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## **State of the UELAC Dominion**

At our October 19th meeting, we welcomed several guests: Regional VP Prairie Region **Gerry Adair** and his wife **Pat, Ken Ackles** (Loyalist James Ackles) and **Janice Martin** (Loyalist Michael Grass).

The main event, however, was the address by our guest speaker, **Douglas Warner Grant UE**, President of the UELAC, on "The State of the UELAC Dominion." During his talk, Doug discussed the objectives and challenges of the Association, which include:

- Increasing membership
- Increasing funding
- Recording Loyalists
- Education programs
- A business plan for fund raising
- Enhancing the website
- Restoring buildings
- Research and publication
- Projects at all levels
- Record Loyalists sites
- Generate media coverage
- Networking with other organizations with common goals
- Facilitate annual conferences



*Doug Grant UE*

The membership target set for 2005 is **2,500**. At present it stands  
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## Upcoming Branch Meetings



We are taking a break in December from our regular monthly meetings but will be back in January .

Our **annual general meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, January 18th at 8 pm**. All members are welcome—this is your chance to voice your concerns, ask questions and participate in the life of the branch.

**Carl Benn**, Chief Curator, City of Toronto Museum and Heritage Services will be our speaker on **Wednesday, February 15th**. His topic is “The Iroquois and the birth of reservations in New York, 1783-1812.” We will learn about the Iroquois who did not come to Canada after the Revolution (about two-thirds of the Six Nations 1783 population ) and how they fared.

Planning continues for the 2006 speaker schedule. Any suggestions for speakers should be submitted to Martha ([hempfill829@sympatico.ca](mailto:hempfill829@sympatico.ca)) for consideration.

The monthly meetings are held at the branch office at **40 Scollard Street, Suite 300**. Scollard Street is three short blocks north of Yonge Street from Bloor. The **#6 Bay Street bus** stops at Bay and Yorkville, which is only one short block from Scollard Street.

The meetings proper begin at 8 p.m. but members are welcome to come early for refreshments and to peruse the library and to meet fellow members. There is metered parking on the street and several parking lots in the neighbourhood. Once in the lobby, **buzz #1500** for access to the building and to the branch office. We hope to see you at a meeting soon.

## Dues Reminder

We would like to remind members that payment of 2006 membership dues must be made to the branch by **January 1st**. If you need another copy of the membership form, please contact the branch office to have one sent to you.

Single memberships are \$55 and family memberships (spouses and/or dependent children living in the same household) are \$80.

Among other things, your dues :

- support our branch library
- entitle you to two issues of our national newsletter The Loyalist Gazette and six issues of Fidelity
- include the per capita fees we send to support our national association

Please support your branch by sending in your renewal **today**.



# Nominations for 2006 Branch Executive

<b>President</b>	Karen Windover UE
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	Vacant
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Vacant
<b>Past President</b>	John Warburton UE
<b>Secretary</b>	Susan Ellsworth UE
<b>Treasurer</b>	Karen Windover UE
<b>Archives</b>	Anne Rahamut UE
<b>Publications</b>	Ed Cass UE
<b>Programme</b>	Linda Young UE
<b>Bylaws</b>	Vacant
<b>Membership</b>	Vacant
<b>Social</b>	Diane Reid UE
<b>Public Relations/Education</b>	John Warburton UE
<b>Newsletter</b>	Susan Ellsworth UE
<b>Library</b>	Martha Hemphill UE
<b>Genealogy</b>	Martha Hemphill UE
<b>Trustee (to 2006)</b>	Kathie Orr UE
<b>Trustee (to 2007)</b>	Ed Cass UE
<b>Trustee (to 2008)</b>	Martha Hemphill UE



*Submitted by Nominations Committee, Toronto Branch UELAC*

# Remembrance Day: A 60th Anniversary Trip

## By Martha Hemphill

For our November meeting, we tried something a little different. Instead of meeting on the third Wednesday evening of the month, as we normally do, we had our meeting on a Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a good turnout and it was nice to see some familiar faces we had not seen in a while, including **Dorrine Macnab, Don Flowers, M.B. Levitt** and **Peg Forbes**. We also welcomed guests **Douglas Chapell, Fred** and **Margaret Hayward**. (Fred is Chair, Education/Outreach Committee UELAC.)

We were pleased to have a Toronto branch member as our guest speaker. **Captain David Moore UE** took us, via PowerPoint, on his trip to France with cadets to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid.

The trip was the culmination of two years of planning involving **Joe Ryan**, a veteran of the Royal Regiment of Canada, the cadets of **Appleby College** of Oakville, Ontario, whose home regiment is the Royal Regiment of Canada and the **2736 Army Cadet Corps** from Toronto Branch UELAC. The cadets raised money alumni, legions, tag days and parents! And off to France they went.

Every site they visited had an emotional impact on the cadets. They had heard Joe Ryan tell the story of landing on the beach at Dieppe but that hadn't prepared them for the impact of standing there with the cliffs towering over them and the waves crashing on the beach. The many broken stones that were carried home from this beach told a story to these young Canadians. The cadets and Joe Ryan took part in a parade and in various ceremonies.

They visited the trenches and cemetery where Dr. John McCrae wrote "In Flanders Field" and was later buried. On to Puys, Juno, Pointe de Hoc, and to Louvigny which the Royals had liberated 60 years before. The residents were still grateful, thanking the Canadians for making them free. Three ceremonies were held in the honour of the visiting cadets.

Before they had left Appleby College, the cadets researched the students who had gone to war and never came back. They visited the grave of James Osler, who attended Appleby in 1924, giving the trip a human connection. This was someone who probably sat in the same pew at chapel, played the same team sports and studied at the same desks as they did.

As well as WWII sites, the group visited some WWI sites: Vimy, Ypres, Passchendaele and the Menin Gate. There was recorded those missing in war including Aubrey de V A. Turquand who left Appleby at age 19 to go to war, only to die the following year.

One youth, when asked if he wanted his picture taken at Omaha cemetery declined, saying he was not worthy of having his picture taken with these soldiers. I think that this trip will be one that these cadets will never forget and that they will live very worthy lives.

Thank you David for sharing these experiences with us.

*Thank you to Martha Hemphill for providing this account of the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and for supplying the photos.*

# Remembrance Day (cont. from previous page)



*At left, four members of the KRRNY at the November meeting.*

*From left to right:*

*Richard Atkinson*

*Ed Cass*

*David Moore*

*Will Hannenberg*

*At right:*

*David Moore,*

*Will Hannenberg,*

*Dorrine Macnab*

*David Ellsworth*



## State of the UELAC Dominion *(cont. from page 1)*

at 2,382. The number of certificates submitted for approval is down, so this is something on which we must work. The future of the UELAC is financially solid, it has a good core membership with a variety of projects underway and a good infrastructure.

Many accomplishments Doug noted include: Loyalists Trails, excellent office staff, Internet communications, promotions, Loyalist Gazette, the Loyalist Directory and branch projects.

But while we accept these challenges and goals we must remember...HAVE FUN!!

Doug and his wife, **Nancy Conn**, brought with them a selection of the 2014 fundraising merchandise for purchase. We also sold draw tickets and there were three lucky winners.

If you are not a subscriber to **Loyalist Trails**, but would like to become one, please contact Doug. Loyalist Trails is an email newsletter issued every one to two weeks to members and friends of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada. Doug would be interested in knowing to which branch you belong and from which city and province/state you hail.

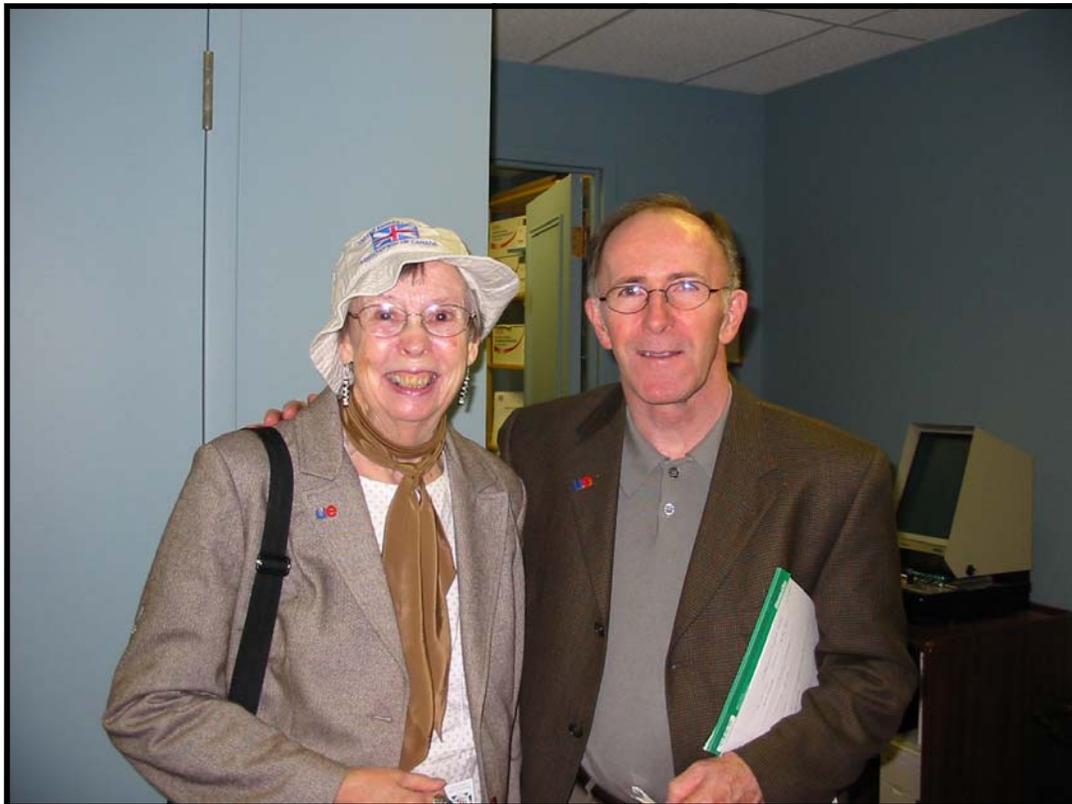
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*Margaret Near and Richard Atkinson at the October 19th meeting*

# Heintzman House Event a Success

*By John Warburton*

A sincere *thank you* from the Branch goes to **Diane Reid, Myrna Fox** and **John Warburton** for staffing the Loyalist table at Heintzman House in Thornhill.

The annual Fall Fair was held there on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and Toronto branch was asked to represent the Loyalist history of the house.

The original owner of the property was **Anthony Hollingshead U.E.** who had served in the New Jersey Volunteers. (Amongst our visitors were at least two of his descendants) **George Crookshank S.U.E.**, who next had the home, built an addition that included a glorious winding staircase.

The house proudly flies a Loyalist flag and we are thankful for the opportunity to share the history of the house with the public.

Thanks again to our volunteers.

*At right: John Warburton and Heintzman House visitors partake of modern refreshments.*



*Above: John Warburton dresses the part at Heintzman House.*



## Heritage Showcase Coming Soon

Please mark **February 17-19<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. That is the weekend of the Mississauga Heritage Showcase at Square One and the Toronto branch is participating. Please come out for a few hours and help us present the Loyalist story to the public. You don't have to be extraordinarily knowledgeable about the UEL, just willing to talk to interested visitors about what Toronto branch and the UELAC are all about. To sign up, please call **John Warburton** at 416.752.3486.

# “Powder Horn to Plow” Display Ends

By *John Warburton*

This highly successful exhibit in Mississauga closed on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. "Powder Horn to Plow" showed the early settlement of U.E. Loyalists in Toronto Township (now Mississauga). The exhibit had been housed in "The Grange" on Dundas Street West between Mississauga Rd. and Erin Mills Parkway. We thank Mississauga Heritage Foundation Executive Director **Jayne Gaspar** and historian **Matthew Wilkinson** for their help and for the opportunity to present the Loyalist story to the public. Matthew created an amazing display telling the history of families such as **Merigold, Thompson, Jarvis, Silverthorn, Bradley and Robinson**. The Grange was the country home of SUE John Beverly Robinson and now houses the offices of Heritage Mississauga.



The meat of the exhibit were the farm implements and artifacts recently presented to Heritage Mississauga by the **Greeniaus** family who were amongst the "Merigold Point" settlers. Also featured were a powder horn and bayonet loaned by Black Creek Pioneer Village. A highlight for us was the use, for the first time, of our mannequins (nicknamed Rudy and Sam). They have a story of their own to tell and we will feature them in a future article. One represented the soldier aspect while the other was dressed as a farmer.



The soldier's uniform featured a shirt made by **Mrs. Roger Reid**. Our thanks go to her for the time spent in making the clothing item. We would also like to thank **Victoria Kidd** who assisted in the set up.

The display was accompanied by a lively talk on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The whole effort is part of the Toronto Branch "Home District Loyalists" Project. A spin-off was the locating of the grave stone of Loyalist James Falconer at nearby St. Peters Erindale (more on him in the future).

## Wear the New UE Pin!

Toronto Branch has created an attractive, modern pin so we can proudly declare our heritage. For just \$5 you too can wear one!

These pins make great stocking stuffers but are an appropriate gift for yourself or for fellow Loyalists at any time of the year.

The pins are available for purchase at the monthly branch meetings. Or you can call our branch office to arrange purchase.



## Alberta and Saskatchewan Celebrate

By John Warburton

As celebrations of the hundredth anniversary of these two provinces wind down, it seems appropriate to note a "Home District Loyalist" connection to the west. The surveyor who first used the "Section " method in Canada was John Stoughton Dennis. His work and Loyalist connection are best described by directly quoting *"The Dictionary of Canadian Biography"*:

"John Stoughton Dennis was born into a family of relative affluence **in which military virtues and loyalty counted for much.** [Emphasis mine—J.D.W.] During the American Revolution his grandfather, John Dennis\*, supported the British and left his home in Philadelphia, eventually settling on the Humber River near York (Toronto). During the War of 1812 father, Joseph, a lake captain, was captured and imprisoned by the Americans. About 1822 Joseph moved his family from the Kingston area to York, and then in 1830 to Weston. Here the Dennis family was to play a prominent role in the economic life of the community.

... 7 March 1871 [John Stoughton Dennis'] professional qualifications secured his appointment as Canada's first surveyor general and head of the new Dominion Lands Branch. He made solid contributions as surveyor general. In March 1872 he produced a report which optimistically outlined the agricultural possibilities of the northwest. His office pushed ahead with the Manitoba surveys and after 1874 extended the base and meridian lines north from the 49th parallel to the North Saskatchewan River and west from Red River to the Rocky Mountains. For the most part Dennis remained in Ottawa, providing for corrections in the surveys already run, planning new and more detailed surveys, allocating the HBC lands, and trying to reassure the Indians and the Métis, as well as the few white settlers, that their rights would be respected. The possibilities of the west had clearly seized Dennis' imagination, and he busily formulated a grand scheme in which Hudson Bay was to become a great commercial artery, funneling people and produce in and out of the west."

\*John Dennis is the Loyalist ancestor of Toronto Branch member **Barbara Dibden**

## Genealogy Workshop

The October 15th genealogy workshop was a great success! Kathie Orr UE led the group through the steps of documenting one's UE ancestor. It didn't matter how much research experience one had, from novice to professional—everyone there learned a new angle or source to explore.

From one satisfied attendee: "I have nothing but praise for the great work in planning the workshop. The subject chosen was exactly the information I needed."

We hope that you will watch for the workshop next fall!

## New in the Toronto Branch Library

*Branch librarian Martha Hemphill advises us of some recent additions to our branch library.*

Genealogy in Ontario: search the records. Revised 3rd Edition. Brenda Dougall Merriman

Municipal Records in Ontario; history and guide. Fraser Dunford

Records of the Department of Indian Affairs at Library and Archives Canada: a source for genealogical research. Bill Russell.

Index to the Upper Canada Land Books. Complete set. Toronto: OGS

Vital Records in Ontario before 1869; a guide to early Ontario Vital Records. Fawne Stratford-Devai and Ruth Burkholder.

Canadian records of birth, marriage and death; a guide. Fawne Stratford-Devai.

Using maps in Family History Research; lessons & links. Fawne Stratford-Devai.

The Marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West. Vol. 7: Part 1 Newcastle District: 1810-1848.

The Marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West. Vol.11: Part 3 Home District: 1843-1849.

Vital Records of Upper Canada/Canada West Vol. 1 Part 3 Niagara District 1816-1866.

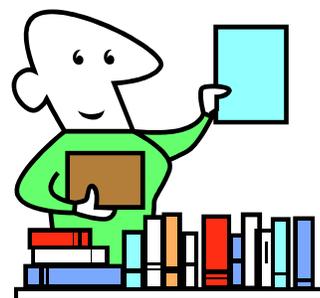
Vital Records of Upper Canada/Canada West Vol. 3 Part 1 Dalhousie District 1825-1869.

Vital Records of Upper Canada/Canada West Vol. 2 Part 2 Gore District 1824-1869.

Vital Records of Upper Canada/Canada West Vol. 1 Part 4 Niagara District 1820-1869.

Middlesex county Marriages & Baptisms 1848-1858.

Haldimand County Marriage & Burial Register 1851-1865.



# Loyalist Christmas Shopping

It's not too late to buy a Loyalist item for those special genealogists on your Christmas list! What could be better than giving that special UE person in your life a UELAC branded item? As part of the initiative to raise funds for our Centennial in 2014, the UELAC Promotions Committee is making available a number of different UEL branded items for sale. They include jackets, hats, plates, glassware, flags, shirts, luggage, license plate frames, pins and more. (Some of these items are pictured below.)

Photos of the complete catalogue of items, including prices, is available at [www.uelgovsimcoe.org/promotion/promos.php](http://www.uelgovsimcoe.org/promotion/promos.php). Or you may contact the branch office for more information.



## Fall 2006 Loyalist Mohawk Valley Trip

Edward Kipp and George Anderson are planning a four-day Loyalist fall trip to the Mohawk Valley from **October 1 to October 4, 2006** to visit Loyalist, Dutch, Palatine and other colonial sites. Douglas Grant and Rodney Craig are also assisting with registration.

The tour will tentatively visit Johnson Hall and other historic Johnstown sites, the historic Schenectady Stockade District including the Tellier House and the Schenectady Historical Society, Fort Johnson, the Mabee Historic Farm ( the oldest farm in the Mohawk Valley), the Snell's Bush Church, Schoharie Creek Crossing, the 1745 Van Alstyne House in Canajoharie, Fort Klock, the Old Palatine Church, the Trinity Lutheran and the Dutch Reformed Churches and their cemeteries at Stone Arabia, and the Oriskany Battlefield.

The bus will leave Ottawa, travel via Loyalist Dundas and the historic St. Lawrence Water Front to Cornwall. It will proceed south through the Adirondacks to Johnstown, New York. The bus will return via the Ivy Lea Bridge. Proceeds from the trip will go towards the Bernice Wood Flett Scholarship and the Loyalist Collection at Brock University.

The trip is open to Loyalists and friends. The number of people will be limited to 55 people. This four-day trip will probably cost \$490. in Canadian funds per person based on sharing double accommodation. Single accommodation will cost \$685. A deposit of \$250. (\$290.) is due upon registration. The balance is due **July 1, 2006**. Cheques should be payable to Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC.

All monies will be refunded if there is not enough interest in the trip. The registration includes transportation, accommodation at the Holiday Inn, Johnstown and admission to each site. Meals will be arranged at an extra cost. Participants should have their own extra travel health insurance and carry a valid passport or two other pieces of photo identification.

If you are interested, and to register, please contact:

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## The Next Issue



The next issue of Fidelity will be the February/March issue. The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, January 22nd**.

Submissions can be e-mailed to the editor at [susan.ellsworth@omd.com](mailto:susan.ellsworth@omd.com) or mailed to her attention at the branch office.

Thanks for technical assistance go to **Martha Hemphill UE** and to **Kathie Orr UE**.