



The Hamilton Loyalist

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"They forsook every possession excepting their honour, and set their faces towards the wilderness... to begin, amid untold hardships, life anew under the flag they revered."

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President's Message

Ruth Nicholson UE

I wish a Happy New Year to all. It's the beginning of the second decade since the year 2000 arrived. I remember one of my principals laughing about the fact that we "younger" ones wouldn't be retiring until into the 2000's! Well, we have arrived at the retirement stage now. As I compose this message, my husband David and I are enjoying our first extended "snowbird" experience in sunny Punta Gorda Florida. We are here for the month of January and I do report that the sun is out, the palm trees are gorgeous and the bushes are flowering. It is a unique paradise to enjoy for a few short winter weeks.

Since the September newsletter, your executive has continued to keep up the busy pace, getting our message out about early Canadian history – the United Empire Loyalists and our storied arrival in this homeland. Pat Blackburn and her education committee are entering the schools once again this fall. The pace picks up once the New Year arrives and the Spring is always especially busy. Doug and Sharon Coppins led the unveiling of two Loyalist cemeteries this fall: Rock Chapel, where we honoured the memory of Loyalist Edward Ryckman and Millgrove where we honoured the memory of Loyalist Daniel Cummins. Vice President Ray Cummins spoke at both events and led those assembled on a cemetery tour at the Millgrove Cemetery. These personal stories of our ancestors and the visual aspect of seeing their stones make it all that much more meaningful.

This fall Genealogist Michele Lewis saw nine members receive their Loyalist certificates. Jean Hobson, Lynn Duncan and James McCammon proved their Loyalist lineage through ancestor Daniel



Plaquing Committee – Pat Blackburn UE, Colin Morley UE, Marilyn Hardsand UE, Sharon Coppins UE, Ray Cummins UE, Doug Coppins UE & Ruth Nicholson UE

Cummins. Marsha Waldie and Gayle Waldie proved their Loyalist lineage through ancestor Timothy Street. Paul Bingle, Adam Bingle, Kelly Rieck-Chafe and Catharine Bingle-Gonnissen proved their Loyalist lineage through ancestor John Moore. Frank Rupert proved his Loyalist lineage through ancestor Hector Dickie. This takes a lot of time and digging into records. Congratulations to all these certificate recipients.

Membership Chair Gloria Oakes and Treasurer Gloria Howard planned and arranged for a wonderful Christmas dinner at Jerseyville United Church on Saturday December 4th. It was a full house with nearly 60 participants. Everyone enjoyed the great turkey dinner and homemade pies as well as the opportunity to speak with one another at this festive time of year. John and Michele Lewis brought in gorgeous fundraising baskets, which they had prepared, for a draw at the end of the meal. Everyone appeared interested and supported this endeavor;

funding goes towards our 2013 Dominion conference costs.

I continue to chair the Dominion Conference committee for 2013. The executive members on this committee met in July to outline the days' events. We discussed various venues and toured hotels. We then came forward with a final motion at our November general meeting to put a down payment on the venue at the Holiday Inn Burlington. This hotel has everything we need at the best price and it is an easy to find destination for those out of town. This is a good first step. I am now contacting possible speakers for our conference. Step by step we will build to an exciting and worthwhile conference. We count on your help and support along the way.

We have been actively involved with supporting the preservation of the Cooley/Hatt Cemetery through written support and the personal attendance of Ray Cummins UE and me at some of the OMB hearings. Loyalist descendant Richard Hatt III has kept us informed as to the progress of the preservation of this heritage cemetery. The developer has made changes to the street location so that it will not cross the cemetery and there is to be a full archaeological assessment of the area. This is a positive step and all involved are happy with these changes.

Dominion President Fred Hayward asked me represent the association provincially at the curriculum review – a feedback consultation session for the Ontario social studies guides for grades 1- 6 and history for grades 7 and 8. This in-service was held on October 22, in Ancaster and it involved principals, specialist teachers and persons like ourselves who were called stakeholders as we represented a special historical group or association. It was interesting meeting with these educators and specialists and getting their perspective on curriculum changes.

I have attended two functions of the Wilson Institute of Canadian History at McMaster University. The first involved the first annual presentation of a large monetary award to the best publisher of Canadian history books. Dundurn Press received this great honour October 27th. The second event was to have lunch with and then hear Dr. Alan Taylor from the University of California at Davis speak about his new book on the War of 1812 entitled: The Civil War of

1812. It was interesting connecting with the local heritage representatives and being able to speak with Dr. Taylor over lunch. His topic is not particularly popular in the United States but we Canadians especially along Lakes Ontario and Erie are very interested in this topic.

On October 27th, my husband David and I attended the Christmas dinner given by the Dundas Museum and held at their beautiful, old town hall. Once again we were able to speak with local heritage leaders and keep our branch involved locally. Museum director Claire Crozier introduced David Sweet MP, Councillor Russ Powers, Dundas Valley Historical Society's President Stan Nowak and me. I was in very good company and it was a fun evening.

I wish to thank everyone who invites others to our meetings and who speaks about our branch and its interesting events and speakers. Thank-you to all who do speaking engagements and classroom visits to tell our history. Your personal work is more important in encouraging others to participate in our branch's activities and to enlighten the public about our history than anything else we can do. I'd like to mention that Councillor John Hammill spoke at his local Probus meeting this fall about The United Empire Loyalists.



Ray Cummins UE at stone of Hannah daughter of Daniel Cummins UE The graves of all of the children of Daniel Cummins UE in this cemetery were decorated with yellow ribbons for the ceremony.

Pat Blackburn, education chair, took our display to the Doors Open event, held at the Palermo School House. Councillor Colin Morley as well as Michele and John Lewis supported this event for us also. Ray Cummins not only spoke at our November meeting but he is also sending in regular news articles to the Loyalist Gazette to let others across the country be aware of our activities. Mary Clairmont is promoting our meetings and events, through announcements in the local papers. Networking and communication are the keys to growth and development.

In February I will be taking part in a panel presentation and discussion at the Wilson Institute for Canadian History at McMaster. Local heritage leaders have been asked to participate in a variety of panels to show how enthusiastic people spread their passion for history. I am part of the "People" seminar on February 17th. This is part of a graduate course entitled "History, Heritage and Memory: How the Past is Used". It is taught by Dr. H. Viv Nelles, who is the Director of the Wilson Institute. As you can see, I am not lazing about in the sun, here in Florida: I am preparing for this upcoming presentation.

As this is my final newsletter as your branch president I do thank-you for all the support and kind words you've shared with me over this three year period. The time did go very quickly as there was much to do. It has indeed been a great privilege to serve as your president; I would highly recommend this position to any of you who have a passion for our history.

May all good and happy events come your way in 2011.

Edward Ryckman

*On the 26th Sept. 2010 by W. Raymond Cummins UE
at the unveiling of an UEL plaque at
Rock Chapel Cemetery*

Edward Ryckman (pronounced R (eye) kman) was baptized in Tappan, Orange County, New York in 1767. Tappan was in Rip Van Winkle country in the Dutch community made famous by Washington Irving. Tappan was a dangerous place for loyalists during the American Revolution. Although loyalist forces held Manhattan for the most of the revolution, the area immediately north was not so safe.



Jamie McCammon UE & Jean Hobson UE

Washington made his headquarters there on several occasions. At Tappan the British Adjutant, Major John Andre, was captured, tried, and hanged for negotiating with Benedict Arnold.

Edward's parents were loyalists: his mother, Susanna Broun, was from Hackensack, New Jersey. His father, John or Johannis Ryckman, was a leather dealer and possibly a tanner and shoe-maker who had a house in Tappan and a house in Manhattan. John served as a guide to the British Army before he was captured and imprisoned at Fishkill in Dutchess County across the Hudson River from Tappan. All of his family's goods and property were confiscated by the Rebels. The now destitute family escaped to Sorrel Quebec where John received emergency relief supplies. John died shortly thereafter in 1784 leaving his older sons Tobias and Edward to fend for their mother and her family. She made a claim to the Commission for Losses of American Loyalists and they settled in the townships of Adolphustown and Sophiasburg on the Bay of Quinte.

Edward married Anna Warren and they moved to West Flamborough just before the outbreak of the War of 1812. Edward was listed as an owner of substantial property in the 1819 assessment rolls of West Flamborough Township where the family farm was located in lot 24 concession 3. In 1831 he was appointed a commissioner to oversee the construction of the road from Waterdown to Rock Chapel which would pass through his property. Edward and Anna had the following children:

- Susannah who married John Graves Simcoe Green of Greensville Ontario;

- Elizabeth who married Jacob Markle of Millgrove, Ontario;
- Catharine who married Solomon Washburn of Millgrove;
- John Warren Ryckman who married Martha Smith and who founded the Ryckman Chapel in Millgrove;
- Abraham Warren Ryckman who married Margaret Bradshaw and who inherited the Ryckman homestead at Rock Chapel.

Edward's death was reported in the Toronto Examiner on 3 Jun 1846 as follows:

"On the 27th ult. at his residence, in the Township of West Flamboro, Edward Ryckman, aged 83 years."

Anna's death was reported in the Christian Guardian on 6 Jul 1859 as follows:

"Mrs. Anna Ryckman was born in the state of new (sic) York in 1763 (sic) and came to Canada at an early age, settling on the Bay of Quinte. Before the war of 1812, she moved to this part of the country with her husband, settling in West Flamboro', where she died March 17 1859 in her 86th year, having lived to see the fourth generation



Edward Ryckman descendants at Rock Chapel: Danielle Content UE with her mother; Carol Ufford UE, Renee McCammon of Barrie, Jean Hobson UE of Barrie

of her children. Rev. E. B. Ryckman of Montreal is her grandson."

Anna and Edward were buried in Rock Chapel cemetery although only Edward's grave stone survives. It reads "In Memory of Edward Ryckman who departed this life May 27, 1846 in the 83d year of his age." Edward's broken stone was missed in the 1960s by the transcribers of the Ontario Genealogical Society. It has since been mended and placed upright.

Also buried here are Edward's son, Abraham and his wife, Margaret Bradshaw; also Edward's 6- year-old grandson, George; as well as Edward's day-old and un-named great-great-great-grandson whose maternal grandfather, Sir Henry Conway Belfield, had been the British Governor of Kenya and whose paternal grandfather, Edmond Baird Ryckman, had been Canada's Minister of Revenue.

Edward Ryckman's grandson, Rev. Dr. Edward Bradshaw Ryckman, a native of Rock Chapel, became one of Canada's leading Methodist ministers.

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Daniel Cummins descendants at Millgrove Cemetery:

Christopher Cummins of Toronto, Pat McCammon of Wasaga Beach, Jean Hobson UE of Barrie, Ray Cummins UE of Streetsville, Renee McCammon of Barrie, Sheila Chambers of Dundas, Muriel McCammon of Waterdown, David Howard of Ancaster, Prof Helen Howard-Locke-Preston of McMaster & Dundas, Jamie McCammon UE of Burlington, Rodger Cummins of Toronto, Judith Wagner of Hamilton

**Loyalist Ancestor:
Daniel Cummins**

Daniel Cummins was born in Lebanon Township in Hunterdon County, New Jersey and moved with his family at age four to New Jersey. At the outbreak of the Revolution Daniel's brother John joined the New Jersey Volunteers and was later captured by the rebels and died while imprisoned.

After the family's property was confiscated by the Sussex County Committee of Safety, Daniel, his wife Christina, and their five children walked to Newark where his petition for land resulted in a crown patent for land in Ancaster Township. He settled in West Flamborough where he built the Cummins Chapel which later became Rock Chapel Church.

We recently plaqued the Millgrove Cemetery where Daniel Cummins is buried.



Frank Rupert UE

**Loyalist Ancestor:
Hector Dickie**

Hector Dickie was born in Northern Ireland and arrived in South Carolina in 1768 on the ship Chichester from Belfast. After the Revolution, Hector went as a refugee to Jamaica but as the economy was not good and the planters would not support the refugees, Hector decided to leave and he re-settled in New Brunswick where he received 500 acres for his service. His family moved to Ontario. The family story is that just as Hector and his family were ready to leave New Brunswick, Hector died of blood poisoning as the result of a darned needle having been left in his sock and scratching his ankle. Hector's daughter Elizabeth married Henry Rupert, the son of Frank's other Loyalist Ancestor Christopher Rupert.

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Adam Bingle UE, Kelly Rieck-Chafe UE, Catherine Gonsen UE
& Paul Bingle UE

Loyalist Ancestor John Moore

John Moore was born in New Jersey in 1738, married Dinah Pettit, and had ten children. He owned land on Jenny Jump Mountain and was a hatter by trade, both manufacturing and selling felt hats. When war broke out, he participated by hiding British supporters and sending troops to front-line. He was imprisoned at Log Gaol after which the family left for Canada. At Mill Seat Tract he hired a bateau to take his family to Niagara; however, when he returned he found that his wagons, cattle, slaves, and possessions were gone. He settled in Grimsby where he was very active in civic life, infrastructure building and church activities. He died in 1803 and is buried at St. Andrews Church in Grimsby.

2010 John Kenneth Galbraith Literary Award

Jean Rae Baxter Acceptance Speech (excerpted)

"It is always an honour for a writer to receive a literary award, and it is especially an honour to receive an award commemorating a man as eminent as John Kenneth Galbraith.

"This is the third consecutive year I have attended the Awards ceremony. After having a story shortlisted in 2008 and 2009, I was beginning to get the feeling of

being always a bridesmaid, but never the bride. The thought that I might actually win the award remained more a tantalizing hope than an expectation.

"But here I am, somewhat to my astonishment, assuring you that yes, with great pleasure I accept the award and the honour that goes with it."

(Jean also received a cheque for \$2,000 dollars and a signed copy of *Innocent Fraud* by John Kenneth Galbraith.)

Camilla the Duchess of Cornwall – Royal Patron of Dundurn Castle

Excerpted from *The Hamilton Spectator* – Daniel Nolan – 01/11/2010

Ken Heaman, senior curator of Dundurn castle must have been very pleased to hear the good news in late October that Camilla the Duchess of Cornwall had agreed to his invitation to be a Royal Patron of Dundurn Castle for a five year period ending September 2015. The letter was written by Sir Tom Shebbeare, director of charities for Prince Charles and Camilla the Duchess of Cornwall. The royal couple visited Dundurn Castle just a year ago it was the home of Sir Allan MacNab, the duchess' great-great grandfather. A large crowd of 3 000 gathered to see Prince Charles and Camilla the Duchess of Cornwall as they toured the castle and planted two oak trees to mark the special occasion.

Dominion President Fred Hayward UE made sure that the Loyalists had a presence. The royal pair were given one of Stanley Mills Loyalist plates and Camilla was presented with her Loyalist certificate. It was a thrilling day as Prince Charles and Camilla the Duchess of Cornwall shook our hands and spoke with us briefly.

It is to be noted that Prince Charles is the royal patron of both the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.

LOYALIST TOAST at OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Delivered by John Hammill UE 03/12/2010

In preparation for the Toast to our Loyalist Ancestors, I turned to the inscription on the wonderful UEL monument in Prince's Square where we gather each June 19th. It reads.

This monument is dedicated to the lasting memory of the United Empire Loyalists who, after the declaration of independence, came into British North America from the seceded American colonies and who, with faith and fortitude, and under great pioneering difficulties, largely laid the foundations of this Canadian nation as an integral part of the British Empire.

Neither confiscation of their property, the pitiless persecution of their kinsmen in revolt, nor the galling chains of imprisonment could break their spirits or divorce them from a loyalty almost without parallel.

*"No country ever had such founders --
No country in the world --
No, not since the days of Abraham"
-- Lady Tennyson*



Michele Lewis UE, John Lewis UE & Rowena Jeffreys UE at Christmas Luncheon



Colin Brown UE & Gloria Oakes UE at Christmas Luncheon

The United Empire Loyalists were distinguished for their devotion to principle, for their valour in battle during the American Revolution and for their loyalty and bravery in the War of 1812 - 1814 in defense of Canadian homes and hearths.

They set the stamp of their character in the institutions of this country and handed them on to succeeding generations glorified by their sacrifices, enriched by their labours and made sure by their indomitable spirit.

Please rise and join with me in a toast to our Loyalist Ancestors.

PASSAGES

HUTTON, Gilbert Jerome (Gil) June 8, 1928 - November 12, 2010 Peacefully after a brief illness, on Friday, November 12, 2010, at the Hamilton General Hospital. Gil Hutton, beloved husband of the late Eileen Hutton (Church). Dear father of Nick Hutton and Margaret Webster-Hutton, Susan Hutton and Richard Haché, Esther and Garry Clark, Rachel Hutton and Darren Brewer and beloved grandfather of Shawn and Blake Hutton, Andrew and Laura Burney and Gillom and Robyn McNeil. Dear brother of Don and wife Stephanie. A celebration of Gil's life was held at H.M.C.S. STAR.

Gil was an active member of the Hamilton Branch of the UELAC. His Loyalist ancestor is Harmanus House. Gil gave two excellent presentations as the WWII veteran at Kilbride Public School in north Burlington in 2007 and 2008. He was greatly appreciated for his knowledge and his passion for history.

CAMPBELL, Agnes Kathleen (nee Mayhew) on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at her home in Dundas, Ontario. At the age of 96 Agnes continued to live an active life in her own home. Predeceased by her husband Charles "Harry", daughter Kathleen "Kathie" Roode, sister Eileen and her husband Harry Coates, her four brothers; Norm (the late Jean), Gord (the late Marg), Jack (the late Ruth), and Tom Mayhew. She will be missed by her daughter Maureen and her husband Gilbert Harmer, her son-in-law Russel Roode and many grandchildren. Agnes Campbell was a member of the Hamilton Branch of the UELAC; her Loyalist ancestor is Joseph Wardell.

FROM LAND TO LINDBERGH

**A Tale of Revolutionary Times with a 1932 sequel
by George Allen Kingston**

Foreword

In the following stanzas the author has endeavoured to set forth in form which is hoped will make easy reading the tragic story of Ralph Morden and the thrilling companion epic of Robert Land of Revolutionary Days, culminating in the well-known triumphs and recent tragedy in the life of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

Most people consider we are these days passing through difficult times, and compared with conditions a few years ago no doubt this is true, but when we read some of these old pioneer stories and think of the hardships which many of our ancestors had to suffer our difficulties today surely are insignificant in comparison.

The facts related in this story are well established by various bits of authentic record procured from numerous sources. The Lands were amongst the first

settlers in the district which afterwards came to be the City of Hamilton, and Robert Land's cabin, near the road which later became Barton Street, was probably the first building erected within the borders of the present City. The original Morden homestead was in the heart of the present Town of Dundas.

Descendants of these two pioneer families have naturally scattered to various parts of the Province, and the author expresses the hope that to these especially this story will make interested reading.

Joseph Morden, a brother of the martyred Ralph Morden, settled in Prince Edward County shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War, and thus became the progenitor of that numerous branch of the family hailing from or now residing in the Bay of Quinte District.

G.A.K.
Toronto, May, 1932.

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FROM LAND TO LINDBERGH By George Allen Kingston

Early in the seventeen forties
There was born in Yorkshire, England,
One destined to be a martyr
In the sacred name of friendship.
'Tis a most romantic story.
Our great hero is Ralph Morden:
Good old Quaker stock he sprang from--
Large land-owner was his father--
Thus Ralph had the farming instinct,
Its pursuit to him was pleasure.
There from youth he grew to manhood.

Ralph develops strong ambitions,
Has the urge for high adventure,
And for sway o'er great broad acres.
Now comes the word across the ocean,
From the land where Penn had ventured,
How some friends who had gone thither
Soon were rich in fields and forests,
With great promise for the future.
Then to him came resolution.

So it comes to pass that when he
Reached the age of twenty summers,

Learning ship would soon be sailing
On a voyage of adventure,
Bound for this new Eldorado,
He arranged for passage thither.
Packed he up his few belongings,
And with farewell to his loved ones
And the dear old English homeland,
Bravely faced the unknown future.

Three long months the voyage lasted;
Wind and wave almost o'erwhelmed them;
Grim despair filled every bosom.
But when land at last was sighted,
This gave way to glad rejoicing;
All so pleased the voyage ended.

Ralph soon found his destination,
Met the friends who urged his coming.
Looked the land and country over.
Every prospect seemed to please him,
So he made his plans to settle
On a large and fertile acreage
'Cross the Delaware from Cocheton,
In the State of Pennsylvania.

With the aid of friendly neighbours
Builds he soon a good log cabin,
And proceeds then, single handed,
To develop his broad acres.
But, forsooth there's something lacking;
What is home without a woman?
What is man without a helpmate?
There Ralph meets another problem.

Shortly after coming thither
Met a sweet-faced Irish maiden
With the simple name, Ann Durham,
From a titled Irish family.
'Twined himself in her affections;
Love soon struck a chord responsive
In the heart of each to other,
And in due time Ralph's log cabin
Sees a happy married couple
Settle down to life's beginnings.

Here they dwelt in love abounding,
Here the family grew and prospered;
Three fine boys and two young maidens
Blessed the home so simply started,
But what tragedy awaits them!

War clouds hover o'er the country,
Ominous news disturbs the people,
Dogs of war are barking fiercely;
Now they break the leash that held them,
And grim terror grips the settlers.
Morden, an unyielding Quaker,
Known as such amongst his neighbours--
(Ever against war, their motto)--
Claims his rights as non-combatant;
Full four years the strife continued,
With him simply an observer.

With this bitter struggle round him
Ralph pursues his daily labours,
Meeting oft small soldier parties--
Sometimes one side, then the other--
Doing little acts of kindness
Where the chance occasion offered.
Thus by both sides unmolested
Lived this peaceful Quaker farmer.

But on one such chance occasion,
Having done some act of kindness
To a British soldier column,
He was given a friendly letter
By the officer commanding,
To be used by way of passport
Should he later be molested
By another British party.
This he carried on his person.

Ralph's friends were not all so peaceful.
Robert Land, the name of one was,
Other two, the Faulkner brothers.
These three men were strongly British.
Land had been in active service
Since the outbreak of the struggle;
John, his eldest son, was interned
To make sure 'gainst his enlisting.
There are only on the homestead
Mrs. Land and her young children,
Eking out a bare existence.

(Part 2 in our next issue)

Sir John A Macdonald Ceremony – January 9 2011

Abstracted from report given by W.Ray Cummins UE

Eva and Ray Cummins attended the Sir John A Macdonald ceremony held annually in Hamilton at the site of the Sir John A statue in Gore Park. This date coincides with the Sunday nearest to Sir John A's birthday. Ray placed a wreath at this site, representing our Hamilton Loyalist Branch.

Mark Hebscher, a local CHCH TV personality acted as master of ceremonies for this event. Past Mayor of Hamilton, Robert Morrow spoke eloquently about the way Canadians carry out government duties without vitriol and hatred towards one another. Afterward when talking with Ray, Robert mentioned his pride in being a UE and he sent his best wishes back to our organization.

There was an impressive two-man colour guard from the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. They were actual on-duty soldiers, who wore period uniforms with shakos, the same uniform that was worn by the local soldiers who took part in quelling the Fenian raids in 1865, near Fort Erie. This was when Sir John A Macdonald was Prime Minister of Canada West.

Living History Conference

February 26, 2011

Registration at 8 a.m.

Theme: Doing it Better (aimed at re-enactors, living historians and all connected with history and serious about improving their impressions)

Location: Mohawk College – Stoney Creek Campus, Barton St. E.

Includes a large merchant fair.

Four levels of presentations planned: an historical study, a practical seminar on everything from cooking to musket maintenance and a series of other interesting topics.

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Hamilton Branch Events

Meetings – 4th Thursday of Feb., March, April, Oct. and Nov. at Olivet United Church, 40 Empress St., lower level. Program at 7:30 p.m.

- February 24 Graham Crawford, owner of HIStory & HERitage, 165 James St. N., presents his visual Love Poem to Hamilton - annual AGM
- March 24 Sharing Our Stories – Loyalist Vignettes – participation by our members. This is a repeat of all the fun we had last April with our sharing.
- April 28 Paul Grimwood UE speaks on War Losses from the War of 1812-14.
- June 18 Loyalist Day, Prince’s Square, McMaster Continuing Education Building 11 a.m.

Dominion Conference 2011 – Catch the Spirit in Brockville – June 2 – 5 – see Manitouana, The Garden of the Great Spirit – the 1000 Islands, the Rideau waterway, the Frontenac Biosphere; experience a dinner cruise through the 1000 Islands, tour military and battle sites, view Canada’s oldest railway tunnel. Hosted by The Col. Edward Jessup Branch of the UELAC www.2011brockville.com

Other Items of Interest

Heritage Fair in Burlington: February 12 - 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Theme Down Memory Lane

Location Central Library Burlington, 2331 New St. - Centennial Room

Seminars begin at 10:30 a.m. on topics such as “Interviewing Grannie – How to conduct oral histories; Loyalist Life by **Pat Blackburn UE**; Crawford Lake; Early Medicine.

Ancaster Historical Society

Meetings held in the Ancaster Old Town Hall, 310 Wilson St. at 7:30 p.m.

- January 28 The 1812 BiCentennial Art Collection – by Linda Stanley
- February 25 Battle, Murder and Sudden Death – by John Deadman – the story of Dr. Bill Deadman, City Pathologist 1914-1956
- March 25 The Battle of Stoney Creek – by James E. Elliott
- April 29 Memories of Hamilton Downtown – by Fred Bristol

Dundas Valley Historical Society

Meetings have new location: Council chambers of Dundas Town Hall, 60 Main St. W. at 7 p.m.

- February 9 The Hamilton and Jarvis Families of Upper Canada - **David Ricketts UE**
- March 9 History of the Telephone in Dundas – Keith Green
- April 13 Journey to Paradise – the Burlington & Desjardins Canals – Bob Sears

Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society

Meetings held at Dundurn Castle’s Coach House at 7:30 p.m.

- March 25 History of Wentworth County – Gary Evans
- April 18 1951 – Hamilton’s Streetcars Take Their Last Bow –John Thompson

Waterdown East Flamborough Heritage Society

Meetings held at St. James United Church, Parkside Dr. Waterdown at 7:30 p.m.

- February 25 50 Years of Preserving Historical Sites – Chris Hamilton
- March 25 The United Empire Loyalists - **Ruth Nicholson UE**
- April 29 Heraldry – Bishop Ralph Spence