



# 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."*

## GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT PAT BLACKBURN



*Pat at LaSalle Park with Burlington Soccer mascot*

I have been sitting here looking at the computer asking for inspiration as to grand words to be used here today. The following ideas have surfaced.

Since our last Newsletter the Branch Members and Conference Committee have been very involved in the preparation and execution of the administration of our 2013 Conference and Annual Meeting, **Meet Us At The Head Of Lake Ontario** held from May 30 to June 2nd, 2013 at the Burlington Holiday Inn. The feedback from the participants across Canada was extremely favourable. I would like to give a special thank you to Ruth Nicholson UE and her Committee for a job very well done.

A special mention should be for the volunteering of Bev Corsini UE and Bob Corsini on Saturday night after the Gala Dinner to go for me into Hamilton and place No Parking

covers on parking metres to be used by our buses on Sunday morning, It was raining, nearly midnight and I was not looking forward to the trip into Hamilton. Thank you.

### Post Conference

The Hamilton Branch furthered its contact with the community through Outreach to those in need through the Churches in Burlington. Due to our zealous optimism concerning the participation of outside branches at the conference, we had numerous three-ring binders on hand. Several churches in Burlington are involved in backpack projects for this coming Fall. For example, as early as the end of this June, 400 applications had been received for a backpack. Ruth Nicholson and I took excess binders to three sources to be used in the backpack project. We left the Logo from the conference in the front sleeve of the binders. The Loyalist story is used in our Pioneer Life in-school presentations for Grade 3. The recipients were thrilled to get these binders as this would free up some money for use in the Day Camp program during the summer.

### Loyalist Day, June 19th

Only two short weeks later our Branch was back at running our Spring Activities. An Executive Meeting was held and the finalization of plans for our Annual Loyalist Day Ceremony at the Loyalist Monument in Hamilton was reviewed.

It never rains on June 19th in Hamilton. Our ceremony drew about 50 members, re-enactors, friends and some people from just passing by on the sidewalk. The speaker this year was our new Dominion President, Bonnie Schepers UE. We were her first speaking engagement in her new position. No jitters were present.

The Very Reverend Peter Wall from

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Pat Blackburn UE with Joni Raunig – Appleby United Church Backpack Project

artifacts will be on display at LaSalle Park.

I would like to ask that people other than our hardworking executive come forward to assist in spotlighting the Hamilton Branch UEL out into the surrounding neighbourhoods. You can do this by providing me with your name and contact information so that when an opportunity arrives I can call one of the members instead of always having to call upon an executive member. I can be reached at uepat624@cogeco.ca or by telephone at Pat Blackburn (289)

337-1315.

An activity may be just parking cars for a couple of hours. The time spent by one volunteer is supported by others for the exhibits at fairs or parks and usually just means about 2 hours of your time. Of course we always tell people our Loyalist story and when appropriate wear the period clothing.

#### Fall

Our next activity, before the regular meetings begin in the Fall, is the Summer Picnic. This year we are going to be at the Wentworth's, Sept. 29 at 3:00 p.m. A special activity is planned for this event with the winner receiving a prize.

I invite all to come to our meetings beginning in October. The speakers have all been lined up. See the back page of this newsletter for the listing.

Loyally,  
Pat Blackburn UE

Christ's Church Cathedral led us in the Loyalist Prayer and the Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

Loyalist history is very much dependent on the Native assistance and activity during the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. To give emphasis to this fact at our Hamilton Branch Loyalist Day ceremony, we had the following people present and taking an active part in the ceremony: Janis Monture, Director from Woodlands Cultural Centre in Brantford brought greetings, Richard Shaver, Director/Curator of the Canadian Military Heritage Museum and a Diamond Jubilee medal recipient laid a wreath and John Anderson UE represented the Haudenosaunee by carrying their Flag and also placing a wreath.

Representing our Young Loyalists this year were Owen and Claire Nicholson UE.

#### Outreach

Although it may seem to most members that our Branch closes down over the summer this is an incorrect assumption. Besides Loyalist Day, through our volunteers we support other associations at their summer activities. For example, a number of us have been supporting Fringe and David Massey by attending the play "The Whirlwind". The weekend of August 1st will see volunteers attending Joseph Brant Day at LaSalle Park, Griffin House in Ancaster and George Hamilton Day at Battlefield Park Nash house. Our outreach War of 1812 exhibit and some education



IODE gives portrait of Queen Elizabeth II to Branch

## IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

From time to time the Executive of the Branch could use a complete email address listing of our members. This would be used to let everyone know of an upcoming meeting, special event or change to the By-Laws, for example.

If you are in agreement to provide your current email address, please send your information to Pat Blackburn, President, [uepat624@cogeco.ca](mailto:uepat624@cogeco.ca)

## CANADIAN MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM

by Pat Blackburn

I found a new place to visit on the long weekend in August and learned more about our Canadian military heritage. The Canadian Military Heritage Museum is in Brantford and across from the Woodland Cultural Centre. The address is 347 Greenwich Street, Brantford, Ontario (519) 759-1313.

When you drive up to this Museum it looks like a warehouse. Inside there are so many articles from the time of the United Empire Loyalists coming to Canada, War of 1812, WWI, WWII, Korean war, First Nations veterans, etc. One can see pictures, medals, tanks, motorcycles, collapsible bicycles, uniforms, articles that may have been found in a soldier's bag during the American Revolutionary War and much more. The space is fully utilized. The City of Brantford is to build on to the warehouse to hold more artifacts and provide better placement of what is on display now.

The sons and dads in your families would find this Museum very interesting. It is a credit to Richard Shaver, Director/Curator. There is a Women's display also.

**MEET US AT THE HEAD OF LAKE ONTARIO - CONFERENCE SUMMARY**



**Ruth Nicholson UE – Conference Chair**

We invited friends and members from across Canada to join us at this year's Dominion Conference from May 30-June 2nd in the Hamilton/Burlington area. Our Conference Committee worked on this event for over three years and it showed! We were supported by a wonderful team of volunteers and even back-up volunteers. Everything went smoothly for the 155 who attended.

To encourage feedback we decided that an on-line survey would give us some data to look at and determine areas needing change for future conferences. The survey came back with strong support in all areas. Suggestions for improvement will be shared with future conferences.



*Thursday opening – Mohawk Elder Don Monture thanks Loyalist Association*

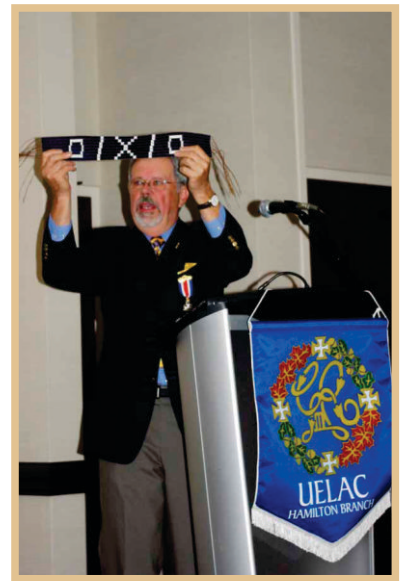
Due to our fundraising baskets over the past three years and donations to our conference, we covered all of the expenses and were able to donate \$1 000.00 to the Toronto Branch for their conference next year. We have just under a \$5 000. 00 surplus with which we plan to purchase a new screen and our own branch data projector for our meetings.

All our choices were good from the menus, to the musicians and the speakers. The opening evening was especially



*Thursday evening: Ruth with Don Monture & Zig Misiak*

significant since the Dominion fundraising for the Four Directions Project was presented to Janis Monture, director of Woodland Cultural Centre, for youth education. Elder Don Monture spoke to those assembled and shared his gratitude for our support as a Loyalist organization and friends with the First Nations. Fred Hayward UE presented a specially designed wampum belt, made on Manitoulin Island to Don Monture, recognizing our long established friendship and respect for one another. Joseph Brant descendant David Hill Morrison UE gave an opening address for our conference and Honorary Dominion Vice-President Zig Misiak spoke about the Battle of Stoney Creek and the Aboriginal warriors who supported the British and militia at this battle. All of these components came together to



*Thursday evening: Fred shows wampum belt*

form a very meaningful opening for our Dominion conference.

All of the day trips and lunches went well. Ravine Winery even gave us free wine tasting, when in Niagara. The speakers were outstanding. Those attending wished everyone could have heard the Friday speakers, Doug Adams (furs then and now) and Jim Taggart (early medicine). The two groups who visited Battlefield Park, Stoney Creek, enjoyed Native dancing, the Stewart Memorial choir and a British drum corp as well as a period clothing fashion show by Westfield Village.

Saturday's AGM dealt with the new federal guidelines for not for profit groups. A Toronto lawyer had been going through our constitution carefully and had made recommendations where changes were necessary, particularly in the membership category. President Robert McBride handed over his chain of office to incom-



*Thursday: Gloria Howard UE at Registration table with Sharon & Doug Coppins UE (photo by David Woodward)*



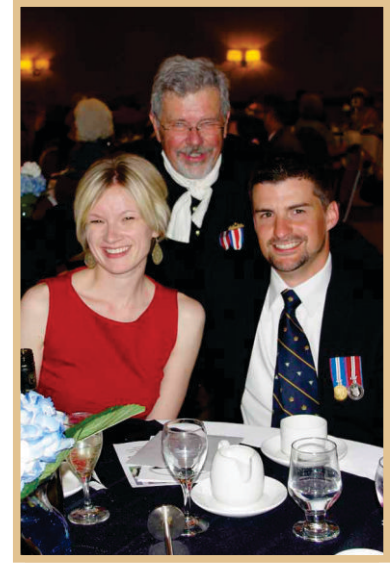
*Saturday - Peter Milikin UE introduces Nathan Tidridge*

ing Dominion President Bonnie Schepers, who followed tradition with an inaugural address at the gala banquet.

The entertainment at both the Burlington Golf and Country Club (Tamarack) and the Holiday Inn Gala (Cottonwood Brass) were exceptional. Those attending told me that both nights were like attending concerts. Nathan Tidridge, Saturday's keynote speaker was spectacular. He introduced us to Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, and father of Queen Victoria. Edward was a fascinating royal figure, who led a very interesting life in Gibraltar and in Canada. Many places are named for him, such as Prince Edward Island, Kent Gate in Quebec City, Kentville, King's County, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Prince Edward Square, St. John, New Brunswick and Kent College that eventually became the University of P.E.I. This was a fascinating topic. Afterward, Nathan signed copies of his most recent book, Prince Edward Duke of Kent, Father of the Canadian Crown.

The Sunday Service at Christ's Church Anglican Cathedral was awe inspiring. To enter into the vast space and see all the wooden architectural carving and detailed stained glass windows is quite something to behold! The service was excellent. A specially catered lunch was ready after the service and all remarked on the quality of the food that was prepared for all of us. It was the crowning event for this year's conference and it left everyone with a very positive experience.

I'd like to thank all members of the Conference Committee once again and most especially our registrar Gloria Howard who kept everything organized, clear and always upbeat. She was at all the registration tables for all the events and had printed out name cards for every single attendee. I'd also like to salute Fred Hayward, whose vast experience was drawn upon time and time again for protocol issues and all the details. Fred was the MC at both dinners and as a former art teacher his eye for aesthetics is beyond compare. Take note of the newly designed vertical banner, the glass display cases showing our history as an organization and as a branch, the menu cards at both dinners and the silver enveloped 1812 coin collector gifts at the gala. Fred arranged for the special letters for the front of the binder, from Rick Goldring, Mayor of Burlington, Mike Wallace M.P. and David



*Saturday gala - Fred with Christine Vanderwall & Nathan Tidridge*



*Friday dinner - Rowena Jeffreys UE with John & Michele Lewis UE*



*Saturday - Frank & Joan Lucas UE with Bob & Grietje McBride UE*



*Friday dinner - Back row: Marilyn Hardsand UE, Doug Coppins UE & Sharon Coppins UE; front row: David & Ruth Nicholson UE, Doug Adams, Susan Hutchins UE & Louise Ferriss UE*



*Saturday gala - New Dominion President Bonnie Schepers UE with husband Albert Schepers*



*Friday dinner - Pat Blackburn UE with Bev Corsini UE*



*Saturday gala - David Ellsworth UE & Betty Ellsworth*

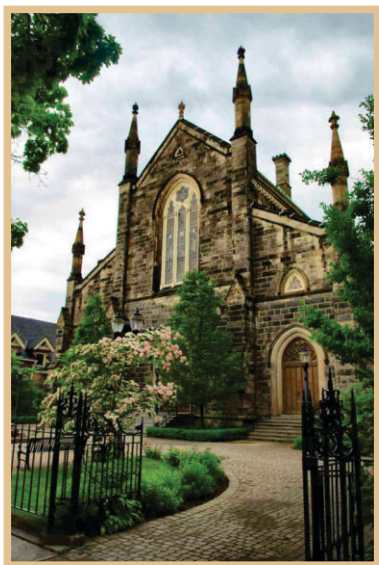


Sunday - Group photo at our Loyalist monument

Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

John and Michele Lewis brought in the perfectly coordinated gift baskets for our welcome room. Though they had a family wedding to attend on Saturday, they welcomed people to our Social room Thursday evening, helped with registration, getting bottles of water for the trips and encouraging anyone passing by to come in and see our display and sale room. John developed the electronic survey that was sent out to our attendees and he kept us abreast of incoming results.

Colin Morley developed the Niagara experience and saw that it happened. He also thanked one of our speakers. Doug and Sharon Coppins supported Colin during the all day trip to Niagara and they made sure that people weren't left behind whether on the Friday trip or on the way to dinner at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. Doug thanked the Friday musicians. Bev and Bob Corsini were there to help with anything and everything from bag stuffing and set-up to welcoming those wishing an extended social time in our



Sunday - Christ's Church Anglican Cathedral

welcome room Thursday evening. Bev's red coat apron was a real hit, as she dressed the part to serve anyone who stopped by the Pearson Room.

Jean Rae Baxter was the narrator on the microphone during the Niagara trip. She had just returned the day prior from a trip to Israel to promote one of her books and yet she stepped right into action. Jean thanked our Saturday musicians. Jean made the arrangements at the cathedral, from the readers to the hymns and the catered food. Pat Blackburn designed the local tour; it was full of interest and went smoothly. Pat also thanked one of our



speakers and arranged for the stuffing of the bags and the organization for the binders. Marilyn Hardsand accompanied Pat on the local tour and had the cell phone contacts if anything was needed. Marilyn made sure no one was left behind during the tour and also from the hotel to the off-site dinner.

Martha Hemphill helped here and there continually. Her extra data projector was always available, at the front, if an extra projector was needed as was the case on Saturday evening. Martha introduced and



Sunday - Jean Rae Baxter UE welcomes all to Christ's Church Cathedral

thanked our Friday speakers and gave announcements on Thursday. Catharine Gonnson was in the midst of an expanded business work load and an addition to her home yet she arranged for the floral centerpieces that were at the gala dinner. In all fairness I must thank Catharine's sister, Rhonda Donn who took on the design and delivery of these wonderful red, white and blue arrangements. New member to our team, David Woodward, recently retired from his second career, volunteered in many areas, arranged to have our brochures printed by the Tim Horton's Company, thanked our keynote speaker on Saturday and had his camera at the ready to record photos at all our events.

These are simply the core committee members. Many more people pitched in to give of their time and talents to make Hamilton Branch's conference a great success. Thank you to all.



This quilt hanging was a prize in the draw

## 15TH ANNUAL LOYALIST DAY

Bonnie Schepers, UELAC President, participated in the Ceremony of Honour and Remembrance at the UEL Monument in Hamilton under bright and clear skies. Here is a transcript of her presentation:

### UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST DAY - UELAC PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS HAMILTON ONTARIO June 19, 2013

"Just imagine that you are awakened tonight by someone in your family who says to you, 'Put the things you treasure most in one small bag that you can carry. And be ready in a few minutes. We have to leave our home and we will have to make it to the nearest border.' What mountains would you need to cross? How would you feel? How would you manage?"

These words spoken by Mary Ann Schwalbe, Founding Director of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, established in 1989, could very well be describing the experience of many of our Loyalist ancestors.

Perhaps the image of Loyalists as refugees does not attract the same attention as that of 'conquering heroes'. The reality of 70,000 Loyalists leaving the thirteen newly independent states, with considerable loss to property and family is difficult to celebrate. And what future did they face? After the weariness, the sickness, and the pain came the moment to re-build and acknowledge the possibility of a promising future in a new land.

The grandmother of Sir Leonard Tilley, one of the fathers of Confederation, expressed what many Loyalists felt when she wrote: "I climbed to the top of Chipman's Hill (Saint John) and watched the sails in the distance, and such a feeling of loneliness came over me that though I had not shed a tear through all the war, I sat down on the damp moss with my baby on my lap and cried bitterly."

We know the outcome of their struggle. It is a success story and one worth celebrating. The motto of the province of New Brunswick speaks to their endurance - Hope was restored. What provisions were they given to start their new life?

The following list of materials required by

the Loyalists was prepared in January, 1785: nails, hammers, gimlets, planes, chisels, gouges, hinges, iron-rimmed locks, padlocks, handsaws, crosscut saws, broad axes, adzes, rub stones, whipsaws, window glass, carpenter tools, blacksmith tools, carpenter squares and compasses, hoes, spades, pickaxes, plough shares, and twine.

We read that Loyalists also received food and settlement assistance including the following provisions given to each male inhabitant 14 years of age or older: leather for horse collars, two spades, 3 iron wedges, 3 hoes, 3 chisels, 1 gauge, one hand saw and file, one nail hammer, one drawing knife, 2 scythes, 1 sickle and 1 broad axe.

Each man and boy also received a coat, waistcoat, breeches, hat, shirt, blanket, shoe soles, leggings and stockings. Each woman and girl over six was allowed two yards of woollen cloth, four yards of linen, stockings, a blanket and shoe soles.

Each child under ten was to receive one yard of woollen cloth, two yards of linen, stockings and shoe soles. Two children shared a blanket. For travel, every five persons were allotted a tent and a cooking kettle.

Many of the Loyalists did not live through the first winter; many left with the relief fleets when they set sail next spring. In the very early days much of what our ancestors learned about their new land came from their relationship with the aboriginal people. They shared their knowledge of farming, hunting and trapping, exploration, food preparation and the use of natural remedies for medicinal purposes.

Could we make a life with such simple resources? Perhaps, if we had to. The loss of electricity through a power shutdown in the grid immediately throws us back into an environment of utter dependence on our instincts and natural abilities. We may do well to remember where we came from. Today we stand here as champions of the contribution of the United Empire Loyalists to the development of Canada.

This monument where we gather stands as an enduring reminder of the hardship and hope that define the history of the United Empire Loyalists. At its unveiling in May of 1929 it was applauded as "a wonderful

work of sculptural art, symbolic of hope, faith and determination...a perpetual reminder of devotion to principle, valour and the quality of overcoming the most difficult circumstances."

Included in the mission of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is support for the erecting, constructing and repairing of buildings, monuments and memorials in Canada that perpetuate the memory of the United Empire Loyalists. Monuments and memorials provide a setting where ceremony can take place. As author Carol Shields wrote, "Ceremony is society's cement".

Today as we meet to commemorate Loyalist Day in Ontario we are cementing the continued significance of the United Empire Loyalist history. We have a unique and important place in Canadian history and it is our responsibility to ensure that it is not forgotten.

Today we stand on the threshold of possibility. Within a few short months we will be marking the 100-year anniversary of our organization. One hundred years ago a decision was made to create a national organization that would honour the history of the Loyalists. The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada came into being with a Federal Charter, passed by Parliament, on May 27, 1914. As members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, we are the guardians of that vision. We cannot rely on someone else to tell our story.

And that is why commemoration services such as this one today celebrating Ontario's sixteenth annual United Empire Loyalist Day are important. With the constant stress and demanding pace of every day life it is good to step apart and pause to remember what brought us here. We have much to be thankful for.

I am so proud to call Canada my home and I am able to say that because like many of you, I have an ancestor who chose to remain loyal to the British Crown when the first rumblings of Revolution were felt in the thirteen colonies.

Today we celebrate June 19, Loyalist Day, first recognized in 1997 by a Legislative Assembly of Ontario bill giving us the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices and the achievements of our Loyalist ancestors. And after the reflection let us take

their story and their spirit into the community. Just as we have inherited the history of our ancestors, we are creating the heritage of those who will come after us. Today we raise the flag and our voices to proclaim "Loyal She Began, Loyal She Remains".

Bonnie L. Schepers UE  
President UELAC

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## BILLY GREEN STORY SUPPORTED BY WAR OF 1812 MAGAZINE

by Ruth Nicholson UE

*Excerpted from the article, Billy Green and the Battle of Stoney Creek (June 6 1813)*



*Stoney Creek James Gage's House as seen from the tower of the monument*

Member Doug Green UE sent me a recent, lengthy article that fully supports the concept that Billy Green was given the countersign by Isaac Corman, his brother-in-law who obtained it from the Americans when he was briefly taken captive. Billy took this information over to Colonel John Harvey, at Burlington Heights, who cross examined Billy, thinking that he was a spy, not having any paperwork to show that Billy was part of the local militia. Harvey decided to have his troops travel at night to Stoney Creek. There Harvey told Billy to "run through" the sentry and Billy regretted killing this man to his dying day, as told by his physician, Dr. Thomas Picton Brown, who related this fact on Billy's burial day, March 18, 1877.

It comes to light that Billy may not have wanted to bring attention to his role in this or any other killing later on as his brothers, Levi, John and Samuel spent a year in the York jail in 1814 due to accusations by Mohawk Chief John Norton that they had

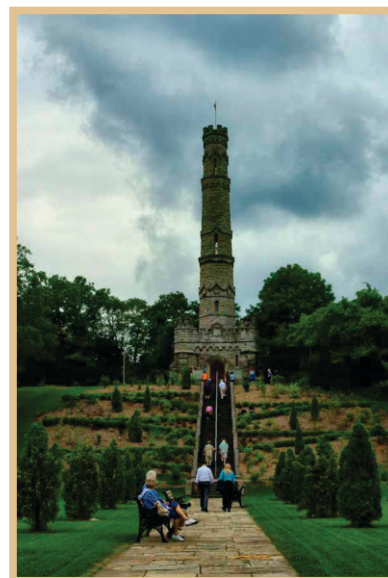
murdered Indians. Lieutenant General Sir Gordon Drummond offered a hundred pounds reward to anyone with evidence to convict these Green boys. The Greens said that the Indians had stolen everything they had right in the presence of Norton.

Billy Green was illiterate, unlike Laura Secord who was literate and promoted her own cause. Billy had no reason to promote his own cause as it seems he felt there was a dark side to his story, due to killing the sentry.

Author Philip Green, an Adam Green descendant (father of Billy) has gone to great length to show the similarities in reports, diaries and interviews when looking over the details of the battle of Stoney Creek. He feels that Billy was a young man who took initiative and risks and who fought in this battle, contributing to the repelling of the



*Photo of Queen Mary who unveiled the monument electronically in 1913*



*Stoney Creek Battlefield Monument*

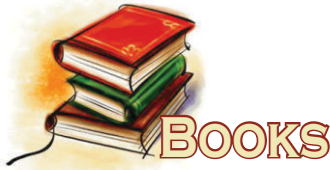


*Stoney Creek monument with name of Billy Green the Scout*

Americans, as best he could do. The author feels that in this the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek that history books should be rewritten to recognize the heroic actions of Billy Green and indeed of Isaac Corman as well.

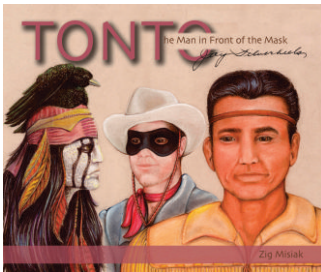
Many contributors to this article are mentioned. I would like to recognize Doug Green UE as one of the main sources for this publication.

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## Tonto – The Man in Front of the Mask

by Zig Misiak



Reviewed by Ruth Nicholson UE  
("Loyalist Trails" 2013-20: May 19, 2013)

Tonto is a familiar name to all the Baby Boomers, of which I am a member. Saturday mornings weren't complete without seeing "the masked man on his white stallion" and hearing: "Hi Yo Silver and away!" Another major part of that show was the Lone Ranger's friend and assistant, the Native American, Tonto and he called the ranger, "Kemo Sabe" which it is believed means "faithful friend".

This is only one tiny piece of information that I gleaned from reading Zig's new, Tonto. The book is beautifully illustrated with drawings by Six Nations artists and photographs saved years ago by family and friends in the Brantford area as well as from Zig's lens. The charts are fabulous and they make the history so clear.

I love the way the book begins with Zig and Don Monture walking on The Six Nations, looking at the lacrosse field and the home where "Tonto" was raised. Don Monture, you may recall, spoke at the opening evening of our conference, in Burlington, after receiving the wampum belt from Past Dominion President Fred Hayward, in May. Don is a tall man: I went over to his table later that evening and had a wonderful conversation with him. I could definitely see him and Zig retracing the environment for this book.

I think we all know that Jay Silverheels was the actor who portrayed Tonto. I don't think that many of us knew that his birth name was Harry Smith. He was nicknamed Silverheels due to his astounding

speed and scoring ability on the lacrosse field. He had been called "Jay" at home so that name did come naturally. Harry took the name, Jay Silverheels as his legal name in 1971, well after his run with the famous television show that ended in 1957.

Many young people have a rough and challenging beginning to adulthood. Harry knew his best potential was as an athlete. He played on high level lacrosse teams, winning championships across the USA and he won wrestling and boxing titles as well. He trained horses at a young age, at home. Through his sports he became friends with a comedian named Joe E. Brown, who led him into the acting industry in California. It was quite the trip to fame: many small parts and commercials before and after the Lone Ranger series.

Harry was always cognizant of the model he was presenting of the "Indian" and he worked hard at getting roles that were not stereotypical but after becoming famous as Tonto, that was not an easy task. Harry founded the Indian Actors Workshop in Hollywood that promoted the filling of Native roles by Native actors and to change the unsavory image that was often the role portrayed by these people. Through his work, actors such as Chief Dan George, Graham Greene and Cheri Maracle have been given greater opportunity.

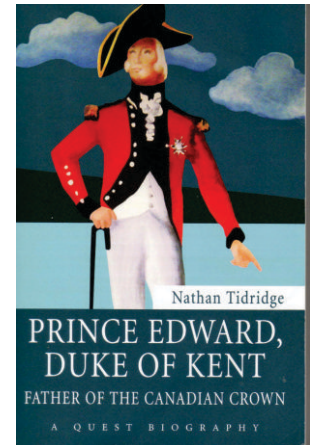
My favourite part in this book is Harry's visit home to Brantford and the Six Nations in 1957. He was welcomed home in a big parade and he was the keynote speaker at various prestigious locations. The whole experience was shared with his wife and young daughter and Harry said it was the best time of his life - something he would always remember. He actually had tears; he was so touched by all the love and admiration he was receiving. The photo of the children crowding around the parade car is great; I feel like I was one of them!

Why should we, as a Loyalist association be interested in this book? In an early chapter, Zig was asked who on the Six Nations had family members who identified with the American Revolution and the resettlement along the Grand River. Zig paused and replied, "All of them." How profound!

Tonto – The Man in Front of the Mask is available at many Chapters/Indigo bookstores as well as independent book sellers, heritage shops, museums and on-line at [www.realpeopleshistory.com](http://www.realpeopleshistory.com)

## Prince Edward, Duke Of Kent, Father of the Canadian Crown

by Nathan Tidridge



Reviewed by Colin Morley UE

As a Loyalist, I am certainly familiar with King George III. It was loyalty to him that cost my Loyalist colonial ancestors pretty well everything they possessed. I also know a fair bit about Queen Victoria. It was during her long reign that Canada emerged as a political entity. But what was there in between? Well, of course, there was Queen Victoria's father, Prince Edward. What do we know about him?

A lot of us have visited Prince Edward Island (named after Edward in 1798) and I have a son and grandson in Prince Edward County so I go there often. But do we know much about the life of Prince Edward himself and his role in Canada's history? It is that gap that Nathan Tidridge set out to clarify in his latest book Prince Edward, Duke Of Kent, Father Of The Canadian Crown. For me, when I discovered that on the cover of the book is a reproduction of a portrait commemorating Edward's 1792 meeting with Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe in Newark during the first royal tour of Upper Canada, that is when it all began to fit together. That is Newark, now Niagara-on-the-Lake, next door to where my Loyalist ancestors settled and it all becomes familiar.

Prince Edward Augustus, Duke Of Kent and Strathearn was born in 1767 (at the site of what would become Buckingham Palace) and died in 1820. He was the fifth of fifteen children of King George III and Queen Charlotte. King George III inherited the throne in 1760. As Edward grew up, he was much influenced by the



American Revolution. Edward was six when the Declaration Of Independence was issued and sixteen when the Treaty of Paris was signed.

As the fourth son, Edward was hardly likely to follow his father in the throne. In an effort to keep Edward away from the lifestyles of his older brothers, King George sent Edward to Geneva. When by 1789 Edward had accumulated large debts and fathered a child (mother died in childbirth) King George banished him to Gibraltar in 1790. The hot climate there accentuated Edward's health problems and he pleaded with his father to move him. He would have preferred to return to the Royal Family in England but knowing that was not an option, Edward chose British North America. So in 1791, at age twenty-three, accompanied by his new friend Madame Julie de St. Laurent, Edward was off to Quebec. On December 26, 1791, not long after Edward's arrival in Quebec, Lord Dorchester proclaimed the Constitution Act, resulting in the division of Upper and Lower Canada. Edward immediately began to play a prominent role in that new division.

Supported by extensive research and presented in an easy flowing writing style, Nathan Tidridge proceeds to cover the development of Canada and the important role played by Edward in that development. With brief absences (in 1794 in the Caribbean and Martinique in military action against France and in 1798 back in England recovering from injuries suffered when his horse rolled on him) Edward spent eleven years in Canada.

I commend the book to you for your information and enjoyment. Further more, I look forward to hearing Mr. Tidridge's presentation on the book at the Loyalist Gala Banquet at the Conference hosted by the Hamilton Branch in Burlington on Saturday June 1st.



## Ontario Grant

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



## OUR ANCESTORS

### Loyalist Ancestor Peter Davy UEL

by Descendant Barry Baker UE

PETER DAVY was born on 31 May 1724 in Schenectady, New York, USA. His parents were Thomas Davy and Catrin Klein and he was baptized 31 May 1724 in the Reformed Dutch Stone Arabia Lutheran Church, Schenectady, New York, USA. He married ANNA MARIA SALTSMAN, daughter of George Saltsman and Margaret Klein.

Peter lived by the shores of the Mohawk River near where Little Falls, New York is located. During the Revolutionary war he and most of his sons fought in the British army and after the war ended they immigrated to Upper Canada and were known as United Empire Loyalists. Peter Davy was a private in the 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rangers of New York.

In his petition for additional lands, 16 June 1790, Peter Davy identified himself as a late private in the 2nd Battalion Royal Yorkers' (KRRNY). Although he was not included in the muster roll of disbanded soldiers settled in Ernestown 7 Oct 1784, Peter drew 500 acres for himself and his family, which consisted of a wife and seven children. By 1790, Peter had made a good improvement on the land. He died on 09 Jul 1790 in Bath, Ernestown, Lennox Addington, Ontario, Canada.



Ruth & Michele with Barry Baker & his 3 certificates

### Loyalist Ancestor William Ketcheson UEL

by Descendant Barry Baker UE

William Ketcheson, was a native of England, and came to America with his Grandfather, his father being dead. They settled in South Carolina, and lived there until the rebellion broke out. William Ketcheson, was then about seventeen years of age, and entered the British service as a dragoon, under Lord Cornwallis. He served during the war; took part in many engagements, and was wounded in the thigh.

Shortly before the close of hostilities he married Mary Rull, daughter of John Rull, a loyalist. After the peace he went to Nova Scotia and engaged in fishing for a while; lived in a shanty at a rock-bound place, called Port Mouton. A devastating bush fire swept over the place, burning up mostly everything and nearly his wife Mary and son who was then only about 18 months old. He and his mother were put on board a boat and taken to New York. William remained to settle his affairs at Nova Scotia, and then he entered Canada, alone, in 1786.

He settled in the Hay Bay section of Fredericksburgh Township, in Lennox & Addington County. There, he worked a farm on shares, in the third township, belonging to John Miller. William raked grain and after a few years he went for his family. Subsequently, he worked Spence's farm on shares for many years. William and his family finally moved to Sidney, in 1800 and settled on the fifth concession on his land grants of 600 acres.

**Loyalist Ancestor****David Fraser UEL**

by Descendant Barry Baker UE

David Fraser was born in 1769 in the Mohawk Valley New York USA to parents Daniel Fraser and Sarah Conklin, as per Richard Ripley UE, Loyalist Genealogist.

As a young lad David was enlisted as either a drummer or a fifer in his father's regiment under Colonel Jacob Baum. In the early 1790's David crossed into Canada and in 1794 he married Rebecca Dies, daughter of Matthew Dies Sr. and Eva Van Loon in Richmond Twp. Lennox County. Here they raised a family of four children. In 1797 David applied for a land grant of 200 acres as a Loyalist. David's petition was granted; he received deeds for Concession 2 Lots 24 and 25. Later in 1822, David purchased 200 acres from Henry Simmons. This land was on Concession 6 Lot 41. David died in 1850 in Ernestown, Lennox & Addington County, Ontario.

**Loyalist Ancestor Christian Keller UEL**

by Descendant Gloria Howard UE



*Gloria Howard UE – Christian Keller Certificate*

According to the book, The Palatinate Families of New York, by Henry Z. Jones Jr. in the year 1767 Christian Keller (4GGF) served with Captain Abraham Van Aerman's Company. He was a son of Conrad Keller and was born in New York. He married Elizabetha Backus, daughter of Johann Backus and Catherina Scheffer and they had 7 children.

Christian is listed as one of the first settlers of Albany at the time of his son, Frederick's baptism in 1760. Along with his sons, Frederick and John and at least two daughters and their families settled in Fredericksburgh Township about 1784.

Christian through age and other infirmity was unable to take an active part in the Revolution any farther than assisting Loyalists leaving the States to join the British Army. The proof I needed came in the form of the successful Land Petition of his daughter Jean (Keller) Coughnutt in 1797 listing Christian as a Loyalist.

**Loyalist Ancestor - William Davis UEL**

by Descendant Nancy Misener UE

In 1781, General Cornwallis and his men were sheltered and fed on the plantation of William Davis, in Orange county North Carolina. After Cornwallis' men left, the Davis property including his home and outbuildings were destroyed by fire at the hands of the Rebels.

William Davis and his wife Hannah Phillips with their family of seven children, decided to move north to British territory and remain loyal to the British Crown. Hannah died shortly after arriving in Upper Canada. William was given land in Barton Township which is now the Glendale golf course. He established the first grist mill at Albion Falls and built a home called Harmony Hall, that was torn down a few years ago. He and his family became part of the group of founders of the fruit growing industry in Burlington.

**Loyalist Ancestor - Andrew Denike UEL**

by Descendant Bruce Misener UE

Andrew Denike was born in New York. He lived in Kingston and Prince Edward County where he was buried at Cressy Cemetery in 1839. He married Catherine Bird, daughter of Anthony Bird, a well know "Loyalist Sufferer" buried on Staten Island.

Earlier records show the spelling as Denyke and Ten Eyck. The family was originally Huguenot who emigrated first to Holland and then to New York. Andrew served in the New Jersey Volunteers and at the close of the war received large grants of land in Kingston Township, on the site of the Village of Cataraqui. He may not have cultivated this land, as he did become a Master Mariner on Lake Ontario.

He built and kept, for some years, a tavern in the Town of Kingston. He later settled in Fredericksburgh, where many of his descendants lived in Prince Edward County. Andrew Denike spent his last years in North Marysburg. He was engaged as a mariner and gave assistance to the Royal forces during the war of 1812.



*Nancy Misener UE & Bruce Misener UE*

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## Loyalist Ancestor John Lymburner UEL

by Descendants Edward Early UE & Bonnie Manuel UE



Bonnie Manuel UE & Edward Early UE

John Lymburner was born April 8th 1769 in Penoscot Mass. (now in the state of Maine). John married Elizabeth Greenlaw in Lincoln Co. Upper Canada in 1792. They had 10 children who all lived to adulthood.

John's father was Mathew Lymburner a Scottish merchant who along with his wife Margaret settled in Montreal in 1761. They also had 10 children. In 1767 they moved to Penoscot to be a farmer and miller.

During the Revolutionary War Mathew joined the British forces and worked for the Indian Department as did John's future father-in-law Jonathan Greenlaw. They both became United Empire Loyalists.

During the Revolutionary War American forces attempted to capture the British

base at Penoscot but were defeated. Despite this, 10 year old John was captured and taken prisoner along with other "Tories" and threatened to be hanged. He was put aboard an American frigate with other Tories but managed to escape into the forest as the ship proceeded up the Penoscot River and so he returned home.

After the Revolutionary War the Limburgers' lost everything. They moved to St. Andrew, New Brunswick. Mathew died shortly after in 1788. His wife Margaret remarried and with her new husband and children moved to Caistor Township in Lincoln Co. Upper Canada as New Brunswick Loyalists.

John as a loyalist and son of a loyalist, received land in 1799 on the Chippawa River where he became involved with the lumber trade and consequently built the first sawmill in Caistor Township. His sawmill provided the "boardings" to build the first Anglican Church in Chippawa and for another church to serve all other denominations.

During the War of 1812, John now in his mid 40's served with the 4th Regiment Lincoln Militia. He was with his regiment at Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane

His gristmill was a casualty of the war and was burned by the Americans but like all tragedies of war was rebuilt.

John Lymburner died May 14th 1824 in Lincoln Co. Upper Canada. He is buried at Caistor Township Lincoln Co.

## Loyalist Ancestor Johan Adam Papst UEL

by Descendant Richard Poaps UE



Richard Poaps UE

According to Rupp's, 30,000 Names of Immigrants, Johan Adam Papst 1730(+/-) to 1807 (+/-) arrived in Philadelphia on the ship "Two Brothers", Sept. 28th, 1753.

Despite extensive research, his movements have not been confirmed until he turns up in the Mohawk valley in NY province and married Eva Marie Hamm ca 1760. On the manifest of the ship Two brothers, there is a person with the name, Hamm and conjecture would indicate that possibly Eva Maria and her father were on that ship. It is only postulated that he came from Saxony.

In the Mohawk valley Johan and Eva produced three sons and 5 daughters, the first being Maragaret ca 1757 and the first male Rudolph ca 1760. The youngest was John Adam Papst, born in Brunswick, Rennsellar county NY, 12th July, 1777, as the revolutionary war was well underway.

Adam Paps (Pabst) and his oldest son Rudolph, are known to have been incarcerated and "appeared before the Board", 17 Mar. 1781 in Albany County, and were freed on payment of 100 pounds each.

At some point Johan joined Butlers Rangers and the Census of Niagara of 1783, indicates Adam Papes was released from Capt Lewis Genevay's company on Nov 30, 1783. His son Rudolph joined the KRRNY.

## Loyalist Ancestor James Hughson UEL

by Descendant Paul Lewington UE

James Hughson was born in Dutchess County, New York, about 1746. James sided with the Loyalists in the Revolutionary War. In his petition, which was brought into New Brunswick following the war, James claimed that in 1776, at the outbreak of war to aid in the protection of the British Army at New York, he left his estate. He may never have returned.

James stated that he had served one and one-half years under Major Thomas Ward (Royal Standard Regiment) in the construction of Fort Delaney at Bergen Point. James Hughson was a deacon of the Baptist church at Springfield, Kings County, New Brunswick. He died at Belleisle in May 1806.



Paul Lewington UE & Jillian Christian UE

At the conclusion of hostilities Johan Adam received 300 acres of land in Winchester Township along with two other relatives, and Rudolph Papist obtained 200 acres in Osnabruck Township. All children that relocated to this area near present day Cornwall received land grants, although there are several occasions where possession of these specific lots are not clear and clean.

The will of the patriarch, Johan Adam and the will from Rudolph outline their children, but children for the other two sons has been very difficult to authenticate. Two similar handwritten notes from ca 1923 would seem to indicate the family of the second male child, Daniel Frederich, but the children of the 3rd male child, John Adam born 1777 has been very difficult and paid researchers have not been able to confirm the children of this 3rd child. His marriage to Elizabeth McWilliams in 1800 fits with the modest evidence of children and the census of 1850 and on, confirms the homestead of Johan Adam on Lot 2 Con 3 Stormont County. The will of Johan Adam dated 1808, leaves the majority of land and possessions to his youngest son, John Adam and intensive searching of land transactions show the transfer and selling of various plots from John Adam to his children.

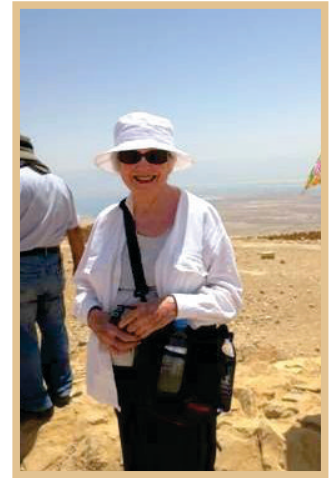
It is concluded that this union of John Adam and Elizabeth McWilliams produced a family of 10 to 11 children all domiciled in Stormont county, and the youngest male child John Jacob Poaps(t) (1823-1896) is considered to be the link. Many land records exist relating to J.J. Poaps as the developer of the town of Osnabruck Centre, and the Belden maps and his obituary in the Cornwall Standard of Feb 17, 1896 clearly indicate his activities as a developer and entrepreneur. It is considered that he was a quite successful land realtor as he is involved in many land transactions. He was on the council of Osnabruck Centre for three terms (1872-75), the postmaster 1853-1877, and at one point owned a tavern and established a, "Fair grounds" on the farm that he purchased from John Adam, his pseudo father, in Osnabruck twp. The actual records of birth were burned and lost in the Church fire in Osnabruck ca 1922 but records of his marriage and the birth of his children exist.

The actual link therefore of John Jacob to John Adam is therefore considered tenuous but when taken in the context of land transactions provides a very strong likelihood.

A history of Johan Adam Papst and Eva Marie was researched and published by Lt. Col Ervan Amidon (USAF Ret'd) of Traverse City Mi. in 2007, and claims UE status through the oldest son, Rudolph, of John Adam and brother to John Jacob.

## JEAN RAE BAXTER IN ISRAEL

Jean Rae Baxter UE at Masada in Israel. In 73 AD, 960 Jews leapt to their death from this high plateau rather than be taken as slaves to Rome. Jean was in Israel in May for the Tel Aviv launch of Hazut Mehegenet, the Hebrew translation of her short stories.



Jean in Masada

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## EDUCATION REVIEW

by Pat Blackburn

It has been another successful year for the Education Committee in our in-school presentations for Grades 3 and 7. We completed 50 presentations this year. A thank you to the following people for giving up precious hours to spread the Loyalist story to the future members of our association: Jean Rae Baxter, Pat Blackburn, Fred Hayward, and Ruth Nicholson. Three other members also assisted on occasion during the year, Dorothy Bingle, Judith Nuttall and Frank Rupert.



*Shaver Family Reunion with Ruth as guest speaker*

Our presentations are 90 minutes long and we have four large tables of artifacts for the students to touch and see how they operate. These articles bring to life what has just been talked about in the presentation.

Attached are pictures of Frank Rupert and Ruth Nicholson demonstrating the artifacts at Winona Public School.

Our territory this year expanded out as far as Binbrook. We also had several French Immersion classes.



*Education Presentation with Frank Rupert UE & Ruth Nicholson UE*

## PASSAGES

## Robert Colin Mills UE

*from the Hamilton Spectator  
June 29 2012*

It is with sorrow we announce the passing of Robert "Colin" Mills, 6th generation Hamiltonian. Lover of and long-time resident of Belle Cote, Cape Breton. Beloved husband of Barbara, father to Linda (Peter Sutherland), Lucy (Robert Camargo), and David (Janet Lebeau); grandfather to Christopher (Genevieve), Andrew (Meadow), Kristin, Jesse (Charlene) Sam (Michelle), Hal, Mark, Alex (Jenna) and Bryn; great-grandfather to Cora, Gwyneth, Grayden and Ellis, and leaves behind his beloved dog Brett.

Owner of the world renowned Herbert S. Mills China at King and James. An original member and past president of the United Empire Loyalist Association and an enthusiastic traveler and herpetologist. A vivid teller of tall tales, some even true! His family came to the Canadian wilderness in the 1790s and built a cabin near the corner of King and Queen St., as one of the area's first settlers long before Hamilton existed. At a young age, he spent countless hours exploring the escarpment looking for salamanders and snakes, and developing a keen interest in natural history.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Calvin United Church in Margaree Harbour, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia or the Nova Scotia Nature Trust at [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca). A graveside service will take place on Wednesday, July 3rd at 1:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Cemetery, 777 York Blvd, Hamilton.

It is to be noted, that Colin attended Loyalist events when he was in the area. He was our guest speaker in February 2001. His uncle Stanley Mills gave the Loyalist monument to the City of Hamilton in 1929.



## ONTARIO VISUAL HERITAGE PROJECT

### A Desert Between Us & Them: Raiders, Traitors and Refugees in the War of 1812

**Free Premiere Viewings** - [www.visualheritage.ca/](http://www.visualheritage.ca/)

A full length version will be screening at the following locations, starting at the posted times.

**August 24 in Brantford at the Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts**, 88 Dalhousie St. Phone: 519 758 8090 or 1 800 265 0710; at 7:00 p.m.

**August 30th at Christ Church, Amherstburg** as part of the Tall Ships Festival at 7:30 p.m.

**September 21st at Dundurn Castle, Hamilton** as part of Hamilton & the Scourge Memorial celebrations; events begin at 12:00 p.m.; screening at 1:00 p.m.

**October 1st at Kiwanis Theatre, Chatham** - part of the Battle of the Thames Commemorations at 7:00 p.m.

**November 9, Cayuga**, as part of the Battle of Naniticoke Creek, location TBA, 7:00 p.m.

**February 22, 2014 at Fanshawe Pioneer Village, London**; daytime screening times TBA

**Television premiere on TVO on Saturday October 5th at 9:00 p.m.**

## 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.*

- Sept. 29** Annual Picnic at historic Dan & Dorothy Wentworth's farm, 1573 Butter Rd. W., Ancaster; meet at 3 p.m. Bring a pot luck food item to share.
- Oct. 24** Dr. David Faux – Researching through DNA Evidence
- Nov. 22** Dorothy Turcotte – Col. Robert Nelles & his family from Grimsby
- Dec. 7** Christmas Luncheon, St. Andrew's Anglican, 156 Main St. W., Grimsby, 12 noon. Tickets cost \$22.00 each. Contact Gloria Howard UE
- Feb. 27** AGM - Anne Jarvis – The Griffin House of Ancaster

### OTHER EVENTS:

#### Ancaster Historical Society

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

- Nov. 30** Bob Williamson – Lake Ontario Naval History in the War of 1812
- Jan. 25** Dave Ciacone – Tales of Historic Mills & Maintaining Their Value

#### Dundas Valley Historical Society

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

- Sept. 11** Dave MacDougall - History of the Desjardins Canal
- Oct. 9** Robin McKee – War of 1812 – Virtual Cemetery Tour at Garstin Centre for the Arts, Home of Dundas Little Theatre, 37 Market St. S.

#### Fieldcote Museum

63 Sulphur Springs Rd. Ancaster; also at the Old Town Hall next door. 7 p.m.

- The Bloody Assize Display** continues until 2014. Additional elements have been added.
- Nov. 6** Lois Carey - Coffee & Culture at the Old Town Hall. Noose, Knife, Fire and Plough: Ancaster and the War of 1812, highlighting the Bloody Assize.

#### Waterdown - East Flamborough Heritage Society

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

- Nov. 9** Heritage Book Fair, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Guest Speaker Nathan Tidridge – The Duke of Kent, Queen Victoria's Father

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