms of his membership, a recent member of the UELAC, I soon became aware of where he would turn up at the Conventions. For the last 14 years the usual person in the Trooping ceremony, under the Royal Standard was where we



would find this student from many years previous.

If you do not know to whom I refer, may I present David Ellsworth, U.E.

If you look about this room you will see the abundant generosity of this man in the flags representing our country, provinces, territories, and of course the Royal Standard we embrace as the Loyalist Flag. This set of flags was presented to the 2015 Conference Planning Team during the 100th Anniversary Conference in Toronto last year by David.

We, the Pacific Region proudly fly these flags as we lead the way into the 2nd Century of the United Empire Loyalist Association. We are doubly proud to be able to thank David, on behalf of the Association, for his continued support, generosity and the role he has graciously carried out under the Royal Standard as our Standard Bearer.

Ladies and Gentleman, May I present David Ellsworth, U.E., a seventh generation Canadian.

David, if you could come forward, we have a small token of our appreciation which will, hopefully remind you of the family who is very happy to call you a member.

The print is by Leyda Campbell and is of what may arguably be the most iconic vista of western Canada, Lake Louise.

Thank you David.

Thanks to Bev Craig for submitting.

In Memoriam—Pat Logan UE

Our condolences go to Tim and Jamie Logan on the loss of their mother Patricia Jean (Smith) Logan. Pat passed away after a brief illness, at Hamilton General Hospital on Saturday, May 30 2015 at the age of 74. Pat received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal in 2013 for her significant contributions as a long-time volunteer with the Dunnville Airport Museum, the Agricultural Society, Haldimand's Genealogy Society, the Dunnville Heritage Society, her church and the Inman Road Women's Institute.

Pat Logan UE, seen with Toby Barrett, MPP for Haldimand/Norfolk receiving her medal.



Next Meeting September 5th

Dale Smout, UE – continuing the discussion on “One of the richest men in Canada” and “How the Simcoe Cadets bombed Berlin”.

Watch for your meeting reminder from Deb Sherk!



Watch for the following meetings this fall: October: Becky Beausaert – “Bicycling Culture in 19th Century Small Town Ontario”

November: Margaret Dougherty – “Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants”

The DSBN Heritage Fair award presented by Eugene Oatley and Deb Sherk early in June.



Goodwill

If you know of someone suffering the loss of a loved one, illness, or celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary, please contact Jean Johnston at:

905-892-3340

Or at

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Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University Digitize Woodruff Collection

The generous donation of major grants from the UELAC, significant donations from the Sir Guy Carleton, Vancouver and Col. John Butler (Niagara) Branches plus many individual donations, the Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University will fund the digitization of the Robert Deveaux Woodruff Band Collection to preserve and archive it on microfilm and make it digitally available to everyone on line. We received a message on Friday from MES Hybrid Document Systems to inform us that the team is presently working on delivering image samples for our review. They are striving to have the samples scanned, indexed and through quality control as soon as possible. Stay tuned for further updates!

Friends of the Loyalist Collection Directors: Bill Stevens and Rod & Bev Craig were delighted to attend the celebration at Brock University on May 26th in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre Lobby honouring the Woodruff family for the wonderful gift of the Robert Deveaux Woodruff Band Collection to Brock University, unfortunately FOTLCABU founding member Bill Smy was unable to attend.

Col. John Butler (Niagara) Branch members and loyal supporters of the Loyalist Collection Ivy Stevens, Shirley Lockhart, and Fred & Margaret Hayward attended with branch Woodruff family members Gail Woodruff, Richard Woodruff and Richard Merritt.

Jack Lightstone, President of Brock University welcomed the guests and noted that the collection valued at \$325,000.00 was donated to Brock because Niagara is the crucible of English settlement in what later became Upper Canada and is now present day Ontario. He thanked the Woodruff family and the estate trustees for entrusting their outstanding gift of history of the nation and region to Brock University where it will be preserved and made available to students for scholarly research.

David Sharron Head of Special Collections and University Archivist expressed thanks and appreciation to the Woodruff family on behalf of the Chief Librarian. He thanked Special Collections staff for helping to make the collection accessible.

Photo: Col. John Butler Branch members: Front: Shirley Lockhart, Ivy Stevens, Bev Craig, Gail Woodruff, Rod Craig, Margaret Hayward, Fred Hayward Back: Bill Stevens, Richard Merritt and Richard Woodruff



From Loyalist Trails June 14, 2015.

United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada Conference 2015

David & Betty Ellsworth and Rod & Bev Craig were your Colonel John Butler (Niagara) Branch representatives at UELAC Conference 2015 in beautiful Victoria, B.C. Gloria Howard, Hamilton Branch travelled with us. The Conference venue was the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel and Marina on the scenic water front. Congratulations to Co-Chairs Bob Ferguson, Victoria Branch and Carl Stymiest, Vancouver Branch and their committee for organizing an outstanding conference. Most appreciated was the welcoming, helpful "nothing is too much trouble" atmosphere from registration and the airport shuttle to the horse and carriage transportation to the church service. The wonderful camaraderie between members of all the Pacific Branches; their care and concern made the conference an exceptional adventure for attendees from across Canada and the USA. We have amazing memories!!! Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah! to all of them.

Thursday:

Genealogists' Meeting: The newly appointed Dominion Genealogist Kathryn Lake Hogan was unable to attend the Conference due to a previous commitment to speak at the Ontario Genealogical Society Conference. Joan Lucas, Kawartha Branch chaired the meeting and began with a moment of silence to remember Dominion Genealogist Elizabeth (Libby) Hancocks who passed away in February. The Genealogists and representatives in attendance reviewed the new certificate requirements issued by the new Dominion Genealogist. The many changes resulted in a lengthy discussion and requests that the Dominion Genealogist conduct workshops in each Region. (The new guidelines and partial sample application are attached).

Membership Meeting: Joyce Lidster, Prairie Region Councillor chaired the meeting. All Branches have the same concerns – how to increase membership and involve younger people in the UELAC. There is no magic bullet for solving the problem; most Branches use the same methods: publicity in all forms of media, interesting meeting venues, events and speakers.

Government House: The Welcome Reception was held at Government House where The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia welcomed everyone, most in period dress. The hors d'oeuvres were delicious and we relaxed listening to lovely background music by "Dance Hall Players". The scenic gardens amazed us, we were still suffering from the long, cold winter blues, you could say we were "gob smacked!"

The Pacific Region displayed the Haudenosaunee flag received from Central West Region Councillor David Kanowakeron Hill Morrison, who unfortunately was unable to be there in person.

Friday:

Workshops: A Day in the Life of a Fur Trapper and Adding DNA to your

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Genealogy and Family History Tools were interesting and informative. **Tours:** David enjoyed the Historic Ross Bay Cemetery Tour and Tour of Government House Gardens. He was surprised to see deer in the cemetery. Betty, Gloria, Rod and Bev and took the zippy water taxi down the bay to the Empress Hotel, where we toured the elegant hallways, admired the unusual plants and had "afternoon tea on the veranda".

Loyalist Dinner: It was a colourful event; almost all of the guests wore Loyalist attire. The Pacific salmon was delicious. Victoria Historian, John Adams' lively talk kept his audience entertained.

Saturday:

Annual Meeting: Bev Craig was pleased to serve as Credentials Chair Gloria Howard's assistant. There were 149 voting members at the meeting and 74 members were represented by proxy. All but 4 of the 27 Branches of the Association were represented. The AGM package with all reports is available on the UELAC website.

*The delegates voted to eliminate proxy voting at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was disappointing to your delegates.

*The motion to delete the Oath of Allegiance from the certificate application form was approved.

*The motion to **replace** the UELAC Mission Statement #6) Defending and promoting the values and institutions fundamental to Canada's United Empire Loyalist heritage and, in particular, the Constitutional Monarchy, the Commonwealth, Parliamentary Government, the Rule of Law, Human Rights and Unity, **with:**

#6. Participating in projects and activities which honour and celebrate the legacy of the United Empire Loyalists was approved.

The 2015 – 2016 slate of officers was approved.

Past President Bonnie L. Schepers UE, Bicentennial Branch

President Barbara J. Andrew UE, Manitoba Branch

Senior Vice-President James Bruce UE, Little Forks Branch

Treasurer David Laskey UE, New Brunswick Branch

Secretary Jo Ann Tuskin UE, Gov. Simcoe Branch

Atlantic Region Vice-President Jim McKenzie UE, New Brunswick Branch

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Central West Region Vice-President Sue Hines UE, Grand River Branch

Prairie Region Vice President Gerald Adair UE, Saskatchewan Branch **Pacific**

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Region Vice-President Diane Faris UE, Vancouver Branch
Atlantic Region Councillor Carol Harding UE, Nova Scotia Branch
Central East Region Councillor Robert C. McBride UE, Kawartha Branch
Central West Region Councillor David Hill Morrison UE, Grand River Branch
Prairie Region Councillor Joyce Lidster UE, Manitoba Branch
Pacific Region Councillor Marlene Dance UE, Chilliwack Branch
Annual Banquet: The delicious food, wonderful camaraderie and entertainment provided by the Greater Victoria Police Chorus were enjoyed by everyone.

Carl Stymiest UE, Vancouver Co-Branch President was the proud recipient of the UELAC's highest honour, the Dorchester award. Congratulations Carl. The highlight of the weekend occurred at the Annual Banquet when our own David Ellsworth UE was honoured for his dedicated service as Standard Bearer of the UELAC for 14 years and his generous donations of full set of Canadian, Provincial, Territorial and Loyalist flags to each UELAC Region. Bob Ferguson UE, VP of Victoria Branch and co-chair of the Conference gave the attached biography of David and presented him with a painting of Lake Louise. Congratulations and 3 HUZZAHS David for a job well done.

Sunday:

Church Service: Betty, David, Gloria, Rod and Bev rode in a horse drawn carriage to James Bay United Church, the site of our memorable Loyalist church service conducted by our own Shirley Dargatz, President of Chilliwack Branch with music by Past President Bonnie Schepers' son in law. Lunch and fellowship followed provided by the ladies of the church.

Whale Watching: The perfect grand finale to a wonderful conference took place on Sunday afternoon. We went whale watching in Juan de Fuca Strait and saw orcas, humpbacked whales and harbour seals.

Don't miss Conference 2016 in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, at the Loyalist Lakeview Resort. The committee promises that you will be amazed and awed ... and enjoy a lobster dinner!!

Thanks Bev Craig for submitting this report. Sounds like a good time was had by all.



Niagara-On-The-Lake Flag Raising



Battle of Lundy's Lane



Battle of Chippawa

