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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

WE ARE ALL CANADIANS, LET'S CELEBRATE

These words should have a distinct impression on all who hear them or see them in print this Spring. Many organizations are working hard on preparing a project for Canada's celebration of 150 years since Confederation. The Hamilton Branch has a dual celebration planned for June 19th that includes Canada 150 and Loyalists' Day in Ontario and will take place as a dinner on June 19th. – Michelangelo's Banquet Centre, Hamilton.

The Executive has been helping me with ideas and encouragement. We are at the point of mass advertising. We need our branch members and the community to spread the word. Gloria Howard is waiting to sell tickets. She can be contacted at glohoward@rogers.com

The Branch has been involved in outreach since last Fall through some support of other organizations, such as Sir John A. Macdonald Society dinner and wreath laying for Sir John's birthday. We took part in the Burlington Heritage Fair first week of February and had many visitors to our exhibit. Also, in February, I was honoured by the Branch by its nominating me for the Heritage Volunteer Recognition Award from The Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association. Thank you.

In April, eleven members of the Hamilton Branch made the drive to Ingersoll for the Central West Regional Meeting. Besides business matters, we listened to Branch Reports, instruction on proxies for the Annual Meeting in London in June and heard an informative talk by Jennifer De Bruin concerning history of the Mohawk Valley. Thank you to the branch attendees who were participating in this meeting for the first time.

Early April, I attended a conference, "Making Heritage Happen in Halton" at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Martha Hemphill, Marsha Waldie and I met so many people involved in historical societies and we heard different topics on how to make networks work and how connecting to our partners heritage and cultural development is a benefit to all. I now have an outreach contact for "Peace by Piece" and our branch will be giving both the Exhibit Board address and our in-school presentation at the Cotton Factory in July. We will be participating in the Multicultural Day in Halton on June 30. Contacts work.

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I am pleased to tell you even though our Education Committee did not advertise our in-school presentations this year, Ruth Nicholson and I have completed five presentations from February to end of April. Teachers have been calling in and members have been keeping in touch with schools and telling them of our work.

The next month promises to be something new, at least for me, we will be packing up our Library and moving on. Sad to say, Olivet United Church is failing like some

other churches and will be closing at the end of June. Next fall the Hamilton Branch will be meeting in different premises. We do not know what the future may bring but I am sure we are going to find something good from our upcoming move.

There are some excellent events and speakers planned for the remaining part of 2017. When you belong to an organization and do not come out to support then you miss a very important part of your membership. Come out with me and join in the fellowship. Our 8th objective of the branch is "To promote good fellowship". Let's do it.

See you at the dinner on June 19th.

2017 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Award:

Pat Blackburn UE

Pat Blackburn UE has completed her fourth successful year as President of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Hamilton Branch. As Chair of the Education Committee, she has presented the story of the Loyalists in Hamilton area schools for many years and has both arranged and participated in Loyalist displays at heritage events.

Ontario Volunteer Awards:

Mary Clairmont UE: 5 years

An active member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Hamilton Branch and has assisted in the distribution of our regular newsletter. Mary helps at outreach events in the community and often arranges for food and beverages at our meetings.

John Hammill UE: 30 years

A long time past member of the Executive of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Hamilton Branch having served as Treasurer for twelve years, Vice-President, President and Councillor as well as serving on several committees and as a Trustee for the Dominion Council of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

Lloyd Oakes UE: 15 years

An active past member of the Executive of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Hamilton Branch having served as Vice-President, President, Programme Chair and Nomination Chair in addition to serving on several committees and acting as musical accompanist for many years at our meetings and special events.

Reverend Charlotte Moore UE: 10 years

Reverend Charlotte Moore UE has served as Chaplain for the Hamilton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada for more than ten years. She supports many of our outreach events such as Loyalist Day on June 19th by offering special prayers and blessings. She shares her enthusiasm for Loyalist history by sharing her family research with many family members.

Jennifer Smith UE: 15 years

A strong supporter of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Hamilton Branch serving as Newsletter Publishing Editor and Web Master and Designer of our web site. In addition Jennifer speaks on the Loyalists to heritage groups in southern Ontario.

REMEMBERING SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD - JAN 7-8, 2017

Pat Blackburn UE

The first celebration in Hamilton for Canada 150 took place at the Scottish Rite on January 7th and was hosted by the Sir John A. Macdonald Society in the form of a dinner. Approximately 90 people were in attendance braving the very cold Canadian night. At our table were the following members of Hamilton Branch UELAC: Pat Blackburn and friend Barbara Austin, Ruth and David Nicholson and Rob Stokes. Pat Saunders also attended.

The program for the evening had been well organized by Robin McKee and his committee. A piper piped in Sir John A. Macdonald and the Bach Elgar Choir. Sir John gave a thank you/welcoming speech and the Choir performed two songs. Both were well received and certainly got the evening of fun off to a very good start. There was a silent auction and door prize.



David Brennan as Sir John A Macdonald

The main event of the evening was listening to John Boyko author of Blood and Daring, how Canada Fought the American Civil War and forged a Nation. Of course we found out circumstances and people involvement leading up to Confederation.

Sunday, January 8th

Another very cold day but approximately 15 people again braved the cold to lay wreaths at the monument of Sir John A. Macdonald in Gore Park, Hamilton in recognition of Sir John A.'s birthday anniversary taking place in the coming week. A descendant of Sir John A. Macdonald, Kathy Thompson, placed a wreath. The descendancy comes from her father's side – great great uncle. It was a very short service and I marvelled at the piper's work with such cold fingers and short kilt. The four military honour guard participants walked from the armouries in uniform.

The participants were invited by Robin McKee, on behalf of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, to the Officers' Mess at the armouries. People carpooled – not many walked the blocks down James Street North. A reception was held in the Mess and Richard Moll provided a tour of the Mess rooms and gave a commentary on the many pictures of officers from the RHLI who fought with others in Canada's participation in the Great War and subsequent wars thereafter. The RHLIs has been in existence for 155 years, longer than Canada 150.

It was a pleasant couple of hours. It is always good will to attend other organization's events and meet people with similar interest and hear of Canada's historical significance.



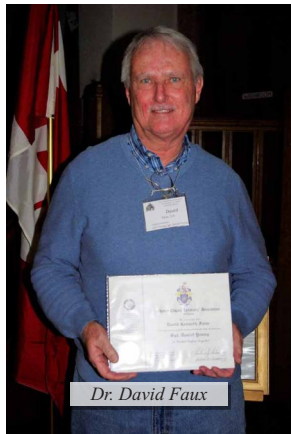
OUR ANCESTORS

Sgt. Daniel Young UEL

by descendant Dr. David Faux UE

Daniel Young was born about 1755 in Canajoharie, NY to Johan Adam Jung and Catharine Elizabeth Schremling. He worked with his uncle Frederick Young who was a County official and owner of many thousands of acres of land purchased from the Mohawks.

When the Revolution broke out in the Valley in 1777 Daniel, his uncle Frederick, and brother John escaped to Niagara where they gained employment in the Indian Department. His father and younger brothers followed later after their home was burned by the Rebels. As a Ranger, Daniel fought at the siege of Fort Stanwix and the Battle of Oriskany. When Butler's Rangers was organized he became a Sergeant in Captain Peter Ten Broeck's Company.



Dr. David Faux

Daniel married Elizabeth Windecker the daughter of Pvt. Henry Windecker and Dorothy Pickard (grand daughter of a mulatto woman, and a descendant of Conrad Weiser). All of the Young family served with the Indian Department or the Rangers until the end of the Revolution.

Upon disbanding in 1784, Daniel with his parents and brothers were given land on the Grand River by the Six Nations. However in 1795 Daniel left to reside in Barton Township (today's Hamilton) since, unlike his elder brother, he was not married to a Native woman so was vulnerable to being ejected from Indian lands.

In Barton Daniel became a founder and an officer in the Barton Masonic Lodge, a Township Assessor, and served during the entire War of 1812 as Captain of the 5th Lincoln Militia, seeing service in almost all of the battles in the Niagara Peninsula.

Daniel established his farm at Ryckman's Corners along Upper Wellington. The home site has been archaeologically investigated, and there is a City plaque near the site to honour Daniel and Elizabeth.

David is a descendant of Daniel's sons Henry and George (both of whom were Sergeants in their father's company during the War of 1812)

Nathaniel Pettit III UE

by descendant Marilyn Hardsand UE

For Lane Rayner to get to know his 8th Great Grandfather

Nathaniel Pettit, office holder and politician; b. 12 June 1724 in Sussex County, N.J., son of Nathaniel Pettit and Elizabeth Heath; m. 26 Feb. 1747 Margaret McFarland, and they had one son and six daughters; d. 9 March 1803 in Ancaster, Upper Canada.

Nathaniel Pettit's forebears emigrated in 1630 from Essex, England, to the area around Boston, Mass. The family eventually dispersed, some members settling in New Jersey where in Sussex county Nathaniel achieved financial security and legal prominence prior to the American Revolution. He owned two valuable mills and in 1766 was appointed judge in the county Court of Common Pleas. In 1768 his personal standing in the community rose further with his election as one of the two members returned from the county to the provincial legislature. But his success, at a time when officials appointed by Britain came to be feared and distrusted, ultimately worked against him.

Initially Pettit was sympathetic to colonial grievances; in 1774 he was appointed at a county meeting to a ten-man committee to oppose taxation without representation

and to support the suspension of imports from Britain. But on 12 Jan. 1776 he was brought before the provincial committee of safety for refusing to pay taxes levied by the revolutionary congress. He was fined and stripped of his judicial appointment, which precipitated an open declaration of his loyalty.

Approaching his mid-fifties, Daniel was not physically able to join a loyalist corps, but with the aid of a former fellow member of the legislature, Joseph Barton, in late 1776 he raised a battalion of 500 men. Pettit, "lame and infirm," remained in Sussex County where his assistance to "the friends of Government ... exposed him to the worst treatment" from the rebels. Imprisoned from 4 April 1777 to 28 May 1778, he obtained his liberty only by paying heavy fines and taking out large bonds for his future behaviour. Pettit estimated these losses "at a very moderate computation" to be in excess of £1000. Moreover, when he left the United States he had to sell his mills and lands for less than half their value. Although he pressed his "well attested" case before loyalist claims commission, it "was attended with no effect."



Marilyn Hardsand and Grandson Lane with son Russel Rayner

With several friends, he left his home and arrived in the Niagara area of Quebec in 1787 "to solicit a settlement where he may enjoy that liberty and comfort so amply secured by the British constitution." He received a grant of 700 acres, and in 1794 another 1,300. His land was located in Saltfleet, Grimsby (North and South Grimsby), Burford, Ancaster, and Aldborough townships.

On 24 July 1788 Lord Dorchester [Guy Carleton] established four new administrative districts in what was to become Upper Canada. The chief institutions in the new districts were the land board and the Court of Common Pleas. Pettit's appointment to both on 24 Oct. 1788 in the Nassau District

reflected his pre-revolutionary prominence. He served on the land board with John Butler, Robert Hamilton, Benjamin Pawling, and John Warren, and also was a member of its successor, the land board of Lincoln County, established on 20 Oct. 1792. The other officials sitting on the district court were Hamilton, Pawling and Peter Ten Broeck. The board settled matters of land title and the court handled questions of debt. Neither concern was crucial to Pettit's interests and his attendance was sporadic: he was present at only 9 of 36 sessions of the land board between 26 Oct. 1789 and March 1792 and 4 of 23 sessions of the court between 28 Oct 1788 and 10 April 1794. The court was abolished by act of the provincial legislature in July 1794 and the land board by order in council the following November. Pettit was a justice of the peace from 19 June 1789; his last commission was dated 1 April 1803, several weeks after his death. He was named to the first Heir and Devisee Commission for the Home District on 19 Oct. 1797 and reappointed on 21 July 1800 for Lincoln County. He did not attend any of the three meetings between 1 Oct. 1800 and his death.

Pettit's stature is perhaps best reflected by Dorchester's recommendation of him on 15 March 1790, on the advice of Sir John Johnson, as one of eight legislative councillors for the intended province of Upper Canada. Of those commissioned on 12 July 1792, five were selected from this 1790 list. For whatever reason, possibly because of advanced age, Pettit was rejected on the suggestion of Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe. However, on 27 Aug. 1792 he was elected for the riding of Durham, York, and 1st Lincoln to the first parliament of the new province. Nathaniel was succeeded in the second parliament by Richard Beasley.

Pettit did not live long enough to accumulate much more than the land he had been granted. In fact, between 1800 and 1802 he sold off substantial portions of it, mostly to his sons-in-law. In his will, he left the remainder to his five surviving daughters and £80 to his son-in-law Lawrence Lawrason, a successful London merchant. In some ways, the British government had compensated Pettit for his losses; however, his advancing years did not allow him to rebuild his life to its former eminence.

William Vanderlip I UEL

*for Descendants Kyle & Cody McLain
UE - 7th Great Grandfather
Marilyn Hardsand UE*

William Vanderlip (1729-1785) was born in Holland, Netherlands about 1729 and arrived in America, about 1757, as his son, John was married to Lucinda Tuttle in Vermont.

William Vanderlip, came from the Susquehanna area at Wyoming, Pennsylvania. The Vanderlip farm in the Susquehanna area, 42 miles from Wyoming, had been burned in 1777 by the rebels. The men were taken captive, and were to be sent to the notorious iron mine (prison) in Connecticut, but they escaped and joined the Rangers at Niagara. In 1779, General Sullivan, on his way to destroy the Mohawk Indian Village, stopped at the site of the burned Vanderlip farm and described it as being "desolate".

In the Revolutionary War two William Vanderlips, father and son, were Privates in the Butler's Rangers, but the youngest, William, was discharged for being under age. Frederick, his older brother, also served as a private in Butler's Rangers.

William joined Butler's Rangers, in 1777, and was discharged, about 1780, due to illness. He eventually settled in Ancaster, Ontario. The family estimated their war losses at 231 pounds Sterling (\$17,268 in 1991 US dollars) and was awarded 60 pounds Sterling (\$4485 in 1991 US Dollars).

MAKING A BIG MOVE

Our Regular General Meetings will be in a New Location this Fall

Early this year we were advised that our home base for meetings, Olivet United Church would be closing. We could complete our spring meetings here but had to move all our belongings by the end of June 2017.

President Pat put out the call to search for a new location at our February meeting. Many people came forward with suggestions and Pat followed these contacts with phone calls and visits. The search came to an end in April when it was decided that we would move our meetings to St. Matthew on-the-Plains, in Burlington. This church offers a first level meeting space along with a small room for our library and AV equipment. There is a kitchen for us to use as well. Parking is plentiful, on site and access to our meeting room is right off the parking lot. We do need to set up our own chairs and tables.

This location is easy to access off the 403 at Waterdown Rd. – just a short distance to the church as you turn left or east onto Plains Road.

Address:

**St. Matthew on-the-Plains
126 Plains Rd. E., Burlington.**



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REACH OUT TO OTHERS: OUR NETWORKING QUEEN

by Ruth Nicholson UE



Anne Young, Joan Gibson & Gloria Howard

Gloria Howard UE

I am inspired every time I talk to Gloria. She is such a breath of fresh air. Gloria is passionate about our Loyalist history and ancestry and she generously shares her research expertise to welcome new members to our branch.

I asked Gloria how she came in touch with those willing to take the first step into proving their Loyalist ancestry.

She answered, “Through conversations with friends at church and friends who walk the mall every week I engage others in my enthusiasm for Loyalist family history.”

Gloria first connected with Joan Gibson and was able to trace her Loyalist lineage to ancestor Matthias Zimmerman UEL, who had been granted land in the Niagara area. Gloria told me that some family members were buried in Carlisle at the United Church cemetery. I live in Waterdown and have visited there several times and I had a good idea of the location of these family stones. Yes, we found them! Joan received her certificate at a fine Christmas dinner held at St. Andrew’s Anglican Church in Grimsby.

Recently we welcomed another of Gloria’s friends at our final general meeting at Olivet United Church, in April. Susan Miller is seeking her certificate through ancestor Martin Hawley UEL, who was granted land in the Quinte area. Gloria has completed the paper work and I expect another success story to ensue.

Well done Gloria! I hope this inspires others to reach out and connect with those who are interested in discovering their Loyalist roots.

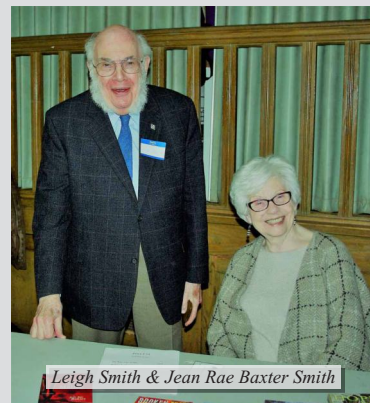
SING A SONG OF LOYALISTS

Sing a song of courage, hope that will not die.
One hundred thousand Loyalists stoutly defy
Tarring and feathering, the loss of home and friend
For principles they lived by in order to defend.

Sing a song of hardship with many a weary sigh
In the dead of winter, hear children’s hungry cry.
A cabin built of logs in a land that they must tame.
High the price for them to pay to live up to their name!

Sing a song of promise, a faith that will not lie
Till many years of toil bear fruit, and a better life is nigh.
Then with one strong and loyal voice they all begin the sing.
In thankfulness and tribute to duty and their King.

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Leigh Smith & Jean Rae Baxter Smith

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>

HONOURING GEORGE WARD

**Founder of Wardsville and
Veteran of the War of 1812
by Ruth Nicholson UE**

In May of 2015 my family honoured a veteran of the War of 1812 for both our maternal and paternal sides. This took place in Harrow and Colchester, Essex County, my place of birth. Several friends, family descendants and heritage people attended our two ceremonies.



Sharon McDonald & Ruth Nicholson
at George Ward Unveiling

This act inspired a Harrow connection, that of Sharon and Chuck McDonald, who attend our home church, St. Andrew's Anglican in Harrow. Sharon invited my sister Susan Hutchins McCloskey UE and me over to her home to look at some research that her mother had started. It was about George Ward, for whom Wardsville is named.

I took the material and connected with local historian and author, Glenn Stott. Glenn had been one of the speakers at our Regional Loyalist meetings in London a

few years back and Carol Childs UE, co-chair of this year's London conference knew him well. I purchased a couple of Glenn's books that were filled with affidavits from George Ward, trying to defend himself from some of the local authorities who saw him coming out of an American encampment. He had actually been taken there and a rope put around his neck three times, as they sought information that was not forthcoming from this loyal gentleman and old soldier. It is a remarkable story that took me a year of research to uncover and to find the first proofs needed to obtain a Veteran of 1812 plaque for George and two of his sons, William and James. It is a remarkable story and is posted along with all other proven veterans on the Graveside Project – Veterans of War of 1812 site:

http://www.1812veterans.ca/?page_id=22&lang=en

Here you will find a listing of the 338 veterans who have been honoured to date. Click on the names George Ward, William Ward, Isaac Ferriss and John Cornwall to see photos of ceremonies held and the stories that I wrote for each of these men. Let's get the word out about this wonderful project.



PRINCE OF WALES SPEECH VIMY RIDGE CEREMONY

**Transcript of the speech that the
Prince of Wales gave at the event
commemorating the 100th
anniversary of Vimy Ridge**

Ladies and gentleman, hundreds of thousands of Canadians crossed the cold, grey Atlantic to take a stand against tyranny and oppression. They left behind everything they knew to face a struggle they could not have imagined.

Today it is hard to believe possible the horrors that unfolded here on the 9th of April, 1917. This was a battlefield of corpses. The terrifying roar of massed artillery filled the air. As one Canadian brigade signalling officer wrote, "Imagine the loudest clap of thunder you ever heard, multiplied by two, and prolonged indefinitely." Boot-deep mud rendered each step a struggle, amidst the deadly relentless hail of bullets.

The events of that day saw the four divisions of the Canadian Corps serving together for the first time. They fought bravely and with great ingenuity. They succeeding in seizing the vital high ground of Vimy, a task which many others before them had failed.

However, victory came at an unbearably heavy cost. This was and remains the single bloodiest day in Canadian military history. Yet Canadians displayed a sense of character and commitment to one another that is still evident today. They did not waiver. This was Canada at its best. The Canadians at Vimy embodied the true north, strong and free.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let us never forget.

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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!



COME TO OUR BIG CANADA 150 COMMUNITY DINNER

Monday June 19th at 6 p.m.
Michelangelo's Banquet Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton

It will be fun and festive.
Please mark this important
date on your calendar.



Dinner entrée: Roast beef
and chicken breast
supreme with a light demi glaze, served
family style.

A town crier will announce this special
event. Marty Pullin, of Sheffield will be
our piper.

Those in period clothing will form a colour
party along with those laying wreaths of
remembrance.

His Honour Robert Morrow UE will
accompany the singing of both anthems on
the grand piano.

Keynote speaker, Danielle Manning from
Archives Ontario - Family Ties: Ontario
Turns 150.

Hamilton Historian Robin McKee will give
a short presentation on Sir John A Macdon-
ald, first prime minister of Canada.

We celebrate both Loyalist Day in Ontario
and Canada's 150th anniversary. This is an
event for all.

SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBOURS

London & Western Ontario Branch
and the Grand River Branch –
Dominion Conference 2017
Downtown Delta Armories Hotel,
London

When I first became a member in 1999 I
was encouraged to attend the Dominion
Conference in Edmonton that year. It was a
remarkable experience – getting to know
the local heritage sites and conversing,
dining and having fun with fellow
Loyalists from across the country. After
my first experience I was hooked and I
have been able to attend most conferences
since that time. That may be why I was
asked to be Dominion Conference chair. I
encourage branches across the country to
open their doors to us Loyalists, to give us
a flavour of their part of the country and to
connect us to the Loyalist heritage in the
area.

I have always loved the city of London and
I am so happy that this wonderful, local
conference is nearly upon us. Please come
out and support our neighbours by
attending one day or even one event. The
AGM meeting is free for all members
across the country and you get a chance to
hear issues, take part in conversations and
ultimately cast your vote.

Thursday June 22 is mainly for those who
represent our branches as membership
chairs or genealogists early in the day. The
evening however is for all. It is a welcome
bash that includes short speeches, finger
food and a wonderful time to network with
those attending.

Friday is always the touring day – get to
see the treasured locations in the area. You
can stay in the downtown London area and
see the haunted Courthouse and Gaol, the
First Hussars Military Museum, Museum
London that houses over 5 000 regional
and Canadian works of art and 25 000
artifacts and finally the beautiful Eldon
House, built in 1834 by John and Amelia
Harris UE.

The second option is a tour of St. Thomas
to see the Old St. Thomas Church and
Pioneer Cemetery, the Elgin Military
Museum and the St. Thomas Railway
Museum that honours this city as the
railway capital of Canada.

Saturday morning is the important AGM
led by our Dominion President Barb

Andrew. The ball or gala banquet is always
Saturday evening when the beautiful
gowns are worn by the women and the red
and navy military coats by the men. It is a
flash back in time and very delightful. All
are welcome whether in period clothing or
not. I do hear that several ladies are making
dresses to mark the 150th anniversary of
Canada. I expect to see lots of red and white
this year.

Sunday morning we don our colonial
clothes for the final conference event – a
Loyalist church service at St. Paul's
Cathedral followed by a light lunch.

Your conference hosts are Greg Childs CD
and his wife Carol Childs UE. Contact
Greg if you have any questions at:
g.childs@sympatico.ca

Let's see a good presence of our Hamilton
Branch members at this wonderful
conference.



UELAC AGM – ALL MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE

The 2017 UELAC annual meeting takes
place on June 24 in London, Ontario.

All current paid-up members (age 18 and
older) have:

- the right to vote at the AGM;
- the right to access information that has
been prepared for the meeting;
- the option to designate someone to
represent their vote by proxy by using the
proxy form provided on the website.

Copies of the AGM package and proxy
form will be available May 1 on the AGM
2017 Members page or by request to
Dominion Office. As far as is known at
press time, those members of the Hamilton
Branch who will be attending the AGM and
can be designated to hold your proxy vote
are : Pat Blackburn, Gloria Howard,
Michele Lewis and Ruth Nicholson. If you
wish to assign a proxy to one of these
individuals, please IMMEDIATELY
contact Pat Blackburn at
uepat624@bell.net so that Pat can give you
the link, sign-in and password to access the
proxy form.



The Hamilton Branch
of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
cordially invites you to dinner
in recognition of Ontario's United Empire Loyalist Day
and in celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary
since Confederation 1867



on JUNE 19, 2017
6:00 p.m.

at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton, Ontario

Guest Speaker: Danielle Manning, Archives Ontario
Topic: Family Ties: Ontario Turns 150

Ticket \$ 50.00 - contact UELAC HB Members or Gloria Howard, Treasurer (gshoward@pagers.com)

UPCOMING PLAQUING CEREMONY

**Saturday, August 12 at 2 p.m.
Cooley-Hatt Pioneer Cemetery
243 Lime Kiln Road, Ancaster**

We are pleased to announce that our Loyalist Plaquing Committee under the able leadership of Doug and Sharon Coppins have arranged for a wonderful event that will see our Loyalist Burial Site marker unveiled. Please come out and celebrate with us.

Those Loyalist honoured are: Preserved Cooley UEL and Peter Gordon UEL.

Descendants of Preserved Cooley who will be present are James Farmilo and Karen Farmilo.

Descendants of Peter Gordon who will be present are Marilyn Hardsand UE, Michele Lewis UE, Rowena Jeffreys UE and Marilyn McDonald UE.

Each family will offer a short talk on their Loyalist ancestor.

Hatt and Cooley relatives have been fighting to preserve the cemetery since it was discovered. Family members enlisted the assistance of historical and genealogical organizations to help protect the burial plots. In October of 2015 Rick Hatt, 3rd great grandson of Richard Hatt led the re-dedication ceremony.

The cemetery is believed to be Ancaster's first burial ground. Many of the earliest settlers of the area were interred beginning in about 1794 until the early 1820s when a cemetery was established at St. John's Anglican Church on Wilson Street in 1824.

Richard Hatt, who built a mill in Dundas and is credited with establishing the Town of Dundas, is buried at the Cooley-Hatt cemetery, but his tombstone was relocated to Grove Cemetery. Hatt's wife, Mary Cooley, is buried in the pioneer cemetery, along with several of their nine children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hamilton Branch of the UELAC

Meetings – 4th Thursday of Feb., March, April, Oct. and Nov. at St. Matthew-on-the-Plains, 126 Plains Rd. E., Burlington, main floor with entrance door off the parking lot.

- June 19** Our 150 Dinner at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre 1555 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton. Town Crier will "cry" at 5:55 p.m. UEL remembrance 6:00; Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 12** Plaquing at the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery, 243 Lime Kiln Rd., Ancaster at 2 p.m.
- September** TBA – visit to Westfield Heritage Village, 1049 Kirkwall Rd. Rockton
- Oct. 26** John Vickers – Foundry work on the Tecumseh statue
- Nov. 23** Sandra McNamara – Declaration of Dependence 1776
- Dec. 2** Christmas luncheon at Lynden United Church, Lynden at 12:30 p.m. \$28 per person

Outreach Events

- June 1** History in Action Day for students – part of Battle of Stoney Creek Days
- June 30** Multicultural Day in Halton, Oakville – 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- July 25** Peace by Piece: Stitching Together Canadian Stories, The Cotton Factory, 270 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- July 29** Graveside Plaquing at Stoney Creek Municipal Cemetery, King St. – Private Levi Green,
5th Regiment Lincoln Militia, 1812 – Time: 11:00 a.m.
- August 7** Joseph Brant Day, LaSalle Park, Burlington

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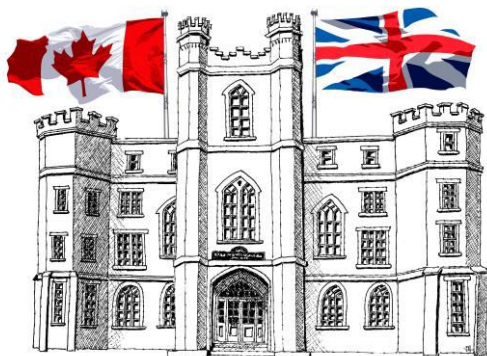
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REGISTRATION FORM

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NAME (IN FULL) _____ BRANCH _____

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SPECIFIC DIET? YES ___ NO ___ PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE AREA, IF APPLICABLE :

DIABETIC___ VEGETARIAN___ VEGAN___ GLUTEN___ LACTOSE___ CULTURAL_____

OTHER/PLEASE EXPLAIN IN DETAIL _____

NOTE: THE DELTA HOTEL HAS ASSURED US THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO TACKLE ANY DIETRY DIFFICULTY

PLEASE REFER TO PAGE (3) THREE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OUR CONFERENCE EVENTS, TOURS, MEALS, ETC. FOR ANY QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS, PLEASE E-MAIL: uelconf2017@bell.net.

PLEASE PRINT AND MAIL YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS WITH REMITTANCES TO:

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EVENTS REGISTRATION (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICES WHERE APPLICABLE)

NOTE: All Events will take place at the Delta Armouries Hotel with the exception of the Friday Bus Tours and Sunday Church Service. **Delegates are encouraged to review important Conference Registration Info.**

		<u>EARLY BIRD</u> (BY 20 th MAY)	<u>AFTER 20th MAY</u> (NO REFUND)
REGISTRATION RECEIVED BY:			
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES		\$35.00	\$40.00
THURSDAY [Cite your	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. MEMBERSHIP MEETING	INCL'D	INCL'D
	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. GENEALOGIST MEETING	INCL'D	INCL'D
	5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. WELCOME RECEPTION	\$35.00	\$40.00
NO. 1 TOUR: LONDON AREA			
FRIDAY [Cite	9:00 a.m. assembly for 9:30 a.m. departure from Delta Hotel	\$40.00	\$45.00
	OR:		
	NO. 2 TOUR: ST. THOMAS AREA		
	8:30 a.m. assembly for 9:00 a.m. departure from Delta Hotel	\$50.00	\$55.00
	5:30 p.m. Sharp! SEATED FOR ENTERTAINMENT & BUFFET DINNER	\$85.00	\$95.00
NO. 3 TOUR: ST. THOMAS AREA			
SATURDAY [Cite your	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ANNUAL GEN. MEMBERSHIP MEETING	INCL'D	INCL'D
	5:30 p.m. GALA BANQUET (Plated Beef & Chicken Meal)	\$85.00	\$95.00
SUNDAY [Cite your	9:00 a.m. (Tentative) tour of St Paul's Cathedral with historical highlights		
	10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. LOYALIST CHURCH SERVICE at St Paul's Cathedral		
	(INCLUDES LUNCH).....	\$15.00	\$20.00

TOTALS, if each event is purchased individually **before May 20th \$295.00 or \$305.00** depending upon the tour selected and **after May 20th, \$335.00** (London Tour) or **\$345.00** (ST. Thomas Tour)

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED BY DELEGATE FOR CHOSEN CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES (\$_____)

PLEASE MAKE YOUR REGISTRATION CHEQUES PAYABLE TO..... "UELAC 2017 CONFERENCE"

NOTE: FOR THOSE DELEGATES PAYING WITH **U.S. FUNDS**, YOU MAY REDUCE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE BY **(25%) TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.**