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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."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE PAT BLACKBURN UE

WELCOME to all our Hamilton Branch members and especially to our new members who joined over the summer. CONGRATULATIONS to all of the new Loyalists who have completed their research for their certificates. You will be part of our certificate presentations this fall.

On September 7th at the Smith Family Reunion held at Bowman United Church, in Ancaster, Lyle Smith, Darwin Smith and Loisann Smith Gervais received their certificates. The reunion was a super place for this presentation as there were 73 family members attending, to congratulate them.



President Pat Blackburn

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Loyalist Display at LaSalle Park

It is September, a time for looking back and seeing what has been accomplished and a time for looking forward to new beginnings this fall. Let's look back at summer 2014.

Our special Branch projects for the 100th Anniversary were completed!

1. The 40 foot vinyl banner advertising Loyalists' Day hung over Main Street at Hamilton City Hall for the week of June 19th when we celebrate Loyalist Day in Ontario.

2. The Branch undertook an overnight bus trip to Essex and Kent counties at the end of July. We appreciate the enormous amount of time volunteered by Ruth Nicholson to research, organize and lead this two-day trip. WELL DONE RUTH. Everyone had a special time, saw lots and learned as much as we could absorb plus friendships were cemented. I also want to express our thanks for the hospitality of the Bicentennial Branch members who met us when we arrived in Amherstburg and who treated us to refreshments at the King's Navy Yard Park.

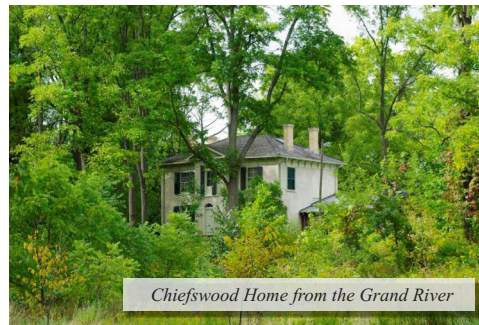
The August 4th storm that hit us at LaSalle Park, in Burlington during our volunteering at Joseph Brant Day, may have dampened out clothes but it merely wet our enthusiasm for the Branch's fall activities to begin. We are hoping to have a good



Smith Family Reunion 1914



Pauline Johnson



Chiefswood Home from the Grand River



Picnic at Chiefswood - gathering outside the entrance

turnout at our Branch Picnic, at Chiefswood and at our October meeting that will be held at the Coach House, at Dundurn Castle. We then invite you back to our usual location, at Olivet United Church for our November meeting and lastly to our Christmas luncheon, that will be held at Tyandaga Golf Club, in Burlington, in early December, when Jean Rae Baxter will be our speaker.

Check the back page of this newsletter, for our upcoming events, listed by date and time. We value your membership and your participation in our upcoming activities.

- Pat

BIG FAMILY CELEBRATION FOR RECOGNITION OF TITUS GEER SIMONS UE

Martha Hemphill UE

Many years ago Gord Hunter UE, his brother Bill Hunter UE and their cousin Lillian Lomas UE decided that Titus Geer Simons, son of Titus Simons UE, deserved recognition for all that he contributed to our history: as the King's Printer, editor and proprietor of the Upper Canada Gazette and American Oracle, an organizer of the Burlington Agricultural Society, courageous and injured soldier of the War of 1812, First Sheriff of Gore, mill owner, and loving father of our family. A memorial stone was needed.

Fast forward to the spring of 2014. Wendy Hils, Chair of the Christ Church Flamborough cemetery board, informed me that they wished to apply for a War of 1812 Veteran's Plaque for Titus Geer Simons through the Federal Commemorative Fund, Bicentennial Legacy project. We believe that is where he was buried.

2014 was the year to do both stones. It was the 185th anniversary of his death and fittingly the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lundy's Lane where he led the 2nd York Militia into battle and was gravely injured. Susan Preston UE, daughter of Bill Hunter, and I contacted descendants from across North America (Boston, Connecticut, Seattle, Mexico,



Family of Titus Geer Simons- Martha in red jacket centre front



Titus Geer Simons - 3 markers

British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario) for contributions to the cost of the stone.

So on Sunday July 27th a group of descendants attended a lovely church service and reception followed by the dedication. A piper led us through the cemetery to the site, next to his brother John Kingsley Simons, where the Veteran's Plaque and Memorial were situated.



Martha Hemphill through her mother Lillian, Jeff Hunter through his father Gordon & Susan Preston through her father Bill

Titus Simons UE, and his three sons, John Kingsley, William Walter and Titus Geer all served in the War of 1812.

Family connections were made that weekend. Ross Petty, from Boston, came to Hamilton, with his siblings and with the Prestons we met for lunch and a tour of the Hamilton Military Museum. Ross and I have communicated, via e-mail, for the last ten years and finally met! Through the local media we made contact with two sisters who descend from William Walter Simons. Another branch of the family tree is sprouting.

Gord, Bill and Lillian are smiling down on us.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS TWICE

Submitted by Membership Co-chair, Gloria M. Oakes UE

Sunday September 7 was a special day for members of the Joseph Smith family when his descendants gathered in the Bowman United Church Hall to celebrate 100 Years of family reunions. In 1914, when Grandmother Maria Jane Myers, widow of John Conrad Smith, turned 80, her immediate family gathered to celebrate the occasion, setting off a tradition of family reunions which continues to this day.

Our family was always proud of our United Empire Loyalist ancestry and claimed Joseph (1762-1835) as our progenitor. However, when serious research was carried out, it has never been established that Joseph's claim could be proven, but it was definite that he had married the daughter of Loyalist, Harmanus House, a Butler's Ranger. Thus a number of our family members have completed the necessary paper work and proudly note our Loyalist heritage with the UE.

So it was with a double sense of pride, that at this year's reunion, three of our relatives were officially presented with their Loyalist certificates in this 100th year of the formation of The UELAC. Having the Branch President, Pat Blackburn and Membership Co-chair, Beverley Corsini present to do the honours added to the celebration, and of course it is our hope

that other members of the wide-spread Smith family will be moved to also claim their heritage.

At last year's reunion, the Reunion President, Lyle Smith was challenged to follow the lead already established by his sister, Donna May Murray, when she completed the process to have her father and son designated. With the support of Lyle's wife, Donna Lou, the necessary work was completed with the assistance of our Branch Genealogist, Michele Lewis. As well, Lyle & Donna's son Darwin and daughter Loisann Gervais were welcomed to the Branch.

Donna Lou and Lyle share the duties of Secretary-Treasurer with the Cemetery Board of the White Brick Church on Garner Road in Ancaster. This is one of



Certificates presented to Darwin Smith, Loisann Gervais & Lyle Smith

the few cemeteries in our area still managed by an independent Board of Directors, and the place where so many of Joseph Smith's descendants are buried.

These grounds are lovingly cared for by Lyle who continues the family tradition as begun by his grandfather and father.

As family historian, Gloria Oakes attempts to keep the family tree up to date, a project begun in 1964 when a booklet was printed using the old-fashioned typewriter and Gestetner duplicator. Now available electronically, it is hoped that the family lore will be preserved and kept current by present day descendants.

About Harmanus House

As part of the presentation ceremony, President Pat noted the following:

Today I am very pleased to present certificates to Lyle Douglas Smith, Darwin Alfred Smith, and Loisann Elizabeth Smith Gervais, and I would ask them to come to the front now.

Lyle and his children have proven their descent from Loyalist Harmanus House who was born in the Mohawk Valley in New York and became a Butler's Ranger. After the War, the new government auctioned off his home and possessions. By that time, he had already journeyed to Canada and settled in Clinton Township on land that became known as Cave Springs Farm. He was an active member of the community, serving on the first Municipal Council of Clinton Township in 1793 as a Warden and also serving as Pound Keeper. One of his daughters, Anna Margaret, married Joseph Smith. The eldest of Joseph and Anna's twelve children was Dr. Harmanus Smith whose home and surgery is identified as the second house on Book Road, Ancaster.

LOYALLY YOURS PRESENTED TO CENTRAL BRANCH OF BURLINGTON LIBRARY

Pat Blackburn presented Chris Mallion-Moore, Librarian Service Experience, Central Branch of Burlington Public Library with two copies of Loyally Yours. One copy will stay in a locked area of the History Resources section and the other copy will be for public borrowing. Chris was very happy and appreciative of this gift from our branch.

Notice the portrait behind Pat and Chris. This is Mr. John Waldie, benefactor of the library and an early Reeve of Burlington.



Pat & Chris Mallion-Moore at Library



OUR ANCESTORS

Cephaneus Casselman

Born Oct 15 1737 in Palatine Twp,
Tyron County, NY
Died Feb 28 1819 in Williamsburg,
Ontario, Canada

by Keith Clark UE

"I know that feller. He shoots left-handed. The skinny one, see. He sticks his head out forward after he shoots and drops his left shoulder."

"Who is he Joe"

"Suffrenes Casselman. I've heard him swear before he quits Fairfield that he'd get his uppings back out of German Flats."
- *From Drums along the Mohawk by Walter Edmonds.*

Whether or not my fifth great-grandfather was left-handed or not will probably never be known. What is known is that he enlisted with His Majesty's Royal Regiment of New York on 15 June 1777, imprisoned by the rebels, sent to Newgate Prison in Connecticut, escaped from there and made his way to Canada where he became a Loyalist leader. As a Loyalist, he led raids with Indians and other Loyalist soldiers into the Mohawk Valley of New York during the Revolutionary War. Their mission was to destroy crops, barns and gristmills as the Mohawk Valley was considered to be one of the granaries of the revolutionists and without food they would not be able to carry on the Revolution.

The passage quoted above is a dramatization of one of Casselman's raids in which a family is scalped and killed while their homestead burns. In raids such as this one, Cephrenus took his revenge, or got "his uppings", on settlers of the Mohawk Valley that had turned him off his land. This was a personal war.

At tribunals conducted after the war, Cephrenus was tried in absentia for treason by the state of New York, found guilty and his property was seized. He was granted land along the St. Lawrence River just east of Morrisburg by Queen Anne.

The conflict between Canada and the United States touched the 76 year old soldier's land again in 1813 at the Battle of Crysler's Farm. Thirty Canadian and American soldiers killed in the battle were buried in a mass grave in the orchard by the riverside on his Morrisburg farm. One can only wonder what Cephrenus thought when he saw American soldiers invading his land in Canada. That land and homestead were inundated with water by the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1957, a joint Canada-United States project.

DEDICATION CEREMONY IN WATERDOWN

Ruth Nicholson UE

The morning of August 21st started early in south-east Waterdown. Elder Garry Sault from the Mississauga First Nations lit a ceremonial fire at dawn to honour the day.

A crowd of about 50 people met just south of Dundas Street, on the new extension of Burke St. to wait for the unveiling of the monument by Lt. Gov. David C. Onley and Mississauga of the New Credit Chief Bryan Laforme. It was indeed an historic moment.



Lt. Gov. David C. Onley with Bryan Laforme, Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations unveil the marker for the Souharissen Natural Area



Pat Blackburn, Carol King, Chief of the Mississauga of the New Credit, Bev Corsini & Ruth Nicholson at Waterdown Ceremony

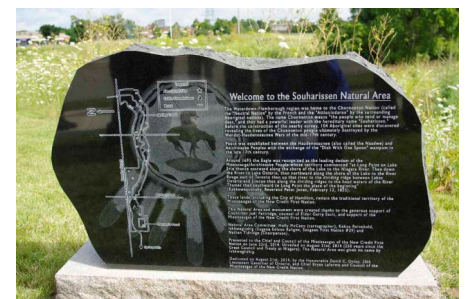
Waterdown District High School history teacher, Nathan Tidridge initiated this unique event. He had involved his senior history students who worked on the wording for the monument and who were cartographers for the area, showing early settlement locations. Through archaeological investigation, 104 Aboriginal sites were discovered in this area. It was named the Souharissen Natural area after a Mississauga chief who was highly regarded.

Chief Laforme explained that the Treaty of Niagara, signed 250 years ago this

summer, was the inspiration for this dedication. This treaty was a result of a wampum exchange between the British and over 200 First Nations' chiefs from 24 First Nations. He stated, "May today mark the renewal of those pledges of peace and friendship made over 200 years ago."

His final remark hit home with me: "These lands belong to children yet unborn. Our job is to preserve it for future generations."

Loyalist representatives present were President Pat Blackburn, Bev Corsini and Ruth Nicholson.



LOYALIST DAY - JUNE 19, 2014

Ruth Nicholson UE

President Pat Blackburn welcomed a crowd of approximately 40 people to our historic 100th Anniversary Celebration of the UELAC Association. All week, the bright and beautiful banner hung over Main Street East, just a block from our usual Prince's Square location.

Many heritage groups laid wreaths this year, including the Colonel John Butler Loyalist Branch, Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University, Hamilton

Historic Board, the Monarchist League of Canada – Hamilton Branch, St. George's Benevolent Society, Sir John A. Macdonald Society and Stoney Creek Historical Society. Paul Miller MPP Hamilton East also laid a wreath and Bob Bratina, our Hamilton mayor brought greetings as well as a short talk on the importance of the Loyalists to Hamilton. He invited Marni Beal, widow of The Honourable Lincoln Alexander, to add her remarks. Marni was very gracious and she spoke about how Linc loved Canada and Hamilton, in particular.

Carol King, former Chief of the Mississauga New Credit, arrived late but

was able to bring greetings and thanks.

Our Young Loyalists this year were grandson and great nephew of long standing flag bearer Frank Rupert. Matthew Rupert and Trenton McLellan were proud young men as they placed the red geraniums on the edge of our beautiful Loyalist monument.

Reverend Charlotte Moore expressed thanks and remembrance in her offered prayers.

A time of sharing during refreshments, inside the foyer of the McMaster building was enjoyed by all.



Frank Rupert with Grandson Matthew Rupert & Great Nephew Trenton McLellan



Lloyd & Gloria Oakes at Loyalist Day Ceremony



Loyalist Day Wreath Laying with Fred Hayward & Marni Beal

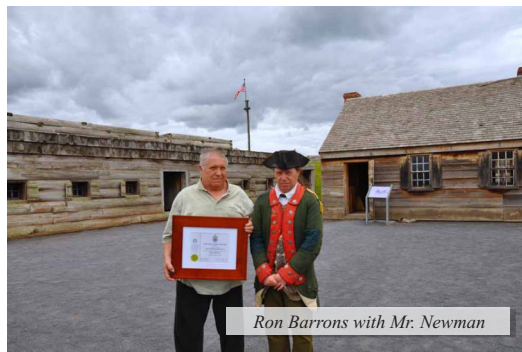
AT FORT STANWIX - SPRING 2014

Ron Barrons UE

I met this interesting character at Fort Stanwix, dressed in his Butler uniform. He welcomed me with open arms, while throwing insults at the 'rebels'. I came to think of him as the 'ghost' of Walter Butler.

Mr. Newman, this Butler re-enactment man, was quite interested at reading my UEL certificate. I explained the significance of it and how proud I was to have proven my Loyalist lineage.

An aside from the editor: Thanks to Ron for gaining permission for us to take the special inserts from the Hamilton Spectator to the Dominion Conference that we hosted in June of 2013. Ron has recently retired from his work with the Hamilton Spectator. Hearty congratulations Ron and may you enjoy many more heritage adventures, showing pride in your ancestry. Huzzah!



Ron Barrons with Mr. Newman



Ron Barrons with UE Certificate at Johnson Hall

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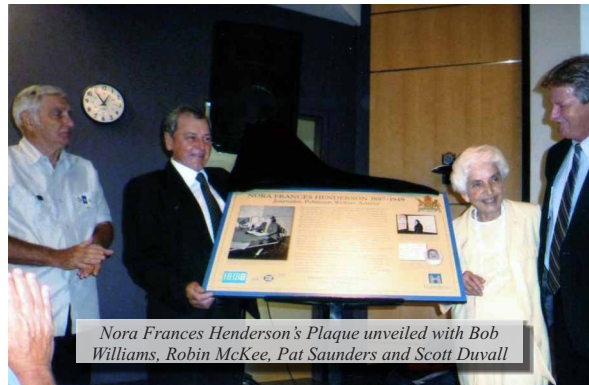
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GEORGE HAMILTON DAY, AUGUST 4, 2014

Pat Saunders

In Hamilton the civic holiday in August is known as George Hamilton Day. So named in 2009 on the initiative of the Hamilton Historical Board and sanctioned by Hamilton City Council to honour our founder. The intent was to hold an event that would celebrate our founder, George Hamilton in some way in each following year. While Burlington recognizes only Joseph Brant on that holiday Hamilton added a caveat so that each year another Hamiltonian is recognized by vote as "The Greatest Hamiltonian of the Year" on George Hamilton Day. This year on August 4th the event was held in the auditorium of the hospital built to replace 'The Henderson'. There were speeches, entertainment and an unveiling of a plaque dedicated to Nora Frances Henderson who was this year's nominee for the title of 'The Greatest Hamiltonian of 2014'. The tribute to Nora Frances included a brief over-view of her contribution to Hamilton's history.

Nora Frances Henderson was born in Bicester, England on March 9th, 1897. She came to the Hamilton area with her family as a young girl of 16. At that age she was described as a bright student with a competitive personality. To illustrate she entered a contest to design a stove. While her entry was not chosen she was commended for her writing skills. This led her to pursue a career in journalism and community activism. When she applied for a job with the Hamilton Herald, a prominent newspaper of the day, she identified herself as an experienced journalist based upon having submitted



Nora Frances Henderson's Plaque unveiled with Bob Williams, Robin McKee, Pat Saunders and Scott Duvall

one article to a farm organization newsletter. Described by some as 'a woman before her time' when she advocated that women should play a prominent role in the community. Through her efforts women were appointed to the City of Hamilton Board of Health when none had been considered before this time. Through her involvement with women's organizations she was commissioned by the Local Council of Women to write a play to address the high maternal morbidity rate in Canada. Entitled 'A Pageant of Motherhood' it played to standing room audiences at the Savoy Theatre in 1930 and in 1931 she was chosen by the Women's Civic League to run for City Council. Initially she was elected as Alderman in Ward 1, a mountain ward at the time, becoming the first woman to be elected to Hamilton City Council. She served for four terms before deciding to run for Board of Control then considered to be the all-male seat of power. When she was elected to that position in 1935 she became the first woman in Canada to ever occupy such a high seat of power.

During her first year as a Controller she sponsored a meeting which created the Charter of Municipal Rights as the beginning of her campaign to have other levels of government contribute a greater share of relief and burdens borne predominantly by municipalities.

While attending a conference in the U.S.A. she was introduced to the Credit Union Movement. When she returned home she was instrumental in supporting the creation of the Hamilton Employees Credit Union which celebrated 75 years of service in 2012.

Nora Frances continued to be re-elected to Board of Control garnering the most votes thereby making her the Deputy Mayor when the occasion called for such a position.

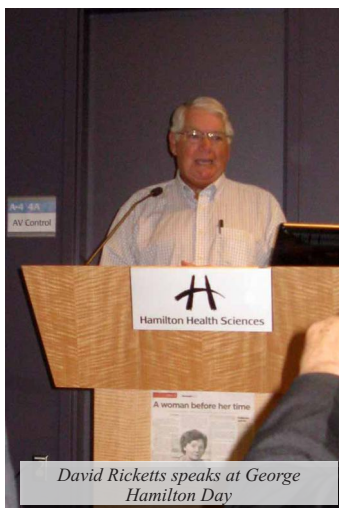
Following an incident with the Stelco strike she chose not to run again in 1947 thereby ending her political career.

Throughout her political career her concern for the plight of the poor prompted her to run federally on a platform of large-scale economic reform of social welfare funding. While not elected she continued in municipal office regularly chairing the Relief aka Welfare Office. The record indicates that there were times that she was so moved by the plight of some citizens that she took money from her own pockets to tide them over.

When her political career ended she accepted a position as Executive Secretary with the Association of Children's Aid Societies. While in that position she authored a book entitled Tomorrow's Child which dealt with Ontario's adoption laws. Unfortunately, she was only destined to occupy this position for a short time. Following a brief illness she died on March 23, 1949 just a few weeks after her 52nd birthday.

At her funeral which was a well-attended affair with all of City Council present as well as other dignitaries including Cabinet Ministers she was lauded for pioneering women's place in civic government. A scholarship in her name was established by the Association of Children's Aid Societies, a hospital, Nora Frances Henderson Convalescent Hospital, was named in her honour in 1954 and she was inducted into Hamilton's Gallery of Distinction in 1990.

A most deserving honour: "Greatest Hamiltonian of 2014"



David Ricketts speaks at George Hamilton Day

THE ESSEX / KENT COUNTIES BUS TOUR

Ruth Nicholson UE



Hutchins/Nicholson Family at the Malden Farmers' Market

Last fall, President Pat Blackburn asked me if I would plan a bus tour “back home to Essex County” for our local Hamilton Branch as a special feature to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the UELAC. I agreed and was able to form the itinerary for the trip in about a month. I knew many local contact people and as such it was a privilege and an honour to showcase my home county and my heritage associates in both Essex and Ken Counties.

The places we visited were:

- Fairfield Museum – dedicated to the Moravian Missionaries & the Delaware First Nations people
- Site of the Battle of the Thames with re-

enactment historians Jim & Lisa Gilbert

- Uncle Tom’s Museum – home of Josiah Henson & the Dawn Settlement
- Retro Suites Hotel & The Chilled Cork Restaurant – welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce, the local councilors and representatives from the Kent County Ontario Genealogical Society
- Point Pelee National Park, Leamington
- Ray’s Rib House, Leamington
- The King’s Inn & Suites, down town Kingsville
- Heritage Village & Transportation Museum, Kingsville
- John R. Park Museum – site of the Battle of Lake Erie
- Hutchins Family farm & start of Dancing Swallows Winery, Amherstburg
- Malden Farmers’ Market & International Doll Museum
- ViewPointe Estate Winery & restaurant
- Fort Malden & The King’s Navy Yard Park
- Amherstburg Legion - Fish Dinner

As you can see, it was a busy, packed two days. The weather was absolutely perfect and we were greeted by warm and friendly people at all sites.

Thank-you to President Pat for encouraging me to take on this project. Thanks to our treasurer, Gloria Howard who paid all the bills and estimated costs perfectly. Thanks to my husband, David who always supports me on my adventures. A final thanks to all who participated in this journey with me. It was a pleasure to take you back to my “home turf”. I do hope that I have given you a taste of the many possibilities that are available in creating a trip of your own and enjoying it at a more leisurely pace.



Group photo at Fort Malden



Jean Rae Baxter & Norma Hitchcox hitch a ride at the Heritage Village



Welcoming in Chatham

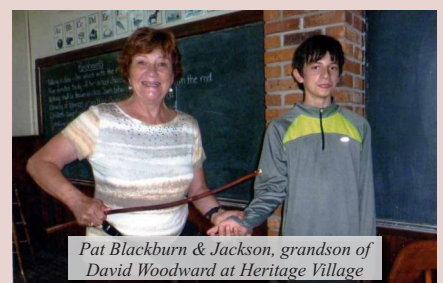


The Gilberts from Chatham

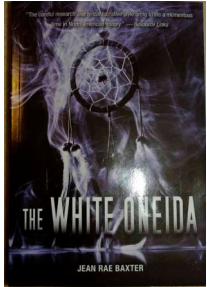
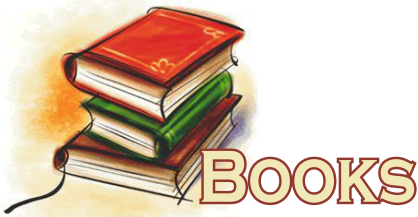
Our youngest tour member has comments about the Essex County Bus Tour & Loyalist Meetings

David Woodward UE (Jackson’s grandfather)

Jackson’s mother told me she was at the orthodontist with Jackson recently and told him that he was recently on a tour of Essex County with the UEL’s. The dentist was quite interested in exploring this further and asked him if he liked going on the excursions and to the meetings. Jackson said he did enjoy them because he was one of the only members under 50 and that the seniors were really nice people who knew a lot about history and they had many stories to tell. He also said they liked listening to him tell about the books he is reading. Then he said that when he gets into high school he would probably volunteer at the retirement home because he likes helping older people. He really is his own person.



Pat Blackburn & Jackson, grandson of David Woodward at Heritage Village



The White Oneida

The Education of a Leader: Joseph Brant and the School that became Dartmouth College
Jean Rae Baxter UE

When Joseph Brant was eighteen years old, Sir William Johnson, who was married by Mohawk rites to Joseph's sister Molly, sent him to the Moor Indian Charity School in Lebanon, Connecticut. This school was established by the Rev'd Eleazar Wheelock, an evangelical Protestant minister, in order to further his grand design, defined as, "A plan for introducing Religion, Learning, Agriculture and Manufactures Among the Savages in America." This school, which had much in common with the disastrous residential schools of the 20th century, had as its chief purpose the training of young natives to serve as missionaries to their own people.

Why did Sir William choose this school for his young protégé? Why did he remove him from it and make other arrangements for his education? And how did the Moor School evolve over just two decades to become Dartmouth College, to which, in 1780, Joseph Brant sent his own teen-age sons, Joseph Jr. and Jacob?

In *The White Oneida*, Broken Trail, now thirteen, discovered through his spirit vision that he was destined to be a great leader. Destiny catches him unprepared when the famous Thayendanegea, better known as Captain Joseph Brant come so see him. Thayendanegea has been looking for someone who can help him to achieve the dream of a federation and a country of their own for their own native people. He sees Broken Trail as just such a person, but first he must be educated to prepare himself for this work. Enthusiastic but eager to do his best, Broken Trail arrives at school for native students in Vermont. The school is fraught with tensions and conflicts. Dark secrets come to light. While his illusions crumble, Broken Trail holds fast to his vision, never giving up his search for a better way.

RAVINDER OAKES WALK FOR CANCER

Ruth Nicholson

Vin is married to Jamie Oakes, son of Lloyd and Gloria Oakes.

You may recall a wonderful evening of music performed by Hamilton musicians in the fall of 2012 to support Jamie and Vin, after she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of gastric cancer. This benefit was a sold out event and attended by family, friends and music lovers.

Vin has successfully come through her cancer treatments and she hopes to return to work soon.

As a celebration of survival and success, Vin and her sister Su took part in this two day event. Over 3 000 people participated in the 60 km walk and raised an astonishing \$7.7 million!

Vin said, "My favourite part was after we crossed the finish line and were trying to stretch and relax. I was wearing a pink lanyard and a pink shirt. These are designated for survivors. I had women coming up to me, strangers, hugging and thanking me for walking."

Vin thanked all those who supported her and encourages everyone to "pay it forward" where ever you can.



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!



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.

- Nov. 27** Guest speaker & author John McDonald – Halton Sketches
Dec. 6 Christmas luncheon at Tyandaga Golf Club, 1265 Tyandaga Park Dr. Burlington. Meet at 12 noon.
Feb. 26 Annual General meeting and speaker.
March 26 Monologue by Paula Grove on Ryan's Ride
May 28-31 UELAC Dominion Conference – Loyalists Come West at The Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel, Victoria BC; go to www.uelac.org; Events, Annual Conference for further details.

OTHER EVENTS:

Dundas Valley Historical Society - Dundas Museum, 139 Park St. W. Dundas
 Jan. 15 Restoration of Heritage Houses in Dundas at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$3.00

Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum - Sulphur Springs Rd., Ancaster
 Nov.12 - Dec. 24: A Forest of Christmas Trees decorated by various groups on a variety of themes. 1-5 p.m.
 Nov. 19 The Old Fashioned Christmas & How Traditions Began, at the Old Town Hall, Ancaster, 7-9 p.m., Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association

Nash Jackson Building, 77 King St.W., Stoney Creek

Oct. 7 Meet members from other Hamilton heritage groups and discuss the future of this umbrella association at their AGM at 7 p.m.

Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society

meet at the Coach House of Dundurn Castle at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 17 The Building of the Gore – a virtual tour of the buildings surrounding Gore Park with Margaret Houghton

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. There is no charge for the tours. For a complete listing of Robin's 2014 Tour schedule simply click on [Cemetery Tours - 2014](#) October 11 – War of 1812 Tour; November 15 – Veterans' Tour

Oakville Historical Society - Lakeside Park: noon – 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 16-29 - excluding Sundays - Ghost Walks in the oldest part of Oakville.
 Oct. 29 I Want to Research my Ontario Family History – How to Start - Presented at the Oakville Public Library Central Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Cost is \$8.00; Part 2 – What's Next? November 5 – same time & cost.

Waterdown – East Flamborough Historical Society

St. James United Church, Waterdown

Nov. 15 Heritage Book Fair with author talks by local authors: Tina Dine, Jean Rae Baxter, Zig Misiak and Marty Pullin. Event runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Woodland Cultural Centre - 184 Mohawk St., Brantford

Oct. 18 Corn Soup Cook-off at 5 p.m. Cost \$5.00 each. Taste & vote to crown the winner.

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