

The Niagara Loyalist

Colonel John Butler (Niagara) Branch



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President's Pen

As we begin 2017, Canada's 150th birthday, there are many celebrations happening across the country. I will keep you updated on ones that might be of interest to the United Empire Loyalists. We will have our own celebration, details to follow.

At the December AGM, Lynda Prytula became our new treasurer. The rest of the executive remain in their respective positions for another year. Errol Wilson has agreed to take on the role of Membership Secretary. He and Lynda will work closely together. I look forward to working with both Linda and Errol and welcome them to the 2017 Executive.

If you haven't already, please remember to renew your membership.

This year the annual Conference will be held in London, Ontario. I encourage everyone to try and attend. More details to follow.

This should be an exciting year as Canada turns 150. It could not have happened without the United Empire Loyalists.

Loyally,

Carol Clifford, UE
President



MEMBERSHIP FORM
2017

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.

Immigrants or Migrants?

Were our Loyalist ancestors considered immigrants or migrants? According to R. Douglas Francis, the author of *Origins: Canadian History to Confederation*, Loyalists were immigrants who came "from many ethnic backgrounds".

However, in an article written by Richard Duchesne, Loyalists were not immigrants.

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Don't Miss These Next Two Guest Speakers

February 4, 2017: Guest Speaker ~ *Caroline McCormick*

Her great-great-great-grandmother was Laura Secord. Today, as president of the Friends of Laura Secord, Caroline McCormick strives to preserve the legacy of her famous ancestor. On June 22, 2013 the first commemorative walk on the Laura Secord Legacy Trail took place. Since then the walk has become an annual event. The trail begins at the Secord house in Queenston and ends at DeCew House. This year the First Nations Stone Hearth Monument will be unveiled at the DeCew House Heritage Park. The monument pays tribute to the First Nations people, not only for their role in the War of 1812, but also for their contributions to the growth of Canada.

Caroline will talk about the new monument and the development of the trail.



March 4, 2017: Guest Speaker ~ *Donna Ford*

Richard Pierpoint, UEL, is the topic of Donna Ford's presentation. As a teenager, Richard Pierpoint was stolen away from his home in Senegal and sold into slavery. During the American Revolution, he earned his freedom by fighting as one of Butler's Rangers. Like so many other members of Butler's Rangers, he settled in the Niagara area. When Upper Canada was threatened in 1812, Richard Pierpoint urged the formation of an all-black unit, which he joined, to fight against the invading Americans. All his life he pined to return to Africa, but the wish of this veteran of two wars never came true.

Last Post: McFADYEN UE, Eugenie "Emma" (MacPherson)



A life well lived. Emma celebrated her 103rd Birthday with the Col. Butler Branch of the UEL on Saturday, the 5th of November, 2016.

She was born in Guelph, ON, 8 Dec 1913, the first child of Palmer Murton MacPherson UE and Beatrice Ann Jordan. Emma passed away on Dec. The 4th, in the arms of her family, at Niagara Gardens Assisted living, in St. Catharines, ON, 4 days before her 103rd Birthday.

Emma descends through her father from Samuel Soper, Butler's Ranger, United Empire Loyalist.

She was a graduate of the Canadian Mothercraft Society; a member of the Canadian Women's League of Health and Beauty.

She has been awarded The Order of Niagara

Emma has always been active in her community: Leader of Brownies, Junior Achievers, craft classes for children, 4 H Club, President of Weller Park Rate Payers, President of Port Weller Home and School, president of Grantham Women's Institute, member of The Eastern Star, member of Grace Anglican Church, member of Campers and Hikers Assoc., member and President of the Golden Wanders, delivered Meals On Wheels, Hospital Visitor, plus, a life filled with volunteering.

Emma is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Robbins UE and her grandchildren, Wendy and Scott Robbins. Predeceased by her daughter, The Rev. Margaret Ann Greenhow, UE, in 2014.

Emma lived life. She was a biker; pulled a trailer to Florida when she was 89. She continued to take her trailer to camp-outs with the campers until she was 96. On her CB radio she was *Auntie Em* because *Big Mac* was already taken. [In this photo](#), Emma about age 96 was visiting Elizabeth in Florida.

The same year, she fell off a bike after a ride and broke her wrist as she had one foot on the pedal and one on the ground. Although she then gave up driving, she continued to camp, but with friends in their fifth wheeler.

Emma didn't miss a trick; seemed invincible.



Elizabeth Robbins UE



Membership Meeting Photos - Sept. to Dec. 2016



Rediscovering the Loyalist Homestead

Andrew Humeniuk, UE is the 6th great-grandson of John Brown, UEL, 1740-1804. At our October meeting Andrew spoke about his Loyalist ancestor, the Brown homestead, and the John Brown Heritage Foundation.

The Browns, originally Brauns, were part of the great Palatine migration to the New World in the early 1700s. They settled in what is now New York State. During the American Revolution John, a third generation American, joined Butler's Rangers.



After the war ended, John Brown was one of the first settlers in the Short Hills of Niagara. He cleared forested land, built a log house and farmed. As time passed he built a much bigger stone house, incorporating the old log house as its kitchen. The new house, completed around 1802-1804, is now the oldest house in St. Catharines and one of the oldest in Ontario.

The Brown house stands at 1317 Pelham road. It is now owned by the John Brown Heritage Foundation, of which Andrew Humeniuk is the founder. The goal of the Foundation is to preserve the property and to celebrate the history of the house, the region and the people of early Niagara.



For information on the Foundation see <http://jbhf.ca/>

For pictures of the house see <http://www.niagaragreenbelt.com/listings/54-historic-houses/857-brown-jouppien-house.html>



From A Loyalist Pantry - Submitted by Janet Hodgkins, UE

Our September speaker was Karen Richardson, UE who is a curator at the Haldimand County Museum. Her topic, From A Loyalist Pantry, explored the foods our ancestors ate. Her accompanying slides showed heritage vegetables, old-fashioned kitchen gardens and scenes of open- hearth cookery. She talked about how wild plants could have supplemented garden plants for use as medicine as well as food. One item of curiosity was the flowers that might have been eaten.

She also spoke about settlers raising animals and hunting wild game for food. She gave some recipes explaining old -fashioned methods of food preparation. Some of the foods our Loyalist ancestors ate are still familiar,

but others have faded from our modern diet. Karen's presentation was lively and entertaining as well as informative.



The Loyalists Were Not Immigrants: 1763 - 1815 ... continued

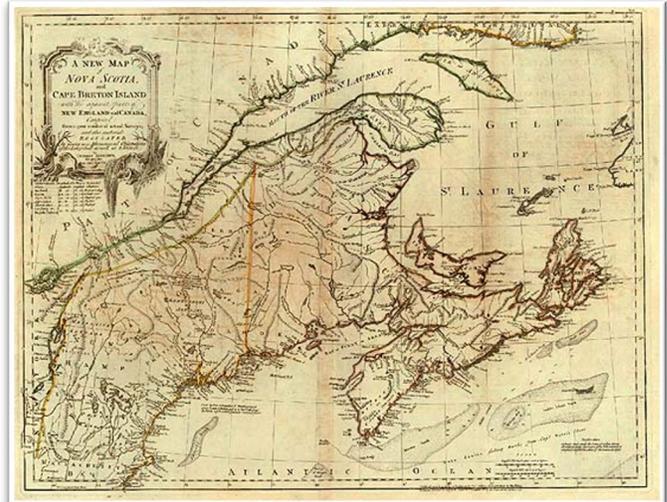
The article refutes the premise that, during this time period, Loyalists immigrated to the area of Upper Canada and Nova Scotia.

The author explains what really occurred at this time was the following:

1. a massive growth in the population of Quebec through the continuation of high fertility rates with zero francophone immigration, and minimal arrival of British individuals.
2. an *internal migration* of New Englanders and Loyalists from some regions of British North America to other regions of British North America, principally to Upper Canada and Nova Scotia. Both New Englanders and Loyalists were long established native born British settlers in the American colonies, not immigrants.
3. the arrival of immigrants from the British Isles (with the exception of some Whites from Germany) should also be identified as movement by internal migrants, from the British Isles to other British lands.

<http://www.eurocanadian.ca/2016/06/the-loyalists-were-not-immigrants.html>

He identifies Loyalists as “internal migrants” rather than immigrants”. You may agree or disagree with this but it seems to come down to the actual definition of the two. Immigrant



refers to a person who comes to live permanently in a *foreign* country. Whereas, Migrants are people who make choices about when to leave and where to go.

According to the United Nations, This definition indicates that **migrant** does not refer to refugees, displaced or others forced or compelled to leave their homes.

Are those loyal to Britain considered to be immigrants as they move from one colonial area to another? Were they forced to leave their homes or did they make the decision to leave based on beliefs and the choice to follow others with the same traits.

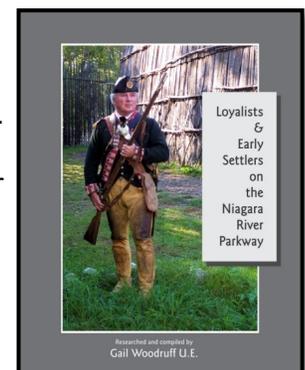
Please go to the website attached to read Richard Duchesne's full article.

“Loyalists & Early Settlers on the Niagara River Parkway”

In the early summer of 2011, the manuscript [“Loyalists & Early Settlers on the Niagara River Parkway”](#) was sent out for printing. This book was a project of the Col. John Butler (Niagara) Branch, researched and compiled by Gail Woodruff UE, edited by Ann Huffman, and dedicated to the memory of Jerry Fisher UE who contributed significantly both to the book and to the success of the Branch. Initially, two hundred copies were printed, with an additional printing of thirty copies. All of these were sold by the summer of 2015.

Occasionally we receive requests for the book, both locally and from tourists with a connection to the four townships which make up the Niagara River Parkway. We are considering another small reprint if there is further interest by our members and friends of the Branch to purchase a copy. The price would remain at \$50 plus shipping for mailed copies. If you wish to reserve a book, please contact [Gail Woodruff](#):

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The World War II Art of Arnold Hodgkins

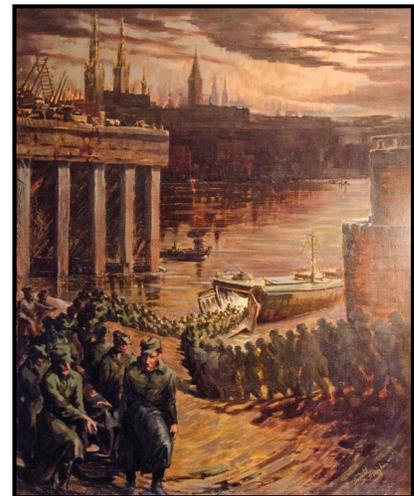
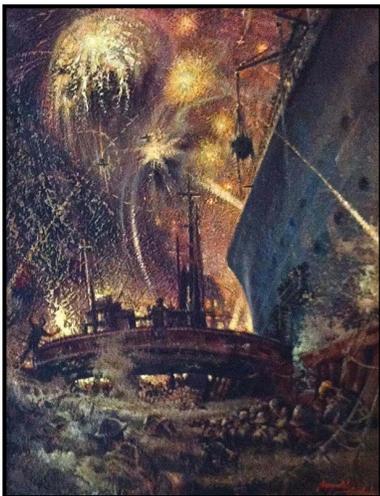
On November 5, 2016 members of the Colonel John Butler Branch heard the story of Canadian artist Arnold Hodgkins, 1911-1989, by somebody who knew, admired and learned painting from him, Allan McGillivray.

For all his life, Arnold Hodgkins drew, painted, composed music and wrote poetry. Even as a very young child on the family farm in Gainsborough, he used his art and music to help console his family in times of grief and illness. After he finished high school, Arnold worked as an undertaker. When World War II broke out, this background helped him as a member of the ambulance brigade. He spent four years overseas in Europe. Everywhere he went he sketched what he saw. Aboard the hospital ship enroute to England

to recover from a wound, Arnold staged his first one man art show.

Back in Canada after the war, Arnold attended the Ontario College of Art. It was the first formal art training he ever had. Upon graduation he became a full time artist. He moved to Leaskdale where he lived the rest of his life. Every summer he spent at his wilderness retreat, Deerfoot, in the Bancroft area. He was a prolific painter, photographer, writer, and musician.

Our guest, Allen McGillivray, had known Arnold well. His talk was filled with personal anecdotes that made Arnold come to life for the audience.



To learn more about Arnold Hodgkins and to see samples of his art visit

<http://www.thestandardnewspaper.ca/archives/november-06th-20142> ; <https://arnoldhodgkins.com/about/>
<http://lucymaudmontgomery.ca/resources/artifacts-and-collections/>

War of 1812 Veteran - Graveside Project

The Graveside Project was established by “volunteers from the *Historic Military Establishment of Upper Canada* re-enactment group.” The Group felt it was necessary to recognize the Veterans of the War of 1812 and to link this time in our history to each individual community.

“This legacy project that will see schools, heritage committees, legions, and family members research this time period and place these plaques in the future brings the promise that the veterans of the *War of 1812* will not be forgotten, nor will that important part of our nation’s history.”

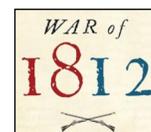


Many of our Branch members have taken part in this event and continue to research ancestors who took part in this war. Many of the veterans were United Empire Loyalists along with their direct family members. **Brenda Denyes UE** is one such member. Today, she is focused on two veterans who were part of the 5th Regiment of the Lincoln Militia during the War of 1812. Brenda’s ancestors, **Levi Green** and **Richard London**, served during this time and helped secure a place in the history books.

Levi Green was born in May 1783 in Hardwick, Sussex, New Jersey (United States). He was the son of Ensign Adam Green UEL and Martha (Smith) Green. (Source: *Upper Canada Land Petitions* “C” Bundle 20, 1836-1837, RG1, L3, Vol 213, Petition #87). Adam Green UEL, who was a recruiter for the New Jersey Volunteers, acting under Colonel (Judge) Nathaniel Pettit during the Revolutionary War, had Lot 24 Conc. 4, Saltfleet Township, and petitioned for additional land in 1794, after which he received an additional 300 acres (Lot 24, 25 and 26, Conc 5) adjoining.

Levi Green was a Private in the 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia. (Source: *Militia & Defence* RG 9, IB7, Vol. 24 pages 174, 455, 458, 461, 469, 476, 491, 510, 549, and 551, and Vol. 25 page 49 of *National Archives of Canada*). Levi fought in Captain John Lottridge’s 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia in 1812, Captain Isreal Dawdy’s 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia in 1813, and Captain Robert Land’s 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia in 1814, during the War of 1812-1814. Levi’s brothers, John Green, William Green, Samuel Green, and Freeman Green also fought in the war of 1812-1814. His brother-in-law was Private Isaac Corman, who is known for giving the password to Billy the Scout (Levi Green’s youngest brother, William) during the *Battle of Stoney Creek*.

Richard London SUE was born in 1772 in Greenwich, Sussex, New Jersey, USA. He was the son of Bartholomew London UEL, (Source: *Upper Canada Land Petitions* ‘L’ Bundle 20, 1837, RG 1 L3, V.295, Petition 54, C-2131, *Archives Canada*) a farmer, whom had suffered from being loyal to the British forces during the war.



Richard was a private in the 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia during the War of 1812-1814. He fought in Captain John Smith’s Company 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia and Captain Gesham Carpenter’s Company 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia in 1813. In 1814 he fought in Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Bradt’s Company 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia and Captain Robert Land’s Company 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia (Source: *Militia and Defence* RG9 IB7, V.24, pages 171, 237, 266, 283, 308, 409, 502, and 551, *National Archives of Canada*). He fought along-side his son-in-law, Isaac Corman Jr.’s, father (Private Isaac Corman) during the late war.

The Plaque Ceremony will take place on July 29, 2017 for both Veterans.

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Upcoming General Meetings

Feb. 4, 2017
March. 4, 2017
April 1, 2017
May 6, 2017



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

Doors open at 11 a.m.
Lunch at 11:45 a.m.