

The Niagara Loyalist

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UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



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President's Pen



How quickly the seasons change! The days are noticeably shorter, the trees are putting forth a colourful leafy display, and the autumn night sky, although not as vivid as in summer, is an enticing show of constellations. It brings to mind the importance of the stars in guiding the lives of our ancestors. Do you suppose that these same folks might have had access to early editions of the Farmer's Almanac that began around 1790?

Our fall session of luncheon meetings is well underway with interesting and informative speakers. Bryan Kerman will speak about Joseph Willcocks at our November 2nd meeting and that will tie in nicely with the commemoration of

the Burning of Newark set for early December in Niagara on the Lake. Program Chair Karen Richardson has handed in her resignation. Our monthly luncheon meetings have been more exciting with the varied lineup of speakers scheduled by Karen. She will stay on as Assistant Genealogist should Rod ever need help. Thanks Karen. As always, volunteer work is a balancing act.

This latest vacancy adds to the list of positions to be filled as quickly as possible. Our Branch needs a Treasurer, a 1st Vice President and a Program Chair. Members of the Executive would be pleased to receive nominations and provide an overview of these positions. With a Branch as large as ours, 302 members at last count, there must be members who would be willing to share their expertise. There are many who have given freely of their time over the years and now it is time for others to step up to the plate.

Thanks to Ted Huffman and Eugene Oatley, amendments to our bylaws have been put in place in order to

comply with those of UELAC. The booklet is posted on the bulletin board at our luncheon meetings. Members are encouraged to give these amendments their attention prior to our December AGM. At that time, I will ask for the approval of these bylaws.

Plans for the 100th UELAC Anniversary Gala are moving along nicely. Details are included within this newsletter.

Don't forget to visit your local cenotaph this Remembrance Day. David Ellsworth will be placing a wreath again this year at Ridgeway on November 11th. We owe our freedoms to countless men and women who loyally served our country during years of combat.

Loyally,

Shirley Lockhart UEL

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Fall Meetings & Speakers

Saturday, November 2 - Bryan Kerman will discuss his book about Joseph Willcocks.

Saturday, December 7 - The Branch will have its Annual General Meeting, Elections and a social to follow.

All meetings are held at Betty's Restaurant, Chippawa. Doors open at 11 a.m., the meeting begins promptly at 11:45.



As the volunteers and staff require some time to set up, we would ask you to observe the doors open time of 11 a.m.

Respond at least two days prior to each meeting to: Ann Huffman

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905-714-1899

or

Gail Woodruff

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Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial Event

Dec 7, 2013 NIAGARA ON FIRE downtown Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This spectacular commemoration will honour the Burning of Newark (now Niagara-on-the-Lake) on December 10th, 1813. Friday night, December 6th will be a preview of the main event on Saturday evening. Join us downtown on Queen Street and at Market Square for a special commemoration featuring outdoor events and the multimedia lighting of Queen Street as if it was truly on fire once again! Saturday night there will be the outdoor premiere of a specially made local video "Niagara on Fire" about the burning of Niagara 200 years ago and the consequences of this horrible event. The evening will also feature fireworks and an extravagant sound and light show projected on the front of the Courthouse! Thousands are expected to meet at Market Square in Old Town to mark this important anniversary. For more information, go to www.niagaraonthelake1812.ca/

My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed by password to "Incorrect". That way when I log in with the wrong password, my computer will tell me ... "Your password is incorrect".



UELAC 100th Anniversary Gala



May 24, 2014 at 4:30

Queenston Heights Restaurant
Niagara Parkway in Queenston



Keynote speaker: Bonnie Schepers UE, UELAC President

Musical entertainment: Vox Violins

Doors open at 4:30, canapés & cash bar followed by a buffet style dinner with wine

Dress: appropriate to the occasion, preferably Loyalist clothing

Price: \$50 for regular Butler Branch Members; all others \$75

Full cost of the dinner, not including entertainment, photographer and other expenses is approximately \$110 per person. This event is being subsidized by monies set aside specifically for this occasion, not from general revenue, and loyal Branch members will therefore pay a lesser amount. Other guests will also enjoy a partial subsidy.

Attendance is limited to 100 persons and seats will be reserved in the order that cheques are received. Regular members and spouses take precedence over all others. Payments will not be accepted at our Branch meetings. Cheques are to be made out to: **Butler Branch Gala, and mailed to 6 Ridgewood Drive, Welland ON L3C 2G8** and must be postmarked no earlier than January 2, 2014.

Tickets will not be issued; however, confirmation of your place will be acknowledged or your cheque returned when the 100 person limit has been met. Please indicate a preference for sitting with friends and we will try to accommodate your request through a seating plan which will be posted at the restaurant.



September Certificates

At the September meeting of the Butler Branch, certificates were presented to the following people:

Beverley Jewson for her ancestor Basnet Dell

John Hilts for his ancestor William Disher

Cynthia, Natalie & Sarah Klinowski for their ancestor Joseph Wardell

Chris Moore for Joseph Wardell

Elwin Moore for Joseph Wardell

Paul Moore for Joseph Wardell, accepted by his father Ellis Moore

and Elaine Plato for Peter Wintermute



David and Geoffrey Denyes received certificates for their ancestor John Burley, accepted by their mother, Brenda Denyes

And Carolyn Grunau received certificates for John Coon, McGregory VanEvery and Samuel VanEvery.

Ted Huffman took possession of certificates for Paul Huffman and Olivia Huffman for their ancestor Christopher Huffman, to be presented at a later date.



Welcome to new members Harold &
Beverley Beamer, Richard Warren and

Wendy Broda!

September Speaker, John Nixon grew up in Stoney Creek, only 200 yards from the Battle of Stoney Creek, and has always been interested in history and the War of 1812. He is an award winning secondary school teacher and since his retirement, has been a member of the Hamilton Historic Board. John was introduced and thanked by Program Chair, Karen Richardson. John spoke about his book, "Redcoats 1812".

He began his presentation by saying that he felt the War of 1812 was the most important battle in Canada



and began the process of unifying Canada. Part of his mandate at the Hamilton Historic Board is to make as many people as possible aware of the significance of the War of 1812, through historic plaques, George Hamilton Day, a speakers' bureau and the 1812/1813/1814 editions of an online and print magazine. John told us the difference between non-fiction writing – which is objective, factual and analytical – it tells us what happened; and fiction writing, which tells us what it was like to be there - it is emotionally engaging, has compelling characters, interesting settings and well drawn plots. John decided to use historical fiction in his novel, "Redcoats 1812", which has an authentic setting (War of 1812), an actual main character (James FitzGibbon – who was Sir Isaac Brock's secretary) and a realistic plot (a fictional memoir of FitzGibbon's, which showed his leadership and bravery). John finished his presentation by reading a portion of his book about the raid at Black Rock. He was available afterward to sign copies of his book.

At a recent meeting, Corlene Taylor announced that Mayholm is preparing to publish a list of all Loyalist War of 1812 veterans from the Niagara area. She asked members of the Branch if they could contribute additional names to her current list, as follows:

- James Clement, Indian Department, 1764-1813
- John Hawn
- Benjamin Pickard
- Valentine Schram
- George Read
- Benomi Crumb
- Francis Weaver
- Peter Martin
- John Dease Servos 1785-1847
- Richard Pierpoint
- Henry Bowen
- Adam Bowman
- Abraham Bowman
- Bernard Fry

WAR OF 1812 EXHIBIT

Come see a new exhibit on the War of 1812 at the

ST CATHARINES MUSEUM
OCTOBER 2013 TO DECEMBER 2014

HOSTED BY BROCK UNIVERSITY AND THE ST CATHARINES MUSEUM

On Saturday, October 19th, at 1:30 p.m., the dedication ceremony of the Peace Garden at Cooks Mills will take place which will coincide with the 199th anniversary of the Battle of Cooks Mills. The location is at the corner of Lyon's Creek Road and Doan's Ridge Road, Cooks Mills, Ontario.

Open House

for Emma McFadyen U.E.

To celebrate her 100th Birthday!

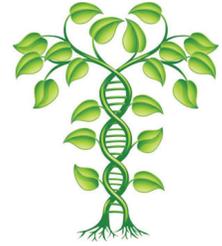
Saturday, December 7, 2-4 p.m.

Grace Anglican Church, Geneva Street

St. Catharines

23andMe DNA Test for Genealogical and Health Reasons: My Experience

By Bill Young UE, October 2013



Background

Our daughter and son-in-law surprised me by announcing that they had completed their 23andMe DNA testing in March of 2013 and that their results would be ready in a few weeks. They knew my keen interest in exploring DNA testing for family research and health information. Our daughter encouraged me to “administer” her account and give her updates periodically on my discoveries. Administering her account sold me on the benefits of the health reports and the genealogical possibilities. I handed in my own 23andMe DNA test in July and waited eagerly for the results.

The Process

The whole process can be done from the comfort of your home. The 23andMe Internet site (www.23andme.com) directs you in the specific steps to order the kit, complete the sample, register the barcode, track your sample with the company and access your account through a login and password. Since DNA does not lie, you must be prepared to accept the health considerations you are informed about, and the fact that in some cases your biological relatives may not be the relatives entered on your family tree, even with government documentation.

You can also use this time to complete your account profile and decide how “public” you want this information on the site to be. Since I wanted to take advantage of the genealogical connections made possible by this site, I developed detailed descriptions under their headings of surnames (paternal and maternal), locations of these surnames, and the family story section. I also spent time placing my family tree on the site so my identified “DNA relatives” could search my tree (with my permission) to help locate the family connection. After five weeks, I received my email saying my results were ready. When I opened my account that day I discovered I had more than 900 DNA relatives from the over 300,000 samples. I knew I had my genealogical work cut out for me.

Levels of Privacy on the Site

You control your level of privacy on the site and what other members see. You have to be prepared to accept that many members are only using this site for the health benefits and are not interested in the genealogical potential of the site.

Since I am very interested in discovering genealogical connections I have placed as much information on the site for all members to see as I can.

The Challenges

The knowledge gained from DNA research is expanding at a very rapid rate. The challenge to the genealogist is to keep pace with the new information. This site allows another avenue for researchers to connect with other DNA relatives and discover family connections that would not have been possible in the past. Adopted members have the potential to discover more about their biological family’s medical history and to possibly discover other biological relatives. The health and genealogical benefits of the 23andMe site will increase in the future as the study of DNA continues and the number of members in this group increases. The excitement of the possibility of new family connections and knowledge as well as gaining health information are key motivators to reach out to each new DNA relative.

Next Newsletter: Part II - **Discovering The Family Connection With Other DNA Relatives**

The following article was submitted by Gail Woodruff U.E.

The Woodruff progenitor, Ezekiel Woodruff, arrived in Upper Canada by 1785 and settled in Stamford Township where he served as Town Clerk for 22 years. His two daughters, Sarah and Maria, both married Samuel DeVeaux. Two of his sons married sisters, daughters of a United Empire Loyalist, Joseph Clement, and granddaughters of Lewis Cobes Clement U.E. Richard Woodruff married Ann Clement and William Woodruff married Margaret Clement. As neither Sarah nor Maria Woodruff DeVeaux produced children, the Woodruff Family feel very protective of their place of rest.

The following has been taken from an article in the July 31st edition of the Niagara Advance.

A unique tombstone that has weathered almost two centuries has been removed from the St. Davids United Church Cemetery, restored and relocated inside the church where it is on display to all who enter. During an inventory of Niagara-on-the-Lake cemeteries, the tombstone was identified by members of the Niagara Foundation as an important heritage landmark and an example of early tombstone folk art according to Dr. Richard Merritt, a Foundation member.

The tombstone belongs to Maria Woodruff DeVeaux, third child of Ezekiel and Sarah Hall Woodruff. She was born in Connecticut in 1786 and settled in the St. Davids area in the mid-1790s.

In July, the Foundation unveiled the replacement they commissioned and funded, an exact replica of the original which now sits on the site of the original stone. Three descendants were on hand for the ceremony: Richard Woodruff of St. Davids, his cousin Gail Woodruff of Chippawa, who has researched the family extensively, and John Walker, who helped fund the restoration. All three are members of the Col. Butler Branch.

To read about the background of Maria Woodruff DeVeaux, go to the Niagara Advance website at www.niagaraadvance.ca and search using the key words: tombstone restored st. davids.



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What is this?

The answer is two words.

Some letters have been used more than once and words are formed in all directions. One word has been located to get you started. The first person to unscramble the remaining letters, find the answer, and contact Shirley Lockhart, wins a free lunch at our next meeting at Betty's. Good luck!

Accountant
Almoner
Amanuensis
Artificer
Ballie
Chaisemaker
Clark
Cooper
Costermonger
Currier
Drayman
Faulkner
Fuller
Hind
Hillier

Malender
Monger
Neatherder
Ordinary Keeper
Patternmaker
Peregrinator
Peruker
Pettifogger
Pigman
Plumber
Porter
Quarrier
Rigger
Ripper
Saddler

Sawbones
Schumacker
Scrivener
Slopseller
Spurrer
Squire
Supercargo
Tanner
Tapley
Tasker
Teamster
Turner
Victualer
Waiter
Yeoman





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Please check membership type: New or Renewal Date _____

Individual \$55

Family \$70 All family members must live at the same address

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Payment type: Cheque # _____ or Cash \$ _____

Cheques are payable to: **Col. John Butler Branch UELAC**

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Welland, ON L3C 2G8

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| Loyalist Ancestor(s) | | |
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