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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 PAT BLACKBURN UE

The next issue of the Branch Newsletter comes quicker than a flash and I can barely keep up. The following items will be of interest to you and further into the newsletter there will be additional information on some of these subjects, along with pictures. This is surely an enticement to read on!

Membership

Our membership listing to date of writing is 180. This is good, but we are not yet up to our total for last year, which was just over the 200 mark. Those who renew annually, help our branch to flourish. Our memberships also help the Dominion office to meet its budget needs.

If you have not yet paid your 2014 membership, please try to do this soon. The year will be half over within a month! When you pay your dues past the halfway point for the current year you are only within a couple months of paying again for next year! Your annual membership includes two issues of the Dominion magazine, The Loyalists' Gazette, three branch newsletters, monthly meetings and several special events for the year.

Mentoring

The Hamilton Branch acts as a mentor to other branches. People may move out of the area, but they remember us and reflect on their time with us when taking on responsibilities at a new Branch. It is always nice to hear from our past members who have moved. This is especially true of Betty and Frans Compeer who have taken on the responsibility of Membership Chairs at the Victoria Branch. Well done!

Loyally Yours- One Hundred Years of the UELAC – new book now published

Hamilton Branch member and past president, Fred Hayward, is the editor of this new book.

The incredible amount of time spent on research and compiling such a legacy is a credit to Fred and to our Hamilton Branch through his association. A copy of Loyally Yours would look very good in your personal library. It is ready for purchase.

As mentioned in my recent May memo to members, the preferred way for purchase is to send a cheque by June 1st for \$25 to Fred Hayward, 1559 Venetia Dr., Oakville, Ontario, L6L 1K8. This method will reserve a copy that can be picked up at the Conference in Toronto. There will be an extra charge for any mailing (shipping and handling) that has to be done and it is hoped you will choose to pick up your book(s) at the Conference.



Roy Winders & Pat Blackburn at St. Luke's Burlington

RECIPIENTS OF VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Each Spring the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Awards and the Ontario Volunteer Awards are given out to deserving members to thank them for all their unpaid hours given to the community.



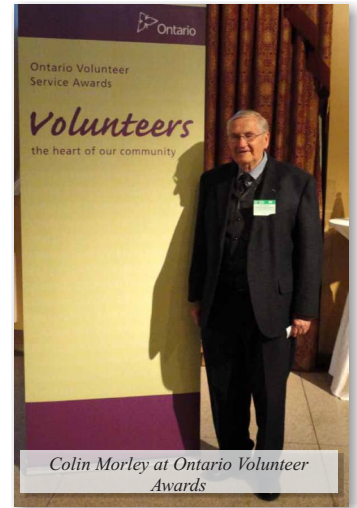
Ruth receives Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Award from Councillor Paul Miller



Doug & Sharon Coppins at Ontario Volunteer Awards



Marilyn Hardsand at Ontario Volunteer Awards



Colin Morley at Ontario Volunteer Awards

The Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Award for our branch was given to Ruth Nicholson on February 22 at Heritage Day Hamilton at the city hall. This is Ruth's second such award.

The Ontario Volunteer Awards were presented at Liuna Station in Hamilton on April 1st, 2014. Hamilton Branch recipients were: Pat Blackburn, Doug Coppins and Sharon Coppins for 5 years of service, Colin Morley for 10 years of service, Marilyn Hardsand and Fred Hayward for 15 years of service.

Congratulations to all who were honoured.

SUPPORT OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Several of our members hold leadership roles in other organizations in the area. One such person is Pat Saunders, who is on the executive of The Hamilton Historic Board, The Mountain Heritage Society and The Women's Canadian Club, to mention just a few such associations. Of the latter, Pat is the current president.

women police officers from the city and the province were present to hear this talk. Members Gloria Howard, Bev Corsini and Ruth Nicholson were also present, to support Pat Saunders as she is very supportive of our branch.

ESSEX BUS TRIP

Don't forget to purchase a place on the bus to Essex County on July 25 and 26th. There are eight to ten seats remaining!



Ruth Nicholson, Marilyn Hardsand & President Pat Blackburn at Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Awards, city hall

On May 14 The Women's Canadian Club of Hamilton hosted a Dinner at the Scottish Rite. The speaker was Lieutenant-Colonel Angela M. Banville, a member of the Canadian Forces. Her presentation pertained to her adventures and experiences in the line of duty. It was extremely interesting to hear of her family's moves to Germany and also to the far North of Canada. Several



2014 Hamilton Branch executive
President Pat Blackburn, Fred Hayward, Gloria Oakes, Martha Hemphill, Marilyn Hardsand, Gloria Howard, Michele Lewis, Colin Morley, Ruth Nicholson, Bev Corsini

LOYALIST LICENSE PLATES - GET YOURS TODAY!

Ruth Nicholson UE

I'm so proud to have my Loyalist license plates on our family car.

You can still obtain your own special Loyalist licence plate by writing a cheque for \$110.00 for the first set and any additional sets are \$100.00. Send your cheque to the Dominion Office at: UELAC, 50 Baldwin St., Suite 202, Toronto ON M5T 1L4.

You can read more information and obtain the order form through the Dominion website at www.uelac.org go to

Projects - go to Dominion Projects.

Hamilton Branch was the biggest supporter of this project! We'd like to see many more Ontario cars with our Loyalist licence plates proudly displayed!



REMEMBERING LOYALISTS' DAY

by Pat Blackburn UE

Days of remembrance are set for real purposes. We are all filled with pride and thankful for achievements as they are happening. As time rolls by, we may forget! Thus we really need days of remembrance to bring us back to these important dates in our history.

Loyalists' Day was set as June 19th in Ontario in 1997. Our Hamilton Branch has faithfully held an annual ceremony at the Loyalists' Family Monument, 50 Main Street East, Hamilton (corner of Main and John Streets). The ceremony takes an hour. It is always touching and relevant to those who attend. An aura of peace drifts in. The ceremony is followed by a time for refreshments in the front foyer of McMaster's Continuing Education Building.

The Committee has worked at getting a



varied crowd as well as participants to come to our Special Day. Our speaker this year is a former Chief of the New Credit First Nations, Carolyn King.

The Loyalists only had one set criteria. They could be from any country or culture, speak any language, practice any religion,

be educated or illiterate, **but must be Loyal to the King.** All who were Loyal during the American Revolutionary War fought on the side of the King. Our forefathers came to Canada as refugees, after this war, to start over again. Let us take a moment to reflect on the hardships endured, the strong will and ingenuity of these early settlers. It is a time to give thanks to our ancestors.

We will have members in period costume, flag bearers, and a piper to lead the colour party as well as two young loyalists from the family of steadfast flag bearer, Frank Rupert to place flowers at our monument. Parliamentarians and representatives of local historical organizations will lay wreaths. Mayor Bob Bratina will bring greetings from city hall.

Come and be part of the celebration on June 19th at 11 a.m.

TRIP TO ESSEX COUNTY - JULY 25-26, 2014

2014 Hamilton Branch UELAC – 100th Anniversary of UELAC



You are invited to join us in a trip of discovery to Essex County. Along the way we will take you to sites of early Delaware Nations, Black History, War of 1812 battle fields and lake battles as well as Loyalist settlement. This will take you to the location of the **Loyalist New Settlement** where 97 lots were granted to the Loyalists in 1792.

The cost: **double occupancy is \$220 & for a single is \$265**, 2 lunches, 1 breakfast & Sat fish dinner is included. **Send cheque made out to UELAC – Hamilton Branch to Gloria Howard, 409 – 908 Mohawk Rd. E., Hamilton, L8T 2R8 to save your place.** glohoward@shaw.ca or ruth.nicholson@sympatico.ca for inquiries. Only 10 seats left, so save your place today.

Day 1

- Depart at 7 a.m. from St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Dr. Waterdown for arrival in the Thamesville area to visit Fairfield Museum
- Site of the Battle of the Thames & the Tecumseh monument
- Uncle Tom's Cabin, Dresden
- The Chilled Cork, Chatham for lunch
- Point Pelee National Park
- Ray's Ribhouse, Leamington for dinner at a cost of \$20 taxes & gratuity included
- King's Hotel & Suites & Adam's Motel, Kingsville for overnight; 1 1/2 km between them

Day 2

- 50's Diner for breakfast, part of the Heritage Village & Transportation Museum, Kingsville
- John R Park Homestead to view the location of the Battle of Lake Erie & Put-in Bay, Ohio
- Dancing Swallows Vineyard, Ruth's home farm – see the beginnings of a vineyard
- Malden's Farmers' Market & International Doll Museum
- Viewpoint Winery for lunch, on Loyalist land N. Shore Lake Erie, Harrow
- Fort Malden, King's Navy Yard Park & finish at The Legion for their famous Fish dinner for supper, Amherstburg. Return to Waterdown by 9:30 or 10 p.m.



OUR ANCESTORS

Peter Stover UEL

by Descendant Rob Stokes UE



Robert Stokes with (Immediate) Past Dominion President Robert McBride receives certificate through ancestor Peter Stover

Peter Stover was born in 1758 in New Jersey, most probably in Monmouth County. He enlisted with the 5th Battalion of the New Jersey Volunteers on the 1st of October 1777. Amalgamation of the battalions later placed him in the 1st Battalion where he served until 1783. The regiment saw duty in New Jersey, Long Island, Staten Island, Virginia and South Carolina. The New Jersey Volunteers was the largest of the Loyalist Provincial regiments in the colonies during the war. At its peak the regiment mustered six battalions (about 5,000 soldiers, many of whom came from Monmouth County). He fought as a member of the Battalion's Light Company. At the end of the war, in September 1783, he boarded the Duke of Richmond and sailed with members of his regiment to St John's Harbour, Nova Scotia. The new Province of New Brunswick would be formed 2 years later. His regiment was disbanded on the 10th of October 1783. In New Brunswick, the officers, soldiers and their families received free grants of land for their service, as well as provisions for the next three years. Laws passed by the new state governments,

New Jersey included, had precluded their returning home.

Peter Stover applied for and was granted land in Sussex Parish, Kings County, New Brunswick where he farmed for about 30 years. In his late 50s he moved to Shediac, New Brunswick where he farmed and ran an inn. Peter married a local girl named Mathilla in 1784 and together they had 7 children. Mathilla passed away about 1810. He remarried a woman named Cynthia and together they had 3 more children. Many of his children married, settled, had families and farmed in Sussex. There are still descendants of Peter Stover there. Peter joined and served in the militia in New Brunswick during the War of 1812. After the war some of his children moved to Upper Canada, most of them settling and farming in Kent and Elgin Counties.

One of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Joseph Hall. One of their daughters, Hannah, married Robert Walters of St John's Isle (Prince Edward Island) and also moved to Kent County. When he was 76, Peter moved again. He followed his children and grandchildren to Upper Canada where he passed away in April of 1836, in Raleigh Township, Kent County.



Gloria Oakes & Michele Lewis present Madelon Roberts with her certificate through John Smith



Gloria & Lloyd Oakes present certificates through ancestor Peter Horning

Loyalist Peter Horning

by Descendant Rev. Charlotte Moore UE

The Horning family had a plantation in Pennsylvania across the road from Valley Forge. The Revolution caused a split in the family as Peter and his two grown sons, as well as a brother fought with Butler's Rangers while two of Peter's brothers fought on the American side, with the fifth brother remaining neutral.

Peter received land in Upper Canada and then returned to Pennsylvania for his wife and nine children. Peter and his family established themselves in Hamilton and Peter had extensive land holdings throughout this area. At Peter's death in 1823 he was able to leave 5 825 acres to his children.

Additional Note from Gloria Oakes UE

Although we knew for years we were related through our Horning ancestry, not till lately did we put the research down on paper and receive Loyalist certificates through our common ancestor Peter Horning. With Lloyd Horning Oakes descending through Peter's son Abraham and I through his daughter Catherine, we now know that we are 5th cousins, sharing our 4th great grandfather, Peter Horning



Many Loyalist Friends Celebrate with Madelon Roberts UE

NICOLE VINCE UE - LOYALIST HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM



Nicole Vince descendant of John Askin presents the Loyalists' Story

Nicole Vance, granddaughter of Canon David Ricketts UE presented her project on the United Empire Loyalists during a classroom history project session, at Flamborough Centre School. Grandfather David was asked to visit a short time thereafter to give his presentation on George Hamilton. David brought along his family swords from that era. This

was especially popular with the boys! We are all very proud of Nicole and David for their outreach activities to tell their story and our story of the United Empire Loyalists.

Nicole descends from Loyalist John Askin, an influential man. He was a sutler with the British army in Albany, New York. After the fall of New France he entered the western fur trade business and formed several important partnerships. In the mid 1760's Askin moved to Michilimackinac, Michigan, where he ran a fur trading store, farmed and was the commissariat. In the early 1780's he formed a partnership with Robert Hamilton and Richard Cartwright. He was to manage the fur trade business at Fort

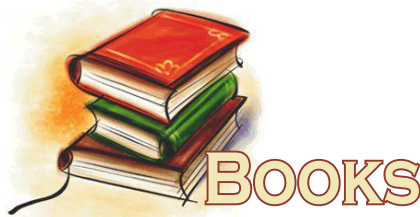
Detroit and the Upper Peninsula posts. (Excerpted from The Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Vol. 5)

We in Hamilton recognize that the land where our Loyalist monument rests was once owned by both George Hamilton and John Askin.

Well done Nicole! You are our youngest outreach member!



Hands Up at Anne MacArthur School in Milton with presenter Ruth Nicholson



Loyally Yours – 100 Years of the UELAC

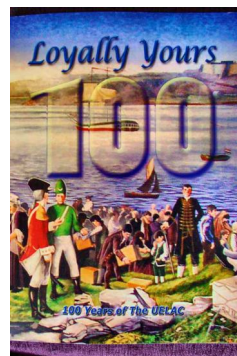
Compiled by Frederick H. Hayward UE
– Dominion President (2008-2011)

By Ruth Nicholson UE

Loyally Yours is here, in plenty of time for us to mark the one-hundredth year of our association. It is easy to read with lots of pictures. I love seeing the portraits of all the past Dominion presidents and the colourful UELAC insignia pins from across the country. Each Branch has a chapter recounting special celebrations and projects.

A vast amount of research is evident, particularly in the first fifty pages of this remarkable book. I love the quote that Fred records in his preface, from Dominion President (1962-64) H.S. Honsberger:

“I believe that we are bringing home to our brother Canadians that we are not ancestor worshippers, but ancestor inspired citizens who appreciate the great intangibles of life, of which one is surely loyalty, not only in its narrow meaning of patriotism, but in its much broader sense of loyalty to one’s



ideals, to one’s heritage and to the traditions handed down to us from those early pioneers. I believe that an appreciation and understanding of the past is a most necessary prelude to preparing for the future.”

(Loyally Yours, p.2)

Dominion President (2006-2008) Peter Johnson UE composed a chapter entitled “The United Empire Loyalists: An Overview.” In it he explains the variety of labels given to the Loyalists and who they were as well as when they lived and what they did for this country. I appreciate his quote from Walter Stewart:

“One measure of the importance of the Loyalists is to try and imagine what would have become of Canada without them.” (Loyally Yours, p. 15)

Conference chair for our special anniversary conference, this year, Martha Hemphill UE wrote the chapter entitled, “Prologue to the United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada”. Martha summarizes all the early attempts to create a national or dominion association for the Loyalists. Martha’s clear and easy style explains the transition from provincial to national recognition of what became the

UELAC through an Act of Parliament, in Ottawa, on May 27, 1914. (Loyally Yours, p. 21)

Martha continued to explain the early years of our association in the following chapter, entitled “The First Fifty Years of the United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada 1914-1964”. The hope was to reach family descendants of United Empire Loyalists across the country and to build branches from coast to coast. This came to a halt in 1919 due to the outbreak of the Spanish Influenza. (Loyally Yours, p. 23)

The year 1930 marks the year that branches started to develop. Our Hamilton Branch is listed as receiving the first branch charter on November 1st, 1931. Membership recorded in January of 1933 showed Hamilton with 169 members, second highest next to the Toronto Branch with 576 members. (Loyally Yours, p. 25)

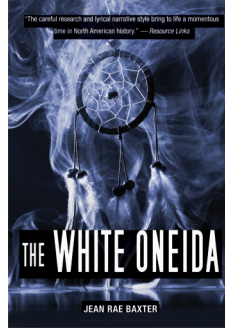
Martha goes on to show how the members of the association purposefully moved forward to act on the goals of the association. It is an incredible voyage, with wonderful photos of stamps, plates and other insignia elements that were designed and distributed during these early years.

Immediate Past Dominion President Robert McBride UE follows with a chapter entitled “The Second Fifty Years of the United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada 1964-2014”. Robert

divides this time period by decades and it is here that we see recognizable elements of what we are doing today as an organization. There is a photo from our Hamilton conference last year, showing the gift of the wampum belt to Donald Monture, elder of the Six Nations. (Loyally Yours, p. 42) Another photo shows Fred Hayward UE with Ontario Licence Plate Project Manager Ben Thornton UE, showing one of the newly designed Loyalist licence plates. (Loyally Yours, p.44)

This is a remarkable book that celebrates one-hundred years of our association in an easy to read, pictorial method. It is my hope that every family gets a copy of this book into the hands of their children and that you go through the highlights of the book with them. We are all recognized in this volume in one way or another.

If you are not able to attend our anniversary conference in June, then you can order your copy through the UELAC website – www.uelac.org



The White Oneida by Jean Rae Baxter UE

Watch for this latest historical novel by award winning local author Jean Rae Baxter. In this novel, Jean returns to the story of Broken Trail, who is now seventeen. Thayendanagea, better known as Captain Joseph Brant, connects with Broken Trail and sees him as a future leader, just as Broken Trail had envisioned at the age of thirteen. It's a time when Brant will prepare Broken Trail for his future work as a leader 'both in war and in peace'.

Jean's passionate writing brings to life real life people during times of great chaos in British North America. Check Jean's website for updates at: www.jeanraebaxter.ca

Release of The White Oneida, published by Ronsdale Press is expected in the Fall of 2014.

CLEMENTINA TRENHOLM FESSENDEN

by Beth Mills

Clementina Fessenden (1843-1918) was officially recognized as the Founder of Empire Day, in 1918, just before her death. England and the 54 Commonwealth nations recognized her important contributions to linking Canada to the British Empire at this time.

Clementina was born in the Eastern Townships, south of Montreal, and her family was devout loyalists, devoted to British traditions. Her husband, Rev. Elisha Fessenden was an Anglican clergyman, who served in Fergus, Chippawa and Ancaster. The family moved to the Ancaster area where Clementina became an author, an historian and a tireless social worker in the Hamilton area. She raised four sons.

Dundurn Park was created in 1900. Clementina lobbied the city aldermen to preserve the castle as a museum. She was

appointed its curator and became the first woman to hold such a museum position in the city of Hamilton.

Clementina was involved in many historical societies in Ontario, Quebec and in Wentworth County. She was a driving force, raising funds for the soldier's memorial at the Gage homestead in Stoney



Regional meeting attendees:
Marilyn Hardsand, Fred Hayward, Martha Hemphill, Gloria Howard, Doug & Sharon Coppins, Ruth Nicholson



Immediate Past Dominion President
Robert McBride & Grietje McBride at
April meeting

As for Empire Day, the concept was at first met with indifference by the local officials. It however did catch the attention of the Ontario Minister of Education and in 1897 the very first Empire Day event was held in the public schools of Dundas.

Clementina died on September 14, 1918, at the age of 74. She had lived during the reigns of three British monarchs. She was recognized during her lifetime in the city of Hamilton for her many civic achievements and she was recognized and honoured as the Founder of Empire Day throughout the Commonwealth. Clementina was laid to rest in the churchyard of Saint John's Ancaster, next to her beloved husband, Elisha.



Beth Mills speaks on Fessenden

THE GRIFFIN HOUSE

by Ruth Nicholson UE



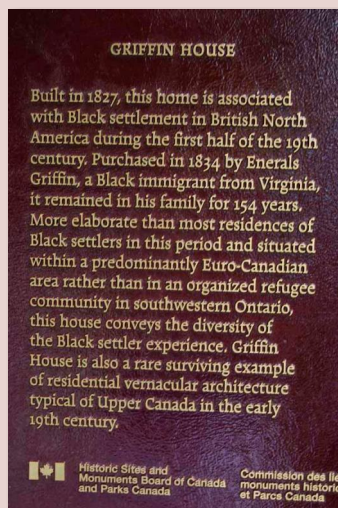
Enerals was known for his animal husbandry skills and we have been told that when the circus came to Hamilton, any animals needing attention were brought to the Griffin house, for his care. His only child, James, studied to become a professional veterinarian and as such carried on important, learned skills from his father.

Anne Jarvis presented information on Ancaster's National Historic Site, The Griffin House, at our February general meeting. Anne recently retired from

The Griffin home is located at 733 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster. Phone: 905 648 8144 or email at griffinhouse@hamilton.ca



Anne Jarvis



hosting people to this historic home. It was Anne who introduced me and two of my grade seven students to this important site many years ago when we created a DVD of historic homes and early peoples of this area.

It is open Sundays only from July through to September and at Doors Open Hamilton Day.

Enerals and Priscilla Griffin, with son James were the early residents of this home. Enerals was an African-American who married a Scottish ancestry wife, who worked next door to the Virginia plantation, where Enerals once lived as a slave. They eventually resided in this lovely two-story home, right on the edge of the Dundas Conservation grounds, in Ancaster.



Upstairs inside the Griffin House

DOMINION CONFERENCE 2014

A Centennial Celebration

June 5-8 at the Eaton Chelsea Hotel
by Ruth Nicholson UE

This is where our organization started: Toronto Ontario. It is time that we all band together, as many as possible, to recognize the official beginnings of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada!

Martha Hemphill UE, conference chair for this event, worked as a conference committee member the four years leading up to our Hamilton conference. Martha is one of our branch councilors and she has written two chapters in our newly launched book, *Loyally Yours – 100 Years of the UELAC*. Martha is a past president of the Toronto Branch and her mother, Lillian Lomas UE was a past president of our Hamilton Branch. Years of experience and knowledge of the UELAC has gone into the creation of this year's Dominion conference.

Author Peter C. Newman, who has recently written a book on The Loyalists, will be present Thursday evening. Friday's choices are astounding. There are excellent speakers who are top of the line genealogists in Canada and there are wonderful sites to see on the heritage bus tour. In between times there are walking tours and wonderful places to discover in the heart of Toronto.

Set aside a day or an evening if you cannot attend the entire conference. This type of conference takes place once in our lifetimes. It is a priority for all able bodied Loyalists this year.

Check out your recent copy of The Loyalist Gazette for more information. Read any of the recent issues of Loyalist Trails for further updates loyalist.trails@uelac.org



Ontario Grant

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

CEREMONY TO HONOUR COLONEL MATTHEW ELLIOTT

by Ruth Nicholson UE



Ruth Nicholson, Roy Winders & Pat Blackburn at St. Luke's Burlington

Colonel Matthew Elliott was a frontiersman during the American Revolution. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland in 1739 and died in Burlington on May 7, 1814. He came to America in 1761, settled in Pennsylvania and was active in the French and Indian Wars. He was a trader in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio and developed close relations with the native tribes, particularly the Shawnee. He first married a Shawnee woman and had two sons with her, Alexander and Matthew. Later he married Sarah Donovan and had two more sons, Francis Gore and Robert Barclay. His second wife lived fifty years after Matthew's death, so she must have been a very young woman.



Tecumseh, Elizabeth Norton, John Norton & Caldwell Rangers at Col Matthew Elliott Ceremony

In 1778 Elliott, along with Alexander McKee and Simon Girty fled to Detroit. They didn't like what they saw happening to the native tribes in America. Elliott became Deputy Superintendent of the British Indian Department, he represented Essex County in the Legislative Assembly from 1801-1812 and he led the Essex 1st Militia in many battles in Ohio, Michigan and Southern Ontario during

the War of 1812. Two of my forefathers, William Hutchins and Isaac Ferriss fought in this unit.

I have long been interested in Matthew Elliott and his lovely home, on the Detroit River, just outside of Amherstburg. My mother and I collected a couple of stones from a collapsed building on this property that I still possess, for a speech that I gave on "Historical Amherstburg" when I was in grade eight.

It was a great privilege, that Roy Winders, re-enactor as Matthew Elliott, and



Musket Salute to Colonel Matthew Elliott

organizer of this ceremony, asked me to compose a prayer to honour Matthew Elliott on May 18th at St. Luke's Cemetery in Burlington. It was new information to me that Elliott had died here in Burlington, but once I had that knowledge, I was quite sure that he was buried at St. Luke's since it had earlier been an Indian burial ground and that's where his friend, Joseph Brant was first buried.

The following is my prayer for Colonel Matthew Elliott:



Gerry Neiland (Tecumseh), Roy Winders, Ruth Nicholson & Zig Misiak on burial grounds of Matthew Elliott

Dear Lord,

We thank you for all who are assembled here today to honour Colonel Matthew Elliott. This man served this country in so many ways, before it was officially formed. He worked with the local people, the Native people and the leaders of the day, such as Isaac Brock and Chief Tecumseh.

I thank you that my forefathers, Isaac Ferriss and William Hutchins, served under this man during the War of 1812 – 14. I thank you that Matthew Elliott lived most of his life in the Amherstburg area and that he was able to serve so many diverse needs in a leadership capacity so very successfully.

We thank you for giving Matthew Elliott the strength and stamina, in his senior years, to bring the refugees from Amherstburg after the Battle of the Thames, here to the Burlington/Hamilton area. We thank-you that Matthew Elliott was given a warm welcome and a place to survive his last days, at the home of Joseph Brant.

Though Matthew Elliott's grave is unmarked, we feel that he was buried here shortly after his death on May 7th 1814, just over 200 years ago. We hope that his spirit is pleased that we, the benefactors of his service and sacrifice have come here to honour his memory today.

Bless all those who walked with Colonel Elliott and bless us today as we celebrate his life and sacrifice during the very beginnings of this, our land, in Southern Ontario.

In Jesus most precious name we pray.
Amen

Subscribe to the 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

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.

June 19 Loyalist Day Ceremony at Prince's Square, 50 Main St. E. Hamilton at 11 a.m.

July 25-26 Essex County Bus Trip – contact Gloria Howard or Ruth Nicholson

Sept. 14 Annual Picnic to be held at Chiefswood National Historic Site – Museum is open from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – picnic to be held in the afternoon nearby. 1037 Hwy 54, Ohsweken at the Intersection of Hwy 54 & Chiefswood Rd.

Oct. 23 Guest speaker TBA

Nov. 27 Guest speaker TBA

Dec. 6 Christmas luncheon at Tyandaga Golf Club, 1265 Tyandaga Park Dr. Burlington

UELAC Dominion Conference - A Centennial Celebration 1914-UELAC-2014-Toronto

June 5 to 8 Eaton Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard St. W, Toronto Tel: 416-595-1975
Quote "United Empire Loyalists' Conference"; reserve by May 5th
Link through the Dominion website www.uelac.org and then go to Events - Annual Conference or go to the Toronto Branch website for the conference

OTHER EVENTS:

Ancaster Heritage Days: Mr. Ancaster's Magical Mystery Bus Tour & Tea

Jim Green will discuss and show the impact of the War of 1812 on Ancaster.
Sunday June 15 from the Old Town Hall, 310 Wilson St. The tour leaves at 1 p.m.
Cost is \$15.00 and pre-registration is required through Fieldcote Museum

Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum

Sulphur Springs Rd., Ancaster

Last chance to see the outstanding room & exhibit: **Noose, Knife and Fire: The**

Bloody Assize – major exhibit for the War of 1812-14. Ends Sept. 27, 2014

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

July 20 Special 200th Anniversary of the Bloody Assize from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Historical Perceptions: Stories in Stones by Robin Mckee

The cemetery tours commence from the entrance to the Hamilton Cemetery at 11 am and take place rain or shine. Be sure to bring the necessary food, drink and clothing needs. No reservations are required. There is no charge for the tours. For a complete listing of Robin's 2014 Tour schedule simply click on Cemetery Tours - 2014

Oakville Historical Society

Lakeside Park: noon – 4:30 p.m.

June 8 Annual Mayor's Historical Picnic and Band Concert

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