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President's Address

Happy 2007! Once again, it gives me great pleasure to serve as your President.

This year will see me represent Toronto branch UELAC at a variety of functions. (Where possible, we'll have photos to go in this newsletter.) I will also continue to be active in the downtown Toronto historical venues where I hope to get the branch some much-needed publicity.

I encourage all of you who are able to attend our monthly meetings and to bring your family and friends. Remember, these meetings and the variety of speakers cover a diverse range of subjects that might interest others who are not sure of what we do or what we represent. What better way to let them know than to join us for an informative evening?



Karen Windover, U.E.

On the fundraising front, the A&P/Dominion "Save-a-Tape" program has come to an end. To all of you who sent in your tapes, a great big thank you ! The monies collected are being used to get a sign on our door. In place of the Save-a-Tape program, we have applied for and received our own AirMiles which will allow members to donate their AirMiles to the branch. For more information about the AirMiles donation program, please contact the branch office at 416.489.1783.

In closing, let me once again say what a pleasure it is to be part of this organization and thank you all for the trust that you have placed in me to ensure that we continue to promote our amazing heritage.

Winter/Spring 2007 Branch Meetings

After the January 17th annual general meeting, our monthly speaker series resumes in February, which is **Black History Month**. Who better to speak to us during Black History Month than **Rosemary Sadlier**, President of the Ontario Black History Society? Rosemary will address the members on **Wednesday, February 21st** on the subject of "**The Legacy of the Black Loyalists: Arrival, Experience and Hope**". What is the story of the Black Loyalists? What contribution did they make? How were the lives of their descendants improved through their courage and sacrifice?

On **March 21st**, Toronto branch member **Randy Saylor, UE**, will speak about the **Quakers of West Lake** (near Adolphustown) and their opposition to the granting of land for military service. This should generate some interesting discussion! Randy has done a lot of work on records of the Bay of Quinte region. He has a team of transcribers who are working on these records and they recently completed a lot of West Lake Quaker minute books that are available on his website. (The website can be accessed at <http://my.tbaytel.net/bmartin/earlyont.htm>).

Our April meeting takes place on **Wednesday, April 18th**. Our speaker will be **Megan Webster**, acting President Upper Canada Map Society. For those who don't know her, Megan is an antiquarian map and book dealer based in Toronto. She has performed "Roadshow" appraisal clinics as well as catalogued both private and institutional collections. Her topic is "**Antiquarian Maps and the Loyalist Period**".

The **May 16th** meeting promises to be very special. **Paul McGrath** will be speaking on "Toronto Towards the End of the 19th Century (1845-1900)." We will be given a "virtual tour" of the city in the 1850s and in the 1870s, using maps and photographs. It should be helpful for anyone doing research on their early Toronto ancestors or on anyone who lived in the city during that period. Included in the photographs is a set of 24 images taken in 1856, considered to be the first known photographs of Toronto.

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. Members are welcome to come early for refreshments and to peruse the library and to meet fellow members before the formal meeting starts. There is metered parking on the street and several parking lots in the neighbourhood. Once in the lobby, **buzz #1500** for access.

We are always looking for suggestions for speakers or topics. If you have any ideas for upcoming meetings, please email them to our programme chair, **Linda Young** at (linda_fawcett_young@hotmail.com) or leave a message at the branch office.



Loyalist Descendants Wanted

By Rebecca Snow

I work for a documentary film company based in Toronto. We specialize in history/genealogy documentaries and are developing a series of films on historic American conflicts and the descendants of people involved.

We have just completed a series here in Toronto for History Television Canada, which explores the history of certain conflicts within Canada, through the personal stories of the characters involved and their descendants. We followed the descendants embarking upon 'quests' to find out more about their ancestors and the historic event, which brought them into contact with other descendants of people similarly involved in that moment in time.

The loose premise was that the meeting of descendants of two people who fought together/against each other might be able to answer certain questions about the events as a whole. The films were about oral histories, family stories and bringing the history to life, grounding it in the present day.

Some of the conflicts we are hoping to pull interesting stories from and trace descendants for include the Revolutionary war and the Civil War.

We are looking for poignant, personal stories perhaps with an element of mystery which could be presented as some sort of 'quest'. Anyone with any interest into a mysterious aspect of/question about their ancestor's involvement in the Revolutionary War—please do get in touch!

Rebecca Snow—email rsnow@yapfilms.com

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Certificates Presented

We are pleased to announce that several certificates were sent to Toronto branch members recently, upon their proving descent from a Loyalist ancestor.

- **Jacqueline Lota Patrick** has proven her descent from Loyalist **Cyrenius Parke**
- **Anne Dorland Patrick** has proven her descent from Loyalist **Cyrenius Parke**
- **Austin Donald Beitz-Patrick** has proven his descent from Loyalist **Cyrenius Parke**
- **Gail Diane Faibish** has proven her descent from Loyalist **Jeptha Hawley**.

Congratulations to Jacqueline, Anne, Austin and Gail!



Bicentennial Branch has the honour of hosting the 2007 national UELAC conference, taking place May 31st to June 3rd in Windsor, Ontario.

Bicentennial Branch has put together what looks like a great program of weekend events featuring the remarkable history of Essex County and Detroit River heritage sites. Windsor was first settled in 1748 as a French agricultural settlement, making it the oldest continually inhabited settlement in Canada west of Montreal.

Planned events include a half-day tour of historic Sandwich featuring the Duff-Baby House, (recognized among the most significant late eighteenth-century landmarks in Upper Canada), McGregor-Cowan House, St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery and Mackenzie Hall. Other featured venues include the Art Gallery of Windsor, the North American Black Historical Museum, Christ Church Anglican in Amherstburg and Historic Fort Malden. Qualified guest speakers will bring local history to life.

Friday evening features a buffet dinner at Mackenzie Hall, followed by "You Be The Judge" dinner theatre. Enjoy an entertaining evening while "judging" whether or not the defendant is guilty of a heinous crime.

The Saturday evening banquet guest speaker is local author **Marty Gervais**, Canadian poet, photographer, professor, journalist, and publisher of Black Moss Press. Sunday morning worship will be held at St. John's Anglican Church, founded in 1819.

The fee for full registration is \$369 if you register **before April 1st**. After that date, the fee is \$409. The registration fee includes lunches and dinners, taxes and gratuities and events for the conference. It does not include a hotel room. The Holiday Inn Select in Windsor is offering a special room rate of \$129 for those attending the conference. Be sure to mention the conference when making your booking.

More information about the 2007 UELAC national conference can be found at the Bicentennial Branch's excellent website. Go to www.uelbicentennial.org/ and click on the link on the right to "UELAC Dominion conference 2007". You will find the full conference schedule and the registration form. Those without access to the website can obtain more information by calling the Toronto branch office.

We encourage as many Toronto branch members as possible to attend this event. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet members from other branches and to learn about a particularly historic corner of our country.

National Conference Bus Trip

By Doug Grant

Join a group of fellow Loyalists and take the easy way from Toronto to Windsor and back, for the "**At The End of The Trail**" Conference. The bus will leave Toronto after morning rush hour on Thursday May 31st. It will take a Loyalist route from London to Windsor, passing by and stopping at a number of Loyalist and related sites. We will stop for lunch and will arrive in time to register for the conference, book into the hotel and grab a bite to eat before the group leaves for the welcoming reception. Toronto departure, with possibly multiple pickup points, between 9:00 and 10:00 am.

On Sunday the bus will depart following the conclusion of the conference at about 2:00 and return directly to Toronto where it should arrive about 6:30 or 7:00 pm.

The cost at \$140 will be slightly more than the cost of a round trip train ticket at \$121, but you get several hours of Loyalist networking and get to see first hand more of our south western Ontario loyalist heritage.

Please make your plans for conference soon, and let me know as soon as possible if you are interested, without committing, in taking the bus to and from. We will have to confirm the bus well in advance so are looking for commitments and payment by mid-April.

Expressions of interest now please to Doug Grant. Email: doug.grant@insurance-canada.ca.

New Coin Commemorates Loyalist Hero

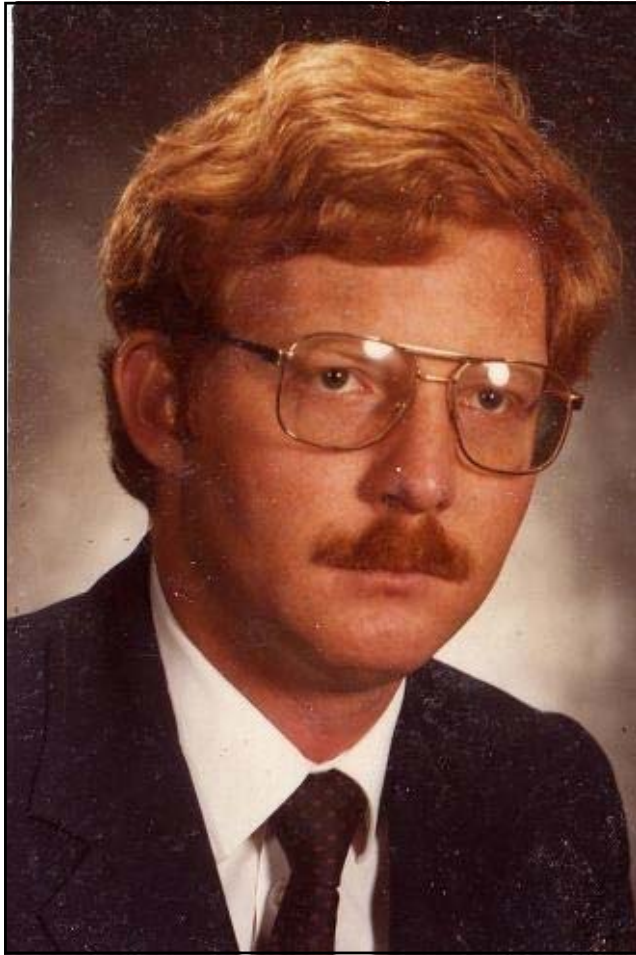
The Royal Canadian Mint has just announced a new silver dollar commemorating Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea). This year marks the 200th anniversary of Brant's death. The ceremonial unveiling of an image of the new coin was done by a sixth-generation descendant of Brant. The coin depicts Brant wearing a traditional headdress and a gorget stamped with the royal seal of George III.

Born in 1742, Brant was probably the best-known North American Indian of his generation. While still in his teens, Brant was active in the French and Indian War but it was his leadership as both a Mohawk war chief and a British military captain during the Revolution on which his fame primarily rests.

In 1784 the British government awarded the Six Nations a tract of land six miles deep on each side of the length of the Grand River. For years afterwards, Brant continued as an active advocate for the Six Nations, negotiating with the British government on their behalf. Joseph Brant died in Burlington in 1807.



Certificates Presented to Jackson Family



The Jackson family has been very busy lately, documenting its Loyalist descent. Several certificates were recently presented to members of the Jackson family, as follows.

(Left) **David Lorne Jackson** (1957 – 2003)

Certificates were given for proof of David's descent from **Hendrick Jackson** and **Martin Snider Senior**.

The Jackson family is grateful to various members of the Toronto Branch UEL for their assistance in bringing the application for David's UEL certifications to completion. He would have been so proud!

(Below) **Patricia Maulson** received her certificate for having proven her descent from Loyalist **Hendrick Jackson**.

(More Jacksons on the next page)



Last Call for 2007 Membership

This is the last reminder to members that payment of 2007 membership dues are now overdue. So far 88 per cent of our members have renewed—what are *you* waiting for?

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



If you need another copy of the membership form, please contact the branch office and leave a message to that effect. This is the last issue of Fidelity that will go to members whose dues remain outstanding.

Jackson Family (continued from previous page)

Below left—**Arlene McCarthy** received her certificate for having proven her descent from Loyalist **Hendrick Jackson**.

Below right—**Robert Jackson** received his certificate for proving his descent from Loyalist **Hendrick Jackson**.

Congratulations to the entire Jackson family!



Toronto Branch Executive for 2007

At the branch's January 17th annual general meeting, a new branch executive was elected. We thank everyone who agreed to serve the branch for the coming year.

The executive members are listed below, along with their contact information (or they can be reached via the branch office):

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Trustee (to 2009)	Kathie Orr UE	

The attentive reader will note that there are several vacant chairs on the executive. An organization such as ours cannot operate without volunteers and we are always looking for new involvement from our members.

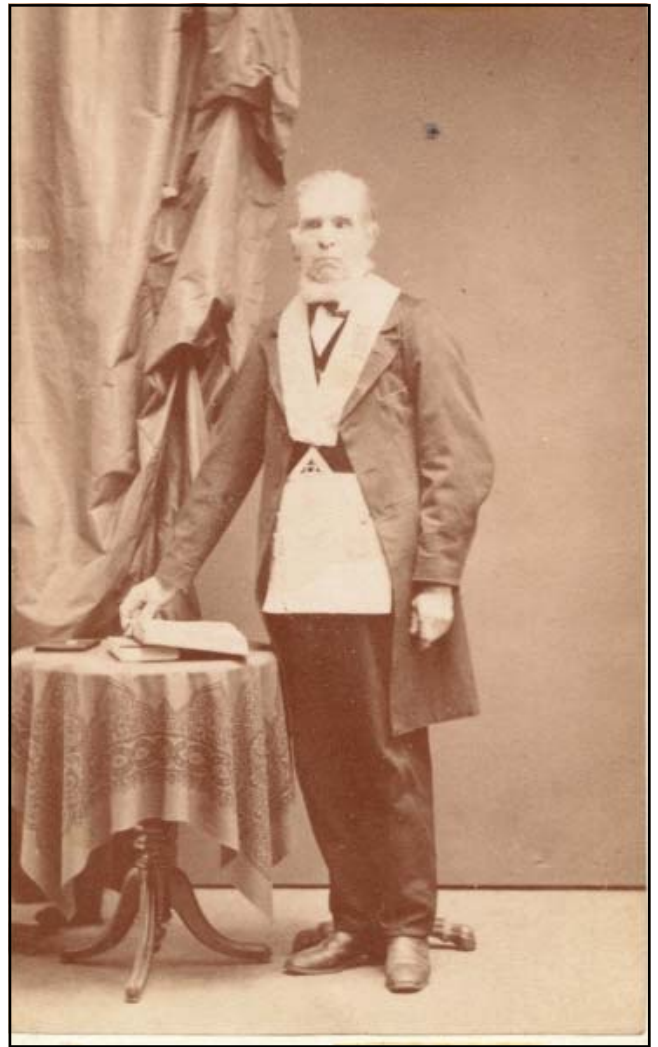
If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the appropriate person via e-mail or phone the branch office.

Loyalist Children Photographed

In a perfect world, we would be able to supplement our research on Loyalist ancestors with their photos. While few Loyalist survived into the age of photography, their children certainly did and photos of the children of Loyalists do exist. Do you have any photos of the children of Loyalists? We'd love to publish them, along with some basic demographic information. Please send any electronic copies of photos to Fidelity editor Susan Ellsworth at susan.ellsworth@omd.com and we will be pleased to publish them. Thanks go to **Kathie Orr** for submitting the first two photos:

(Below left) **Anna Margaret House Smith** b 1770 d 1857 buried Smith Cem., Louth Tp., Lincoln Co. – daughter of Harmanus House UE (Butler's Rangers) and Maria "Margaret" Wallrad. Married Joseph Smith in 1790.

(Below right) **Simon Fraser** b 1795 d 1879 buried St James Cemetery Kemptville, Grenville Co, son of Hugh Fraser UE (employed by Lord Cornwallis on secret service in the Jerseys and then later a foreman in the Engineer Department) and grandson of William Fraser UE Loyal Rangers. Married Margaret Meldrum c1820. Simon's uncles are William Fraser and Thomas Fraser of the Loyal Rangers and Richard Duncan of the King's Royal Regiment.



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Special Sale – Loyalist Lineages II

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One Set \$ 62.50 per set
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Taxes as applicable and postage / shipping charges are extra and not included.

These make a great gift. Don't delay! Contact the branch office today for more details.



The Next Issue



Fidelity is published bimonthly. Submissions are most welcome; articles may be edited for length or content.

The next issue of Fidelity will be the April/May issue. The deadline for submissions is **Saturday, March 31st**.

Submissions can be emailed to susan.ellsworth@omd.com or mailed to her attention at the branch office.

Thanks for technical assistance go to **Kathie Orr UE**.