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UELAC at Heintzman House

Every year the Heintzman House Auxiliary holds an annual craft show fundraiser. Proceeds go towards the refurbishment and maintenance of this beautiful house, which has a strong Loyalist connection. The house is built on land originally granted to Loyalist Anthony Hollingshead. Portions of the original farmhouse are believed to have been incorporated into the current handsome mansion which was built in 1817 by George Crookshank, himself the son of a Loyalist.

This year's event was held on November 10th and 11th. The Toronto Branch UELAC was on hand with a display of maps of the surrounding area and the story of Anthony Hollingshead. Our thanks go to **John Warburton, Karen Windover, Myrna Fox and Diane Reid**, who were on duty at the UEL table to answer questions about our organization. Our presence there speaks to the strong

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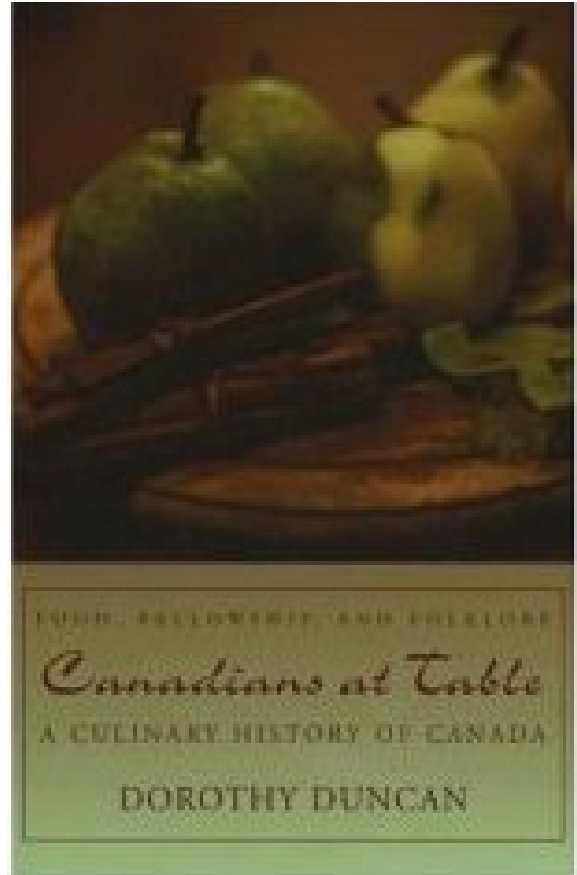
Winter/Spring 2008 Branch Meetings

The branch's annual general meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 16th**. All members are welcome, and indeed encouraged to attend. This is your chance to voice your concerns, ask questions and participate in the life of the branch. The meeting proper starts at 8 p.m. but everyone is welcome to come early for some refreshments and to socialize with fellow members.

Did you know that the week of February 17th is Heritage Week? How appropriate to celebrate on **Wednesday, February 20th** at 8 p.m. with **Dorothy Duncan**, speaking about "Loyalists at Table - Food, Fellowship and Folklore". Cuisine Canada recently awarded Dorothy the Gold award in the *English Canadian Food Culture* category for her book *Canadians at Table: Food, Fellowship, and Folklore: A Culinary History of Canada*. Dorothy may also be bringing a sampling of food item(s) from our ancestors' time. Dorothy has lectured internationally on Canada's heritage foods and customs, including at the Culinary Institute of America and at the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery in England. She was the Toronto Women's Culinary Network's Woman of the Year, and in 2006 she was chosen by the Ontario Hostelry Institute to receive the Gold Award for Media and Publishing. Please join us for what promises to be a tasty evening!

In March **Gayle Dzis** will challenge us to "*Write your History - Everybody Can*". Gayle is a memoir and family history writing instructor. Join us on **Wednesday, March 19th** at 8 p.m. and get your creative juices flowing.

See the next issue of *Fidelity* for information on our exciting April and May programmes.



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.

Heintzman House (cont. from page one)

association between Heintzman House and the UELAC.



Photos courtesy Diane Reid.

In Memoriam

We are sorry to report the death of Toronto branch member **Peter Geoffrey St. George O'Brian** O.B.E., D.F.C. (Bar), R.A.F. (Ret'd) on April 15, 2007, five months before his ninetieth birthday. Peter had an extremely distinguished career in the armed forces during and after WWII and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross twice.

After the war Peter held commands in Aden, Cologne and Leuchars, and was eventually promoted to Group Captain of Operations, Fighter Command. He was appointed to the Order of the British Empire in 1954 and was made Aide-de-camp to the Queen in 1957. His distinguished career continued in the private sector.

Peter leaves his wife of 64 years, **Edie**, two sons, **John** and **Peter**, five grandchildren and two brothers. Our sincere condolences to the O'Brian family on their loss.

2008 Branch Membership Dues

We would like to remind members that payment of 2008 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 and leave a message to that effect.

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
- entitle you to 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**.

Branch Genealogy Seminar

We had a great turnout of over two dozen people for our second annual genealogy seminar, held on the afternoon of **Saturday, November 17th**. We were pleased to welcome members of Hamilton Branch as well as some of our own members who find it difficult to get out to our regular evening meetings.

Kathie Orr took us through the basics of doing Loyalist research using primary documents and their sources. I'm sure this was a major help to those who are just starting to document their lineage.

After refreshments Kathie presented a case study of pre- and post-patent land records using Elizabeth Johnson as an example. Elizabeth was a woman twice widowed with children from both marriages, who was granted land in her own right. The talk followed the paper trail for her and for her children through the Crown Land records to the land patent and into Land Registry Office records.

- *Martha Hemphill*

2008 National UELAC Conference

It's not too soon to be thinking about your summer vacation. Why not consider attending the 2008 UELAC Conference in Saint John, New Brunswick? The conference will take place July 10-13th at the Hilton Hotel, on the site of the Loyalist landing 225 years earlier.

The host New Brunswick branch is busy putting together an interesting and unique programme for this four-day event. Stay tuned for more details...

Certificates Awarded

Certificates were recently awarded to the following Toronto branch members for proving their descent from Loyalists:

- **Reginald Brian Land** for his descent from Loyalist **Abel Land Sr.**
- **Susan E.R. Green Brunton** for her descent from Loyalists **Nathaniel Pettit** and **John Green**
- Susan's daughter **Miranda Elizabeth Joan Brunton** for her descent from Loyalists **Nathaniel Pettit** and **John Green**
- Susan's daughter **Kelsey Lillian Alana Brunton** for her descent from Loyalists **Nathaniel Pettit** and **John Green**

Congratulations to Reginald, Susan, Miranda and Kelsey! *(If you would like to send the editor a photo of yourselves holding your certificates, we'd love to publish it.)*

United Church Archives on the Move

The United Church of Canada recently announced that its Toronto archives will be moving from the Victoria University campus at the University of Toronto to The United Church of Canada's General Council Office at 3250 Bloor Street. West in west end Toronto. The move will happen in early 2008. This is a monumental task involving moving close to 20,000 boxes of records to the new site.

While planning and preparations are underway to move the collection from its current location, the collection will be temporarily unavailable for research after December 21, 2007. The United Church anticipates reopening its reading room to the public by Monday, May 5, 2008 at the new Bloor Street location. It is anticipated that the new site will be more convenient for users, given its proximity to major transportation routes, the Islington subway station, and on-site parking.

For more information, visit <http://unitedchurcharchives.vicu.utoronto.ca/>, email info@unitedchurcharchives.ca or call 416.585.4563.

A Victorian Christmas

Tired of the commercialism of modern Christmas? Visit Mackenzie House in downtown Toronto and experience the magic of a traditional Christmas in an 1859 home. Escape from the hustle and bustle while you enjoy a sample of mulled cider and a biscuit in the warmth of the historic kitchen. Discover how families celebrated Christmas in 19th century Toronto as you tour the Mackenzie home which is dressed in traditional greenery for the holidays.

For hours, admission fees and more information, email machouse@toronto.ca or call 416.392.6915.

Quaker Records of Early Upper Canada

Toronto branch member **Randy Saylor** was the speaker at our October 17th meeting. Randy shared with us his expertise on the Quaker records of early Upper Canada. He outlined the major sources of information on early Quakers, including the Quaker Archives at Pickering College. From Randy's notes:

The Quaker Archives at Pickering College is the undoubted major repository of Canadian Quaker Records. The credit goes to Arthur Garratt Dorland, Quaker, history professor at the University of Western Ontario, who from the 1920's onward collected old minute books, registers, religious and history books, scholarly journals, personal journals (Timothy Rogers), letters and much else. The Dorland Reference Library at the college honours his role. Most of the registers and minute books have been micro-filmed and they are available at the Archives of Ontario.

Randy also touched on sources in the Archives on Ontario, the Toronto Reference Library, the Robarts Library, the Toronto Quaker Meeting House and Swarthmore College. Randy provided a detailed bibliography of sources on the subject.

We thank Randy for sharing his expertise with the branch members. For more information on this subject, google "randy saylor" to find Randy's website.



Randy Saylor

Make Your Pennies Count

Do you ever wonder why you keep carrying around pennies? Is your change purse or pocket weighted down with these coins that actually *cost* the government money to keep in circulation?

The Toronto branch UEL will willingly take these (almost) useless bits of metal off your hands. As part of a fundraising project, the branch is collecting pennies. Whenever you come to the branch office for a meeting or for any other reason, have a look around for the penny box then drop your pennies in. You will be freeing up room in your change purse and helping the branch at the same time.

Nominations for 2008 Branch Executive

President	Karen Windover UE
1st Vice President	Vacant
2nd Vice President	Vacant
Past President	John Warburton UE
Secretary	Susan Ellsworth UE
Treasurer	Karen Windover UE
Archives	Vacant
Publications	Ed Cass UE
Programme	Linda Young UE
Bylaws	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
Social	Diane Reid UE
Public Relations/Education	John Warburton UE
Newsletter	Susan Ellsworth UE
Library	Martha Hemphill UE
Genealogy	Martha Hemphill UE
Trustee (to 2009)	Kathie Orr UE
Trustee (to 2010)	Ed Cass UE
Trustee (to 2011)	Martha Hemphill UE



For more information about nominations, please consult the AGM package that you will be receiving shortly.

Submitted by Nominations Committee, Toronto Branch UELAC

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Secretary: Susan Ellsworth UE
Publications: Ed Cass UE
Social: Diane Reid UE
Treasurer: Karen Windover UE
Office Administrator: Richard Atkinson UE

Special Sale – Loyalist Lineages II

Toronto Branch offers you the opportunity to obtain this high quality, hard cover bound two-volume set at an exceptional price.

One Set \$ 62.50 per set
3 or more sets \$ 31.25 per set

Terms: set orders only

Taxes as applicable and postage / shipping charges are extra and not included.

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 February/March issue. The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 3rd**.

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

Thanks for technical assistance go to **Richard Atkinson UE**.