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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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Message from the Editor Winter 2013

Winter is upon us but we are warmed with the variety of heritage events, especially in February. The month started with Burlington Heritage Days at Central Library. Great speakers could be heard every hour, both upstairs and downstairs, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. I took in 4 out of 5 speakers in the downstairs room. Bev Corsini and Pat Blackburn were there for the entire day: Bev taking notes and Pat introducing and thanking each speaker. Martha Hemphill plays a major role in the planning of this day every year. Colin Morley and Jean Rae Baxter helped by hosting our table in the display room. It was a great event. Two of the speakers I listened to mentioned the new DNA genealogy that is possible in reference to the blood that is still on Titus Geer Simons red military coat at the Military Museum by Dundurn Castle. Titus Geer Simons is Martha Hemphill's ancestor and she has given DNA through a mouth swab. It will be interesting to learn the results.

February 23rd is the day that members Sharon Coppins and Jean Rae Baxter receive recognition at Hamilton City Hall as that is the day they receive their Hamilton Wentworth Heritage awards. Congratulations to both of our members. Sharon collects all the names, locations and photos that go with each



Ruth speaking at St. Andrew's dinner

Loyalist Cemetery plaquing event. Sharon does much of the phoning and emailing to make each of these events happen. She is essentially the archivist for our Loyalist Plaquing Project. Jean supports our branch by assisting with many of our grade 7 school presentations. Jean is a prolific writer and has written the Loyalist trilogy: The Way Lies North, Broken Trail and Freedom Bound. Recently when Jean was out doing book talks in British Columbia, she visited several schools and gave Loyalist talks.

I must mention that we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas luncheon at Troy United Church on December 1st. The turkey dinner and assorted homemade pies were fantastic. The



Troy's rose window

basket draw, organized by Michele and John Lewis added excitement and fun. After our meal, senior church member, Allan Potts, showed us the upstairs sanctuary. It was astonishingly beautiful. The interior had been redone in 1992 in an elaborate Italian Renaissance style. The flowing, gilded plaster arches around each window end in large acorns. Angels are in flight on the wall behind the altar and one peeks from the central ceiling plaster embellishment. Each hanging light is enhanced with gilded leaves. The rose window, in the balcony area is bright and simple with roses in each wedge. It is a sight to behold and we were very fortunate to have this sight shared with us in December; it was a visual gift!

March, April and May will be our final three months leading up to our hosting of this year's Dominion Conference. Be sure to visit our website at www.uel-hamilton.com to see all the details and please come out and support us by attending a dinner, a speaker or a trip. Come to the entire conference if you are available as there is a good time to be had and lots to see and do. Your conference committee has worked very hard over the past 3 years to develop this conference around the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek. Meet us at the Head of Lake Ontario!

Loyally,
Ruth Nicholson UE



Allan Potts describes Troy United Church



Troy United Church sanctuary from balcony



Angels painted in Troy's narthex



Martha Hemphill, Rowena Jeffreys, Michele Lewis & Ruth at the Heritage Book Fair, Waterdown



Shirley Fellowes meets Morden relative Larry Morden at Heritage Book Fair

Remembrance Ceremony at Hamilton Cemetery

by Bev Corsini UE

On Saturday, November 10, after a short ceremony by the event organizer and local historian, Robin McKee, Pat Blackburn and I jointly laid a wreath in the Hamilton Cemetery at the base of a grave marker which is known as "The Forgotten Monument". The pillar was erected "by public subscription in honour of non-commissioned officers and privates of several Regiments" who died prior to the two World Wars of the last century. Wreaths were also laid by several other groups representing The United Church of Canada, The Boy Scouts of Canada, Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans' Society, the American Veterans in Canada, and the Head of the Lake Historical Society. Prior to the

ceremony a member of the American Legion had placed flags at the graves of Canadian men who had served during the American Civil War.

Federal MP, David Christopherson, after laying a wreath on behalf of The Canadian Government, spoke to the group and while doing so, informed those present that Robin was to be a recipient of a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Visibly proud and emotional, Robin received this well-deserved honour at the December 18th meeting of the Hamilton Historical Board. Congratulations Robin!

Award Recipients for 2013

Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Awards

On Saturday, February 23, Jean Rae Baxter and Sharon Coppins received a Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Association Award. The Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Association is an umbrella group for heritage groups in the Hamilton area, including Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Glanbrook and Stoney Creek as well as Hamilton. The presentation took place at Hamilton City Hall Council Chambers.





Peggy Dalley & family's Loyalist Ancestor Christian Warner UEL

Peggy Dalley and her family -- brothers Phillip and Stephen; children Melissa and Christopher; Christopher's children Jacob and Ethan; and cousin Linda Moore have proven their descent from Loyalist Ancestor Christian Warner. Peggy also accepted certificates on behalf of her daughter Susan and Susan's daughter Olivia.

Christian Warner was born in Albany County, New York. At the outset of the War, he joined General Burgoyne's army, but was taken prisoner at Saratoga after Burgoyne was captured. After being imprisoned for three months, he joined Butler's Rangers, and served as a Sergeant until the end of the war. He came to British North America in 1783 with his wife and two young daughters who travelled in baskets on the back of a cow. He built the Warner Meeting House that was the first Methodist church west of the Bay of Quinte. He died in 1833.



Peggy Dalley & her family

Barry Baker's Loyalist Ancestor – John Kemp Sr. UEL

John Kemp Sr is my 5th Great Grandfather.

There is very little known or recorded of his early life. It is believed that he was born around 1723 in Maryland USA. His name and family history were first recorded in the Dutch Reform Church of Schenectady NY. The baptismal records of John's 3 eldest children are listed including dates of their baptisms and their parents' names: John Kemp and Anna Van Vorst.

John Kemp fought in the American Revolution alongside his 3 sons and his stepson. They all supported the British and enlisted with the King's Rangers who were stationed in St. Jean, P.Q.

John was about 57 years of age when he enlisted. He served as a private, around the New York war zone area. He was eventually reunited with his sons at St. Jean in 1783.

After the war, the King's Rangers were disbanded at Cataraqui, Ontario and because of their loyalty to the British, they were bestowed the title of "United Empire Loyalists". John Kemp Sr. as well as his 2 eldest sons and his stepson were awarded free land in Fredericksburgh, Addington County, Ontario. His youngest son was deemed too young to qualify for free land even though he was on the provisional list.

John Kemp Sr. died in 1795 at the approximate age of 72. His wife Anna died earlier in 1789.



Ruth & Barry Baker

Barry Baker's Loyalist Ancestor – Abraham Dafoe UEL

Abraham Dafoe is my 5th great grandfather.

Abraham was the son of John Ernst Dafoe and Mary (Maria) Keller. He was born in Albany NY but the date is unknown. In 1755 he married Katreen Diamond.

Abraham enlisted in General Burgoyne's regiment and fought at the Battle of Bennington in August 1777. His brother was killed in this battle and the rest of the Dafoe men were captured. They were released after taking an oath not to partake in rebellion again.

However in 1780, Abraham and his brother, crossed into Canada and they joined their father, John Ernst Dafoe at Fort St. Jean. They all served with Roger's Rangers. Abraham served under Captain Harry Ruiters 3rd Company as a Corporal.

After Abraham's discharge, he and his family made their way by boat up the St. Lawrence River to Bath, Ontario. This is where he was granted land as a United Empire Loyalist.

He died in Fredericksburgh, Ontario in 1815.

Abraham's daughter, Mary Dafoe, married John Kemp Jr., the son of Loyalist John Kemp Sr.

Read more Loyalist Profiles on our new website at www.uel-hamilton.com/

Margaret Danton – Loyalist Ancestors Nathaniel Pettit UEL, John Smith UEL & Peter Gordon UEL

Margaret Danton has proven her descent from Loyalist Ancestors Peter Gordon, Nathaniel Pettit, and John Smith. Margaret has previously received a certificate through Harmanus House.

Nathaniel Pettit was a prominent citizen of New Jersey at the time the Revolution broke out. He was an established businessman, judge, and member of the provincial legislature until he was found guilty of not paying taxes to the revolutionary congress which resulted in him being fined and losing his judgeship. He was too old for military duty so he raised troops. After settling in Upper Canada he was active in civic and political affairs.

John Smith and his family came from Sussex County, New Jersey where he was a magistrate. Following the War they came to Upper Canada, crossing at the Niagara River and settling at the Forty where he became known as Little John to distinguish himself from another John Smith. In 1789 he moved to Ancaster where he lived until his death at the age of 99.

John Smith's son Benjamin married Nancy Gordon who was the granddaughter of Nathaniel Pettit which is how those two families tie together. Nancy's father Peter Gordon was a Loyalist in his own right, also from New Jersey who appears to have been an active recruiter for the Loyalist forces and finally settled in Ancaster.



Ruth & Margaret Danton

Marilyn Hardsand & Son Russell's Loyalist Ancestor Isaac VanSickle UEL

Isaac VanSickle arrived from Morris City, New Jersey. He served with Joseph Skinner's company of the Jersey Volunteers, and is listed on the muster roll for Staten Island in 1778. Isaac settled in Ancaster Township.

Marilyn & Russell have both previously received certificates through Peter Gordon, Nathaniel Pettit, John Smith, David Springer, and William Vanderlip.



Ruth & Marilyn Hardsand

Charlotte Moore – Ancestor Ebenezer Jones UEL

Charlotte Moore has proven her descent from Loyalist Ancestor Ebenezer Jones. Charlotte has previously received certificates through Anthony Westbrook and Peter Horning.

Ebenezer Jones was a tenant farmer residing in New York near the Westchester/Dutchess County Line. He joined the King's Orange Rangers in 1777 and was a recruiter for them. He and his family settled in Saltfleet. Several of his sons were active in the military and his son Augustus was a well-known surveyor.



Ruth & Rev Charlotte Moore

Wesley Brooks – Loyalist Ancestor John Pettit

John Pettit was born in Easton Pennsylvania in 1761 and during the Revolution he served with the New Jersey volunteers. After the war the family trekked to Canada crossing at Niagara and settled near the Forty. John was known as "Squire John". He was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge. According to a history of the Lodge: "On 3 July 1800 a motion was passed that brother Pettit pay one shilling each night instead of two shillings as he took no refreshment". John died in 1851 and is buried in St. Andrew's churchyard in Grimsby.

Wesley arrived at our meeting after piloting a plane from B.C. and meeting with the Bingle Gonnson family for dinner. Paul Bingle assisted greatly with the required research needed for Wesley. Thank-you Paul.



Paul Bingle, Wes Brooks, Marilyn Hardsand & Catharine Bingle Gonnson

Education News - School Presentations

by Ruth Nicholson UE

In Pat Blackburn's annual report she tells us that 1,010 grade three students and 592 grade seven students received our Loyalist presentations in 2012. That amounted to twenty-eight grade three classes and ten grade seven classes served. The education committee is to be congratulated on this great on-going effort to get our Loyalist message out to the young people in our area.

Through Pat's unwavering goal of reaching out to as many students as possible, she has made some great connections to administrators that have helped us to move forward. We were even invited to be a part of the Hamilton Wentworth Board's Historical Fair.

Looking at the spreadsheet for January and February, I see that six grade three classes received presentations and two grade seven classes. That's more presentations than most Branches give in a year.

Our artifacts now take up four large tables. All the teachers are overwhelmed at the visual aspect of what is brought into the schools. Pat has worked at making the transfer of materials as easy as possible through the usage of three trolley carts, a large portfolio for pictures and furs and a few good quality carrying bags. It takes at least fifteen minutes to just transfer all these items into the school and then time is needed to arrange tables and set up the display. It sounds like a big job but after doing it a couple of times it becomes fairly easy.

With this program growing in leaps and bounds we do need more people to take on some of these presentations and even the organization of the timing. Please let Pat know if you can support this very worthwhile program. uepat624@cogeco.ca



Close-up of artifacts at a school presentation

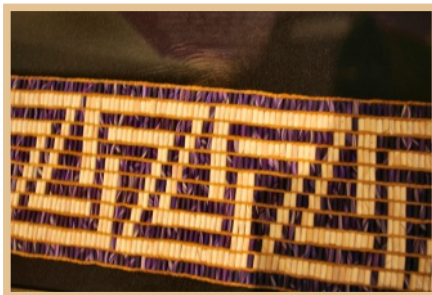
WAR CLUBS & WAMPUM BELTS: War of 1812 Gallery Show

by Ruth Nicholson UE

Woodland Cultural Centre
184 Mohawk St., Brantford, ON
October 29 – December 24th 2012
www.woodland-centre.on.ca

In mid-December I visited the Woodland Cultural Centre to see their fabulous show of paintings, wampum belts, maps, flags, photographs and oh so many things that focused on the Haudenosaunee experience during the War of 1812 – 14. I spent about 3 hours reading, absorbing and photographing aspects of this exhibit. I actually met Zig Misiak there to get more copies of his excellent book, Highlighting Native Nations – War of 1812 to give to my family members for Christmas.

The basis of this exhibit is to show the unknown contributions and the role the Haudenosaunee warriors played in the War of 1812. It is a summary of the conflicting points of view of the Haudenosaunee of Buffalo Creek U.S.A. and those of the Grand River in Ontario. There were personal stories of those warriors who were involved in the War



Close-up of the Claus Wampum belt

and their own interpretations in their own languages.

April 15 1815 Pledge of the Crown Wampum Belt

Colonel William Claus held a council at Burlington Heights with delegates from the Six Nations, Chippewa, Creek, Delaware, Huron, Kickapoo, Misquakie, Moravian, Munsee, Nanticoke, Ottawa, Sauk and Shawnee.

Claus presented the wampum belt which held the pledge of the British Crown “not to interfere in the culture or govern-



Wampum belts at Woodland Cultural

ment”. Claus examined many other wampum documents in order to create the design on this special belt. The design is similar to a Greek Key found in many castles in Great Britain, representing a meandering flow of life like a river. It symbolized eternal life, love and friendship intricately bound together. It is likely the last belt produced by the Indian Department.

This belt was recently returned to Six Nations and the Haudenosaunee people from the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. Rick Hill and Keith Jamieson brought it to Queenston Heights to show the people, there assembled at the base of Brock's monument, on October 16 2012.

(excerpted from information cards at War Clubs & Wampum Belts Display)

Major John Norton as Mohawk Chief Teyoninhokarawen

Norton was born of a Cherokee father and a Scottish mother, in the early 1760s. His father was taken as a boy by British soldiers when his hometown was destroyed by the British. Norton's father eventually joined the British Army and moved to Scotland, where he married. John Norton was likely educated in Scotland. He served an apprenticeship as a printer, but ran away to join the army. He was stationed in Ireland before being relocated to Upper Canada in 1785.



Painting of John Norton

While with his regiment at Niagara in 1787, he deserted the army. For a time, Norton taught school in the Bay of Quinte area. In 1791 he traveled through the Ohio region as a trader and established many contacts. During this time, he became increasingly involved with the Six Nations of the Grand River. In 1794, he returned to Fort Niagara where he served as an interpreter for the Indian Department. He was adopted by the Mohawks, with Joseph Brant as his uncle. Norton moved to the Grand River where he married an Haudenosaunee woman.

(excerpted from Wikipedia)

Norton was about to leave the Six Nations area when he saw that war was on the horizon. A chance meeting with Major General Isaac Brock made all the difference. Norton had told Brock that the Six Nations warriors would not fight unless the land questions were resolved. Brock didn't have the power to solve the land issues but he gave Norton some money as a good faith gesture. Norton agreed to encourage the warriors to join in this conflict with the Brock.

Therefore it is Norton who brought the Six Nations people into this war even though the Chiefs wanted to stay neutral.

Norton fought throughout this War. He was at the fall of Fort Detroit and the Battle of Queenston Heights, in 1812, as well as

at the Battle of Fort Erie and the Battle of Stoney Creek, in 1813.

After the War he left the Grand River area, disgraced by the infidelity of his wife and being convicted of the manslaughter of her lover. He disappeared from the pages of history. Some speculate that he ended his days in the SW United States.

For the two decades that he lived in this area, he had a major impact on the future of the Six Nations. He was indeed a critical player in the War of 1812.

(excerpted from information plaques at War Clubs & Wampum Belts display, Woodland Cultural Centre)

June 6 1813 – Victory at Stoney Creek

This is one of the few oral stories that have been passed on by warriors who were present at this battle.

General Vincent and 700 men attacked an American encampment at Stoney Creek in the middle of the night. The British came

to the Grand River to ask for support in stopping the American advance, after the capture of Fort George.

With all the young warriors gone, the old warriors pledged their support despite the British officers having doubts about what some old men could do to really help.

As it turned out, the old warriors employed some “war medicine” that would make the Americans so fearful that they would see warriors wherever they looked and they would shoot wildly, which would deplete their ammunition.

At a certain signal, the warriors swooped down from the escarpment, some carrying torches, in the middle of the night.

As predicted, the Americans became confused and disoriented. This allowed the British forces to sneak up and capture the Americans.

(excerpted from information plaques at War Clubs & Wampum Belts display, Woodland Cultural Centre)

Friends of the Tecumseh Monument - Buy a Brick Program

The Tecumseh Monument Re-development Project

I am happy to announce that the Hamilton Branch UELAC has agreed to purchase 3 bricks for the Tecumseh Monument, through our executive meeting that was held February 7 2013.

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to support this important heritage initiative. The goal is to build a new, enhanced monument to the great First Nations war-chief Tecumseh, one more in keeping with his stature as an international hero and also to establish an open air museum which will interpret the story of the Battle of the Thames, fought at this site, and its aftermath from the perspective of the all its participants and witnesses.

The grounds of the open air museum will have paths that wind through the vegetation and connect to various sections of the site. Each brick can be inscribed with a name or a short message.

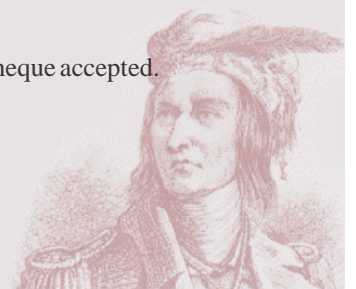
The cost of each brick is \$30.00. It can be inscribed with up to 25 characters and spaces.

Visit www.TecumsehMonument.ca. Credit card or cheque accepted.

Friends of the Tecumseh Monument

11768 Bates Drive, R.R. #1
Morpeth, ON N0P 1X0

Phone: 519-674-2322 for more information.



Author/historian Zig Misiak
NEW BOOK RELEASE



War of 1812: Highlighting Native Nations

A 500km pictorial journey from Detroit to Toronto to the Niagara Peninsula
 120 pages of unique photographs, maps & statistics
 Supports school curriculum & First Nations/Metis/Inuit Ed. Policy Framework
 Aligned with Ministry of Tourism's *Route 1812* and GPS site locations
 Self-published & printed in Canada
 Sample pages for view on www.warof1812rph.com



"I felt that Native Nations' involvement in the War of 1812 was hardly understood or simply misunderstood. I wanted to create a book that would facilitate the dialogue around the War of 1812 transitioning it from vague and incomplete towards enlightening and informative."

Zig Misiak

- War of 1812 Chairman Bicentennial Commemoration Steering Committee, Brantford/Brant
- Co-author: Six Nations Iroquois Program Teachers Resource Guide used in 491 schools
- Author: *Western Hooves of Thunder*, *McArthur's Raid on the Six Nations, 1814*
- President of Real People's History www.realpeopleshistory.com

Encircles Everything – by Elizabeth Daxl ater

Woodland Cultural Centre until December 24 2012



This art piece created out of corn husks depicts the formation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. It includes all the clan mothers, chiefs, Jigosaheh and the Peacemaker. Central to the piece is a tall white pine tree, the Tree of Peace.

Subscribe to the bi-weekly UELAC e-news through Doug Grant UE

If you are looking for past issues of *Loyalist Trails*, issues since October 2004 have been posted on the web at <http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/Loyalist-Trails-index.php>

If you would like to subscribe to "Loyalist Trails", please send an email to: loyalist.trails@uelac.org



Ontario Loyalist Licence Plates

Update from Ben Thornton UE Toronto Branch

We Need Your Help!

Thanks to all who have pre-ordered UELAC badge licence plates The response has been great (we are currently up to 101 prepaid orders), but we still need more orders before we can proceed to the manufacturing stage. There is a deadline coming up with the provincial agency involved - if you've not yet ordered your set of plates, please do so as soon as you can. A hundred-and-one other Loyalists are counting on you.

Full details of the project can be found at <http://www.uelac.org/Projects-UELAC/Loyalist-Licence-Plates-Ontario.php> or contact me at plates@uelac.org or 905-486-9777

Help Required

Government Marker Program to Honour War of 1812 Veterans

by Fred Hayward UE

Communities across Canada will have a chance to commemorate heroes of the War of 1812, thanks to an investment from the Government of Canada. Funding for the Historic Military Establishment of Upper Canada was announced in Penetanguishene, Ontario on January 14, 2013 by Bruce Stanton, Member of Parliament (Simcoe North), on behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages.

This investment will help establish a national program to honour the graves of War of 1812 veterans. Canadians will be able to apply for granite plaques to be placed at veterans' gravesites. Each plaque will have a replica of the Upper Canada Preserved medal etched onto its surface. The original Upper Canada Preserved medal was produced after the War, but very few were actually awarded. A website will identify gravesites across Canada and feature the veterans' biographies, which will form a very useful database for students and researchers. At least one thousand plaques are expected to be distributed across the country.

To date the UELAC website lists the names and stories of 14 veterans in the "Loyalist and the War of 1812" folder. If the burial sites are identified, these names would be suitable for commemoration through this programme. While the Association awaits further instructions from the Ministry of Canadian Heritage, it is hoped that a member would step forward to complete this small project. Similar to the Ontario Loyalist License Plate project led by Ben Thornton, the scope of this challenge can be brief but the benefits can be immense. If you would welcome this opportunity to serve UELAC, please contact Fred Hayward at public.relations@uelac.org.

Ontario Grant

The Hamilton Branch UELAC preserves and promotes Loyalist heritage with the assistance of a Grant from the province of Ontario.

In the Shadow of the Escarpment Vol 4

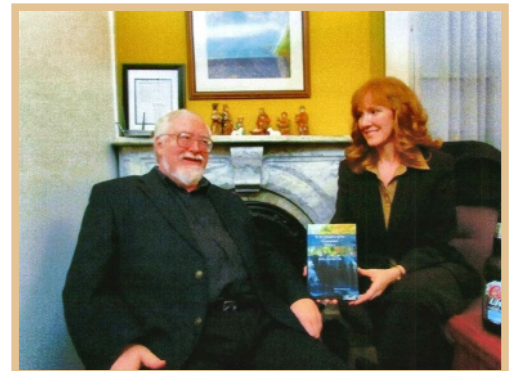
by Catharine Bingle Gonnens UE

"For all John Moore UEL researchers, there is a new book available to purchase through the Grimsby Archives. Paul Bingle U.E, Hamilton Branch Librarian and member has recently published his own book entitled In The Shadow of The Escarpment Volume 4, concerning one of his Loyalist ancestors. It is a research packed little volume you won't want to miss. The book can be purchased for \$25 while supplies last, as they are limited.

Ironically, the fourth volume has been published first. The next three concerning three other Loyalists are forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Chapters in the book are:

1. A 1763 Sussex County Petition to Government
2. An unexpected 1767 Letter of Administration
3. The 1769 Christening of three Moore Girls
4. A 1770ish Fifty acre property on Jenny Jump Mountain
5. The War Years and the 1774 lead up to them
6. The last two years (1786-1787) in America
7. Moores VS Moore what's in a name?
8. Bits and Pieces; Odds and Sods
9. The grandchildren of our John Moore.



Paul Bingle & daughter Kelly Rieck-Chafe with Paul's new book

Alfreda (Bingle) Jeffries UE Recognition

by Catharine Bingle Gonnens UE

On the evening of Tuesday February 19th, 2013, life-long, fifth generation Grimsby resident, Mrs. Alfreda Jeffries UE. (Grand River Branch Member) was presented with an Ontario Heritage Trust Community Award for Lifetime Achievement for the preservation and promotion of the history/ heritage of the Town. She is the great great grand-daughter of the wife of Col. Robert Nelles UEL, of Nelles Manor Gimsby, the great great grand-daughter of Allan Nixon Jr. UEL, and many more.

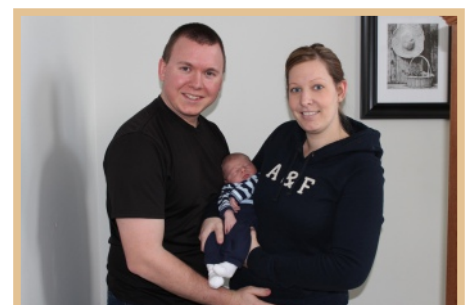
Her great grandfather was Col. Alfred Booker of the Battle of Ridgeway, another battle (beside the War of 1812-14) which led to the eventual establishment of Canada as a nation. Her cousin, Jeff Bingle U.E. is a member of London Branch, and niece and nephew Paul Bingle UE and Catharine Bingle-Gonnens UE are Hamilton Branch members.

Congratulations to New Grandparents!

Doug & Sharon Coppins UE

Owen James Wagenaar was born January 31, 2013, at the Woodstock General Hospital to proud parents, Brandon and Anne Wagenaar. Owen was born at 1:19 p.m., he weighed 7lbs. 6 oz and was 20-1/4 inches long. Anne is the daughter of Doug and Sharon Coppins.

Fun times ahead for all!



New parents - Brandon & Anne with Baby Owen

Head of Lake Ontario Conference 2013: May 30th - June 2nd

by Gloria Howard UE



The land surrounding the western end of Lake Ontario. Rich in history and heritage. Come join us at the Holiday Inn, Burlington to discover the heroic stories of the early people of The Head of the Lake and to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- Registration** – Holidome 1pm to 7pm
- Genealogists' Meeting** – 2pm
- Welcome Reception:** Halton Hall – 7pm
- Theme: Brant's Block, First Nations & Battle of Stoney Creek
- Finger food
- Greetings: **David Hill Morrison UE**
- Speaker – **Zig Misiak** – Honorary Vice-President UELAC

FRIDAY, May 31

Choice of two full day Tours:

Hamilton area – Scenic drive

- Dundurn Castle
- Hamilton Cemetery
- Battlefield Park, Stoney Creek

OR

Niagara Region –Scenic drive

- Fort George
- Laura Secord House
- Brock's Monument
- Niagara Winery

OR

Speakers – Halton Hall –

- 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Early Medicine
- Ontario Fur Trade
- Battle of Stoney Creek
- Afternoon Tour
- Stoney Creek Battlefield

Banquet – 6 p.m.

- Burlington Golf & Country Club
- Musical Entertainment - Tamarack Music Group

SATURDAY, June 1

Annual General Meeting -

Halton Hall – 9 a.m.

Dominion Council Meeting –

Halton Hall, Immediately following the AGM

- Leisure time for those not attending the AGM - explore our community on your own or lounge by the pool.

Saturday Banquet

- Halton Hall – 6 p.m.
- Speaker – Nathan Tidridge
- Entertainment– Cottonwood Brass

SUNDAY, June 2

Christ's Church Cathedral

Service at 10:30 a.m.
* photo stop at the Loyalist Monument

Registration – Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre- Pearson Room
Friday 8 a.m. –
Saturday 8 a.m. –

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada



HAMILTON BRANCH
MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2013
Please Print

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Please make your cheque payable to Hamilton Branch UELAC
Non-Canadian residents, please pay in American funds to cover the extra postage costs.

Send to: Membership Chair, Gloria Oakes #62-175 Fiddler's Green Road
ANCASTER ONL9G 4X7

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2013:

- Dues for a single member: \$55.00
- Dues for a family: \$75.00
(spouses and dependent children living in the same household)
- Dues for "other Branch" member: \$ 15.00
- Donation to Branch (payable to UELAC) receipt available enclosed \$.....

TOTAL \$ _____

Upcoming Events

Hamilton Branch of the UELAC

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.

- Feb. 28** **AGM & Dominion President Robert McBride** – Ancestor John DeCou built the house where Laura Secord arrived to alert Fitzgibbons about the plans of the Americans during the War of 1812-14.
- March 28** **Doug Massey** – The Beaver Dams Project funded by Heritage Canada
- April 13** **Central West Regional meeting** at Westmount Library, London; registration \$5.00 – all are welcome to attend & meet others from area branches.
- April 25** **Jean Rae Baxter – Freedom Bound**, the Black Loyalists' story
- May 30 - June 2nd** **Dominion Conference – Meet Us at the Head of Lake Ontario**
- June 19** **Loyalist Day Ceremony** with keynote speaker Bonnie Schepers who will be the new Dominion President at this time. 11 a.m. at Prince's Square, Hamilton
- Sept. 29** **Annual Picnic** at historic Dan & Dorothy Wentworth's farm, 1573 Butter Rd. W., Ancaster; meet at 3 p.m.
- Oct. 24** **Dr. David Faux** – Researching through DNA evidence

OTHER EVENTS:

Ancaster Historical Society - Old Town Hall, 310 Wilson St. E. Ancaster – 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 22 The Rev. Bob Brownlie – The Art of C.W. Jeffreys

Apr. 26 Beth Mills – The Life & Times of Clementina Fessenden, founder of Empire Day

Burlington Heritage Society - Central Library, 2331 New St. at 7 p.m.

Mar. 11 Kealy Wilkinson – Canadian Broadcasting History

Apr. 8 Terry Hughes – History of the Welland Canal

Doors Open Hamilton – May 4 & 5 Doors Open Burlington – June 8 & 9

Dundas Valley Historical Society

Council Chambers of Old Town Hall, 60 Main St. at 7:30 p.m. \$3.00 admission

Mar. 13 Rick Hatt – The War of 1812 and the Hatt brothers, Samuel & Richard

Apr. 10 Ray Hobbs, The War of 1812: George Ferguson's War

Fieldcote Museum - 63 Sulphur Springs Rd, Ancaster

The Bloody Assize Display continues until 2014. Additional elements are being added.

March 9 – 16th March Break Activities for families: 1–5 p.m. - Geocaching 101 – learn the basics and dress for the weather; bring your own GPS device or use the paper clues.

May 16 **Coffee & Culture** at the Old Town Hall, Ancaster at 7 p.m. Program Coordinator Daryl MacTavish presents: Burn This Letter; the McQuesten's of Whitehern

Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society - Olivet United Church, 40 Empress St. 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 21 Robin McKee – Ryan's Ride – A Spy of the War of 1812

Head-of-the-Lake Heritage Society - Coach House of Dundurn Castle at 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 15 Photographers Tom Bochsler & Bob Chambers - 118 Years of Photography

Apr. 12 Top 100 Things to See in Ontario

Oakville Heritage Society - St. John's United Church, Dunn & Randall Streets, 7:30 p.m.

May 15 Maureen Jennings, the writer of the celebrated "Murdoch Mysteries" TV series will talk about her work. \$5.00 charge

Waterdown - East Flamborough Heritage Society

St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Dr. Waterdown at 8 p.m.

Mar. 22 John McDonald – The Story of William Halton of Halton County

Apr. 26 Author Mary Pettit – Whatever Happened to Mary Janeway? Mary talks about the British ragamuffins who came to be known as the "home children".

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