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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

Thank you to all the members who gave of their time over the summer at our outreach events. It was appreciated.

We have had one Executive Meeting and one Dominion Council Meeting in October.

You may have heard of the request on CTV for individuals across Canada to complete a video on September 10 of their day's activity and submit to the station for preparation of Canada in a Day, Canada 150 celebration. Our cruise on the Grand River fell on September 10 and we planned to join in with CTV by the preparation of a video and forwarding it to the station.

Ruth Nicholson prepared our video using her 'phone. It began with goose hunting with three generations of Nicholsons and then our Grand River Cruise. People from our cruise were interviewed on the four questions that were part of the request from the TV station. At the end of our video Ruth interviewed herself on the same questions. The answers to the questions brought continuity to the video beginning to end. Our video was edited and sent off. It did reach its destination as those who participated in the video received an Appearance Release form for signing. Now we wait and hopefully see at least part of the video with others from across Canada in Canada in a Day to be aired during 2017.

The Dominion Council Meeting was held in Toronto drawing executive from coast to coast. Most of the discussion is done in the pre meeting on Friday. As I am a President and not on the Council I only attend the meeting that is held on Saturday. It is in the main meeting where motions are heard and voted on. The main topics were: cleanup of the storage room (Butler Room) and digitizing of the archives is

moving ahead of schedule. Plan is for completion before Christmas; there is a need to push our Membership Campaign for 2017 to sustain the Revenue at Dominion; marketing of the UELAC organization is to be a goal in 2017 with the formation of a committee that includes David Laskey from Nova Scotia, Trish Groom from Central and Frans Compeer from Victoria. What is our face to the world?

Our next meeting is November 24 and believe it or not the Christmas Dinner is on December 3rd at Stoney Creek United Church.

The membership campaign is in place for 2017 and our program speakers are booked until next Fall. All we need now is the enthusiasm of the members in participating in our Branch. Let us make it happen!

Pat Blackburn



President Pat – Loyalist Day

LOYALIST DAY CEREMONY 2016

by Ruth Nicholson UE

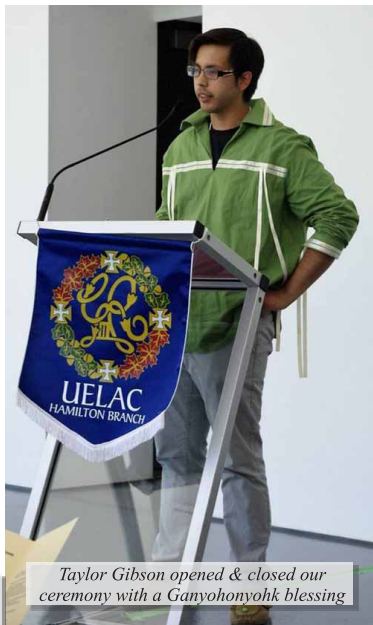
Loyalist Day was once again celebrated indoors at the Hamilton Art Gallery, due to construction work on the building behind our Loyalist monument. June 17th was a beautiful day, with a piper leading the colour party and those dressed in period clothing.

Many groups laid wreaths including Paul Miller MPP Hamilton East-Stoney Creek, Lloyd Ferguson Hamilton Ward 12 councillor, Jean Rae Baxter representing Hamilton Branch UELAC, Susanne Noordyk Hamilton -Mountain Heritage Society and the Sir John A Macdonald Society, Jeffrey Thiessen – Monarchist League of Canada, Hamilton Branch, Adele Reynolds – St. George's Benevolent Society, Pat Saunders – Women's Canadian Club and Weylin Bomberly – Six Nations Loyalists.

Our guest speaker, Barbara Andrew, Dominion President UELAC spoke about recent changes within our organization. Hamilton Branch President Pat Blackburn presented Barb with a local print of our historic downtown fountain. Taylor Gibson of the Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Oshweken opened our ceremony with a blessing and closed it with a Ganyohonyohk - Hodinhnosyonih thanksgiving, given in his traditional language and in English.



Dominion President Barb Andrew at Loyalist Day



Taylor Gibson opened & closed our ceremony with a Ganyohonyohk blessing



Weylin Bomberly laid a wreath representing the Six Nations Loyalists



At LaSalle Park

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

EDUCATION

Ruth Nicholson and I have been busy with presentations this October even though no advertising memo has been sent to teachers as yet. The following presentations have been completed:

School:	Grades:	Students:	Town:
Prince of Wales P.S.	Grade 3	60	Thorold
Prince of Wales P.S.	Int. Grades	70	Thorold
Guy Brown P.S.	Grade 3	90	Waterdown
Escarpment View	Grade 3	68	Milton
Escarpment View	Grade 3	65	Milton



Educational presentations display of artifacts

OUTREACH

July 6 - Paul and Owen Nicholson and I attended an open forum meeting in Waterdown representing our UELAC Branch. This meeting was conducted by the Defence Department for the Federal Government. Leader of the meeting was from the P.C. party but the meeting was for all parties. Some of the discussion involved how the Defence Department was looking after Canadian concerns in regard to participation in NATO, where money was being allocated or non-existent, do we need to put money into upgrading our armed forces equipment, etc.

August 1 - Joseph Brant Day at LaSalle Park in Burlington. Jean Rae Baxter, David Woodward, Judith Nuttall and I participated in hosting our table. We had numerous visitors to our exhibit on a very hot day.

September 17 - Martha Hemphill and I travelled to Simcoe, Ontario for Norfolklore 40 at the Museum. We had our exhibit table set up and business was steady throughout the morning but few people in the afternoon. There were three tables representing the UELAC and for such a small group attending we will think this opportunity over in the next year. Simcoe is out of our Hamilton Branch area and three branches exhibiting is really not called for in the circumstances.

September 24 - The Cooley-Hatt Cemetery in Ancaster was finally ready for some publicity. Marilyn Hardsand, Paul Lewington, Ruth Nicholson, Brian Curry and son John Paul, and I were in attendance for the celebration. This is a small

park area with brick gateway and the burial stone slab of Richard Hatt is at the entrance to the park. There are 90 some burials in the area but no visible stones. The majority of burials are those of children.

October 1 - Doors Open Burlington was held on a very rainy cool day. The Hamilton Branch was asked to take part at the Union Cemetery on Plains Road and assist Stephen Davis the sixth generation Davis to live in Burlington and Trustee of the Board for the cemetery. It should be noted that 100 people came to see the cemetery. Union cemetery was our first Loyalist Burial Site plaquing in 2009. Ruth Nicholson, Gail Frey, Martha Hemphill and I were the volunteers for the day.

There is always a place for new volunteers to participate in Outreach during the summer. Please get in touch. Gail Frey made the Snapd News at Doors Open.

DOORS OPEN BURLINGTON

The Hamilton Branch's visibility was good, in our white tent, outside the Union Cemetery on Plains Rd. in Burlington. Several assisted with the day. President Pat Blackburn welcomed over 100 visitors to this site. Stephen Davis, 8th generation of the Davis family to live in Burlington, is the trustee of the cemetery board for this cemetery. He answered questions inside the crumbling brick walls of this family cemetery.

This cemetery was on the former land of William Alexander Davis (1741 -1834) and this area of Burlington was originally known as the Freeman area.

The Hamilton Branch UELAC plaqued this cemetery on November 15, 2009 as a Loyalist Burial site. It was our first such plaquing event.



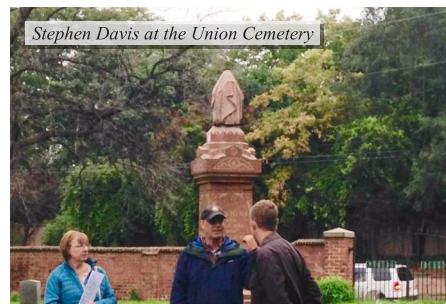
Ghent Davis markers at Union Cemetery



Pat Blackburn, Colin & Marilyn Morley at Union Cemetery, Doors Open



Ruth demonstrating the abacus



Stephen Davis at the Union Cemetery



Pat Blackburn Doors Open

GRAND RIVER CRUISE

by Ruth Nicholson

Forty people enjoyed a wonderful roast beef dinner while cruising along the Grand River in mid-September. We acknowledged that this land was part of the Haldimand Tract given to the Haudenosaunee people by Frederick Haldimand, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the province of Quebec and Territories, October 25 1784.

It is written: "Whereas His Majesty having been pleased to direct that in consideration of the early attachment to his cause manifested by the Mohawk Indians and of the loss of their settlement which they thereby sustained - that a convenient tract of land under his protection should be chosen as a safe and comfortable retreat for them and others of the Six Nations, who

have either lost their settlements within the Territory of the American States, or wish to retire from them to the British - I have at the earnest desire of many of these His Majesty's faithful Allies purchased a tract of land from the Indians situated between the Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron, and I do hereby in His Majesty's name authorize and permit the said Mohawk Nation and such others of the Six Nation Indians as wish to settle in that quarter to take possession of and settle upon the Banks of the River commonly called Ouse or Grand River, running into Lake Erie, allotting to them for that purpose six miles deep from each side of the river beginning at Lake Erie and extending in that proportion to the head of the said river, which them and their posterity are to enjoy for ever."

September 10th was a special day chosen by CTV to look at people across the country and to picture them at their various

activities for a collage of video that will be presented next July 1st to mark Canada's 150th anniversary. I took video throughout the day of my activities and most especially of our Grand River cruise. Four questions were answered by various members and these responses were taped. We did sing both O Canada and God Save the Queen. It is hoped that some of our day on September 10th becomes part of the Canadian experience that goes forward for this 150th anniversary project.



Grand River Cruise group



Thomas Anderson

Thomas Anderson was born in New Jersey circa 1745. He married Margaret Beam and during the Revolution served with the Associated Departments of the Army and Navy and may have been one of the last Loyalists and may have been. After the war, he settled in Guysborough, Nova Scotia where he died in 1842.



Howard Walters received his certificate through Ancestor Thomas Anderson

JEAN RAE BAXTER MARRIES LEIGH SMITH - OCT 22ND

by Ruth Nicholson

My sister Susan Hutchins and I were privileged to attend a wonderful wedding in late October. Jean Rae Baxter and Leigh Smith had been long-time friends, living and teaching in the Kingston area for 40 years during their teaching time.

Their wedding took place at St. James Anglican Cathedral in Kingston. The ministers from both St. James and Christ's Church Cathedral, in Hamilton, where Jean attended, took part in the service. The reception was held in the Faculty Club of Queen's University, right on the waterfront.

There was a sparkle in Jean's eyes all day. Leigh was as ever, charming and welcoming. All family members were joyful. Jean's son, John walked her up the aisle and Leigh's son, Lucas, was his best man.



Loyalist group – Susan Hutchins, Ruth Nicholson, Jean, Peter & Carol Davey

Jean's and Leigh's family members were attendants. Jean's granddaughter, Naomi Lean, painted a wonderful portrait of Jean.

Loyalists in attendance besides Susan and I were Peter and Carol Davey from the Kingston Branch.

We wish Jean and Leigh much happiness as they begin this new chapter of their lives.



Jean & Leigh after signing the register



Jean with portrait & artist, her granddaughter

DOMINION CONFERENCE SUMMERSIDE PEI JULY 2016

by Ruth Nicholson UE

Four of our members, Pat Blackburn, Gloria Howard, Joan Gibson and Ruth Nicholson represented our branch at the Dominion conference, Loyalists, Lighthouses and Lobsters, held at Summerside, P.E.I. It was a remarkable event, giving all a flavour of fabulous East Coast hospitality. We enjoyed the music, the food, the sites and the fun! Business matters were carried out in an orderly fashion and a half day was left for genealogical workshops presented by experts from all three Maritime Provinces.



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REDEDICATION OF THE COOLEY-HATT CEMETERY

On Saturday September 24th Pat Blackburn, Marilyn Hardsand, Paul Lewington, Canon Brian Curry and his son, John Paul were present at this special rededication ceremony. Rick Hatt hosted this event. He has worked diligently at saving this heritage cemetery for many years. Reverend Canon Peter Davison, of St. James Anglican Church, Dundas led the prayers and the rededication of the cemetery. Approximately 70 people were in attendance on this clear and favourable day.

The cemetery is located within a newly developed housing area. It is been cordoned off with black iron fencing. The city has installed a heritage plaque. The burial stone of Richard Hatt is placed by the brick entrance to the cemetery.

Family, friends and heritage members are happy that this cemetery and its history are now saved for future generations. There are some 90 burials in this area but there are no stones to mark burial locations.

SONGS OF THE SETTLERS: O CANADA

Excerpted from Zap Music, Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., Vancouver, 1977

With Remembrance Day just past, I came across an old music book that had an article about early songs, especially mentioning O Canada. I found it interesting and will share some of the facts with you.

O Canada was first written in French as a hymn to express the French Canadian feelings about their country. It was composed in Quebec City for a festival that was held in June 1880 and the song was soon very popular in French Canada.

Over 25 years later, the song became known to the rest of the country. Several different sets of English lyrics were written. The version we know today is only one of many. The French O Canada of today is the same one that was first sung on June 24, 1880.

HAMILTON'S LOST MONUMENT CEREMONY

November 5th

Robin McKee has been arranging and hosting this event for 15 years. This monument was the original cenotaph for the city. British soldiers were buried there between the mid to late 1800's. It was taken over by Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans Society and some of those members attended this ceremony also.

A new addition this year was the arrival of the North Wall Riders Association. They arrived with a rumbling two-wheeled honour guard for the procession to the monument. The sound echoed throughout the cemetery as it passed by the many stones.

Pat Blackburn and Marilyn Hardsand represented our Hamilton Branch UELAC this year. Marilyn placed a wreath at the base of the monument.

About 30 people were in attendance. Robin McKee always gives a wonderful tour of the cemetery after this event.

The North Wall Riders Association served as a rumbling two-wheeled honour guard for the procession of about thirty people to the annual Lost Monument Service Saturday.



Nov 5 2016 Lost monument Hamilton



Lost monument ceremony with Arnold Tuchow, Marilyn Hardsand, Pat Blackburn & Dave Noonan



Ruth at Remembrance Day in Waterdown

DOMINION CONFERENCE 2017

LONDON, ON. June 22-25 - Discover Your Roots
Hosted by the London and Western Ontario Branch
and the Grand River Branch

Conference Chair: Greg Childs | Co-chair: Richard Nowell
Grand River Representative: Mark Morse

This is our opportunity to support one of our closest branches. London has never hosted a Dominion conference so this is new and very exciting. The Delta London Armouries Hotel will be the main location. It features a redbrick castle like facade, yet is a modern hotel in a great downtown location. It is a 7-minute walk from the London Convention Centre and a 10-minute walk from the Grand Theatre. Plan to take in a play while in the area. Also many interesting restaurants are nearby. The classic rooms offer free WiFi, flat-screen TVs, mini fridges and coffeemakers. Links to the hotel and to the conference itinerary will be available in the New Year.

Keep checking the Dominion web site for conference information:
<http://www.uelac.org/conference/conference.php>

MY WAR OF 1812 VETERANS

by Doug Coppins UE

During the time period of 2012 to 2016, my wife Sharon and I enjoyed travelling to War of 1812 battle re-enactments all over Ontario and Michigan. From 2014 to 2016, we were proud to be able to honour my ancestors, by seeing War of 1812 Burial Markers unveiled on each of their graves.

In the County of Brant, the Brant County Council, through the hard work of the Brant Heritage Committee, sought out the final resting places of all those War of 1812 Veterans that were buried in the County of Brant. All 84 War of 1812 graves were to be marked. The grave markers were supplied free by the Federal War of 1812 Veteran graveside project. The metal holders for the markers were funded by the County of Brant Heritage Committee, and by donations from private citizens and families of the War of 1812 veterans. Every Burial Marker had an unveiling ceremony that allowed family and the public to attend.

I was contacted and I gave my list of 6 War of 1812 Veterans buried in Brant County. I had the largest number of War of 1812 veterans connected to any person in this project. The grave markers were all unveiled from August 2014 to June 2016.

It is now my honour to tell of these men, my ancestors who rose to fight against the aggressor and defeated him.

Great, Great, Great, Great Uncle and Cousin, Major William Daniel Bowen UE, 1st Norfolk Militia

Buried: Burford Pioneer Cemetery, Burford, Ontario

Born: Dec. 7, 1778 - Brooklyn, New York

Died: April 13, 1821 - Burford, Oxford County, District of London, Upper Canada

William Daniel Bowen was the son of Captain Daniel Bowen UEL, 1st New Jersey Volunteers and Sarah Daniel of Roadstown, Cumberland County, New Jersey. In August 1777, Daniel Bowen, after the fall of Philadelphia to the British, travelled to Philadelphia and is said to have raised a substantial number of troops to help form the "West Jersey Volunteers". The 5th and last tea burnings or parties

occurred on December 22, 1774 in the Bowen warehouse at Greenwich, Cumberland County, New Jersey. After the March 21, 1778 British raid on Hancock House at Hancock Bridge, Salem County, New Jersey Captain Daniel Bowen moved to Brooklyn, New York as his wife was pregnant with their future son. At the close of the Long Sad War the Bowen family, after rejecting a 600 acre Land Grant on the Minas Basin, settled near Grand Pre, Nova Scotia.



On February 13, 1803, William Daniel Bowen married his 1st cousin Sarah Daniel the daughter of Joel Daniel, United Empire Loyalist and Clarissa Winn, my Great, Great, Great, Grandparents.

As 1810 approached the Bowen family caught Niagara Fever. After a year of settling their legal affairs, the Bowen family in May 1811, left Nova Scotia by ship, down the east coast to New York City where they boarded a ship to travel up the Hudson River to Albany. At Albany they hired stagecoaches to travel along today's route of Interstate 90 to the Black Rock Ferry at Buffalo. After crossing at the ferry to Fort Erie they boarded a ship for a 5 day journey to Patterson Creek (Port Dover).

On August 19th, 1811, Daniel Bowen and son William Daniel Bowen purchased the 200 acre farm of future traitor Benajah Mallory at the main intersection of Burford, Oxford County, District of London, Upper Canada.

After a trip to York to obtain a 600 acre Land Grant in Blenheim Township, Oxford County from Isaac Brock, William Daniel Bowen soon became a Major in the 1st Norfolk Militia.

Major William Daniel Bowen served throughout the whole War of 1812, gathering the militia for Brock's journey to victory in Detroit, travelled to Detroit in January/February of 1813, was mentioned in General orders in April 1813 placing him in charge of the area of Dover and Turkey Point until he came home to Burford in November 1813, May 1814 was summoned by dispatch rider to Dover where the Americans had attacked; he and militia and First Nations Warriors waited with no success for Americans to attack at Turkey Point. In 1814 he found Benajah Mallory out trying to recruit locals to join the American Volunteers, fought at Lundy's Lane in July 1814 and at Malcom's Mill in November 1814.

After the War of 1812, William Daniel Bowen played an important part in the Village and area of Burford. In April 1815, William Daniel Bowen was made Justice of the Peace. In May 1816, William Daniel Bowen was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the 1st Oxford Militia. In February 1817, William Daniel Bowen was a member of a board that was investigating claims for military pensions from the War of 1812.

On December 5th, 1817, William Daniel Bowen, Colonel of the 1st Oxford Militia and Justice of the Peace, held the first public meeting ever held in Burford, to answer Robert Gourlay's questionnaire of 31 questions.

In 1819, William Daniel Bowen became the first postmaster in Burford.

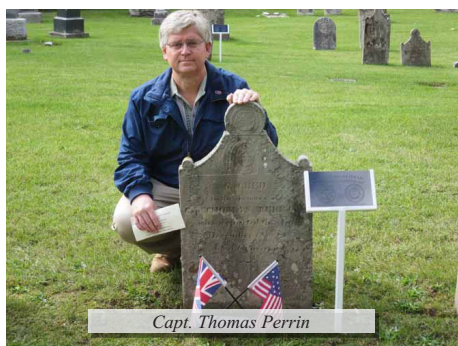
On April 13, 1821 William Daniel Bowen died at Burford and was buried at Burford Pioneer Cemetery next to his father Captain Daniel Bowen UE. The real legacy of William Daniel Bowen were his Land Grants in Blenheim Township where his family including my Great, Great, Great Grandfather Henry Daniel settled soon after.

Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather, Captain Thomas Perrin, Perrin's Company 5th Lincoln Militia

Buried: Mount Pleasant Pioneer Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, County of Brant, ON

Born: 1756 at Hebron, Tolland County, CT

Died: December 1, 1822 - Mount Pleasant, Upper Canada



Capt. Thomas Perrin

Thomas Perrin arrived in Brantford about 1800 and by 1801 he had Land Leases from Joseph Brant. Thomas Perrin was an unbelievable individual as when the war came, Thomas went door to door in the Mount Pleasant area gathering all those who would fight to form an Independent Militia Company of the 5th Lincoln Militia. Perrin's Company, a Flank Company never fought in any battles but instead, was repairing roads through the Grand River Swamp. In November 1814, the dishonourable American General Duncan McArthur came through from Michigan through London, Woodstock and Burford before burning Thomas Perrin's Mill near Mount Pleasant before the Battle of Malcom's Mill

**Great, Great, Great Grandfather
Thomas Daniel Perrin – Private
Perrin's Company 5th Lincoln Militia**
*Buried: Mount Vernon Cemetery, Mount
Vernon, County of Brant, Ontario*
Born: October 3, 1791 - Springfield,



Private Thomas Daniel Perrin

Massachusetts
*Died: July 15, 1870 - Mount Vernon, Brant
County, Ontario*

Thomas Perrin was a private in his father's Captain Thomas Perrin, Perrin's Company, 5th Lincoln Militia. Thomas, after the War of 1812, remained in Militia for 50 years retiring as Lieutenant Colonel of the Militia of the Third Battalion of Brant on March 31, 1862.

In the 1840's Thomas laid out the Village of Mount Vernon, Brantford Township, Brant County. At Mount Vernon on Whiteman's Creek Thomas operated a grist mill, saw mill and a carding mill.

**Great, Great, Great Grandfather
Private Christian Muma – 2nd
Regiment York Militia**
*Buried: Paris Plains Church Cemetery,
South Dumfries, Brant County, Ontario*
*Born: August 8 or 28, 1779 – Donegal
Township, Lancaster County, Penn.*
*Died: July 12, 1863 – South Dumfries
Township, Brant County, Canada West*



Private Christian Muma

There are several theories that tell that the Muma family might be United Empire Loyalists. Christian Muma came to Canada on February 1, 1800 living in the Dundas area until 1819 when he moved to St. George, Ontario. In 1839 Christian Muma and wife Anna Vasbinder moved to the northwest corner of South Dumfries of today's Brant County. 120 years later, my wife Sharon grew up on the farm next door.

**Great, Great, Great, Great, Great
Uncle, Private Jonathan Stevens –
Oxford Militia**
Born: About 1789
*Died: October 2, 1826 - Burford Township,
Oxford County, District of London, Upper
Canada*
*Buried: Burford Pioneer Cemetery,
Burford, Ontario*
1st Husband of Isabella Daniel, daughter of

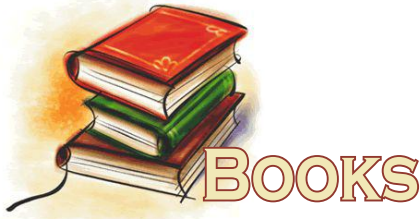


Private Jonathan Stevens

Joel Daniel UE

**Great, Great, Great, Great, Great
Uncle, Lieutenant, Jacob Yeigh -
Oxford Militia**
*Born: January 31, 1784 - Western Pennsylv-
vania*
Died: June 24, 1863 - Burford, Ontario
*Buried: Congregational Cemetery,
Burford, Ontario*
*2nd Husband of Isabella Daniel, daughter
of Joel Daniel UE*

Jacob Yeigh was 16 years of age when he joined the 1st Regiment Oxford Militia and by the time of the beginning of the War of 1812, he held a Lieutenant's commission. During the War of 1812, the Yeigh home was Military headquarters for the Burford area and all mail coming to Burford was addressed to the Yeigh home. After the fall of Moraviantown, on October 22, 1813, 700 Indians retreated to Burford and camped there for a few days before moving to Western District Military Headquarters at Burlington Heights. Jacob Yeigh remained a Lieutenant in the 1st Oxford Militia during the War of 1812 and was at the Battle of Malcolm's Mills in 1814.



At The Sharp End – Canadians Fighting The Great War 1914 – 1916

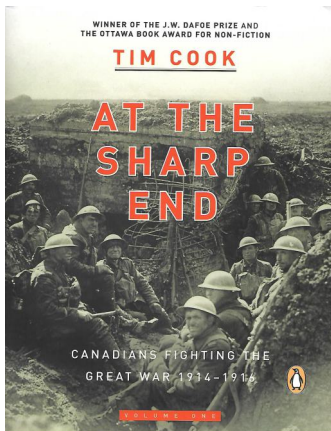
Volume One By Tim Cook
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Shock Troops – Canadians Fighting The Great War 1917 – 1918

Volume Two By Tim Cook
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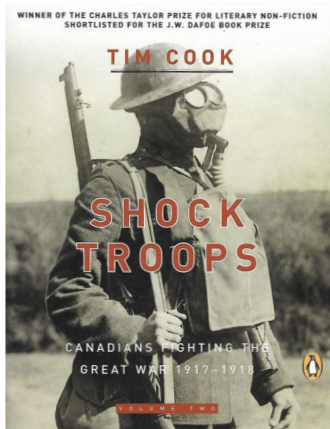
Review by Doug Coppins UE

If there were 2 books that told the story of our Canadian boys developing from an unorganized militia gathering in Quebec in 1914, through their trials of learning in the trenches with the poison gas in the 1914 – 1916 period, to the best fighting troops, bar none, called The Canadian Corp on the field of battle in France during 1917 and 1918 in The Great War, the 2 books by Tim Cook: “At the Sharp End” and “Shock Troops” are the 2 books to read.



Cook in, “At The Sharp End”, Volume 1 tells of a generation that left on an adventure as colonial soldiers with the effects of political Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia. They trained in England but the Canadian boys were different than the population of the United Kingdom. We got to know them and their commanders,

as they were learning too. Their first real battle was the Second Battle of Ypres where they were the first to be gassed and still held the ground. The Battles of Festubert, St.Eloi, Mount Sorrel and Somme followed. A price in Canadian lives was paid every day in the trenches. Cook tells the details of life in the trenches, with story of Trench routine, shelling and raiding. All levels of the Canadian Corp continue from their experiences.



In Volume 2, “Shock Troops” the amateurs of 1914 were now professionals. Cook tells how Lieutenant General Sir Julian Byng and Major General Arthur Currie the leaders of the Canadian Corp prepared for the battle and victory at Vimy Ridge in April 1917. At Vimy Ridge the Canadian Corp fought as a homogenous unit and won a battle in 4 days that no other Allied forces could do in the last 3 years. The Canadian Corp was now battle hardened shock troops. As the war continued throughout 1917 and 1918 with victories at Passchendaele, Amiens, Arras and Canal du Nord, the Germans feared the Canadians and knew that if the Canadians showed up this is where the battle was to happen.

Cook does a great job in telling anyone who reads these books of how much pride Canadians should feel about their service in The Great War and reminds the reader of the cost of these victories in the lives of Canadians. It was about becoming a nation called Canada. They knew who they were, they wore the Maple Leaf.

SPECIAL EVENT JUNE 19, 2017



CANADA 150
1867-2017

The Hamilton Branch will be combining Loyalists' Day and a Canada 150 Dinner in 2017 to be held June 19th.

The special speaker for June 19 is Dr. Jay Young talking on Family Ties: Ontario Turns 150. Dr. Young has worked as an Outreach Officer at the Archives of Ontario since the fall of 2014. Along with curating the Canada 150 exhibit, he is responsible for areas such as the Archives' popular travelling exhibits program. He has delivered numerous talks on a variety of historical topics to audiences across North America. He holds a PhD in history from York University and co-founded the website ActiveHistory.ca.

The venue already booked for this date is Michelangelo on Upper Ottawa in Hamilton. The meal will be fabulous with both roast beef and chicken along with pasta and our dessert if you still have room will be apple pie and ice cream.

We already have a piper, Marty Pullin and hopefully, Bob Morrow will be our pianist. Both Marty and Bob are UEs.

I am looking forward to this event and would like everyone to attend. There will be invitations to other branches and historical associations in the area along with the mayor and councillors. Further details will follow in the Spring.

Pat Blackburn

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Hamilton Branch Charitable Donations

Donations can also be made to our Hamilton Branch to support our outreach activities such as our many school visits and to purchase signage for our Loyalist Burial Sites. Please send Branch donations to our treasurer, Gloria Howard at Unit 409, 905 Mohawk Rd. E., Hamilton, ON L8T2R8

McMaster University Scholarship Fund

We also support our history through a McMaster Scholarship that goes directly to post graduate studies. Send donations to McMaster University, L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hamilton Branch of the UELAC

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

- Feb. 23** Annual General Meeting along with speaker Evelyn Myrie for Black History month
- March 23** Speaker Jean Rae Baxter – The Governor (Simcoe) and his Lady
- April 27** Speaker Dr. David Galbraith of the RBG
- June 19** Special Loyalist Day and Canada's 150th Anniversary Dinner, at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton. Our guest speaker, Dr. Jay Young, from Archives of Ontario.
- June 22-25** Dominion Conference in London ON at the Delta Armories

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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!

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