

# CATARAQUI LOYALIST TOWN CRIER



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**Upcoming Branch Meeting: Your Choice: In-Person OR By ZOOM.**

**Saturday February 25, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM & In-person**, St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Queen @ Montreal St.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87639953753?pwd=TUlQdkZRdXVIS0R3NXA3dHZJT1FvZz09>

**Our GUEST Speaker will be ANNE REDISH with a talk called:  
“Herchmer’s Secret: The Loyalist Family, the Land and the  
Kingston Fall Fair since 1830.”**

- If you've ever lived in mid-town Kingston, you've been on Herchmer land.
- This will be a Hybrid presentation with many of us in person at St. Paul's Hall. (Doors open at 12:30 p.m.) Others will join us by Zoom about 1:00.

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## Future Events:

**1:00 pm Saturday April 22, 2023** St. Paul's & Zoom. Jean Rae Baxter: The Rise and Fall of Fort Frontenac, New France's Key to the West. This presentation follows the fortunes of Fort Frontenac over the centuries — how it was knocked down, rebuilt, abandoned, rebuilt, blown up, rebuilt again, destroyed by the British in the last days of New France and, finally, became the site for the Loyalist settlement at Cataraqui following the American Revolution. And it all began with the beaver.

**June 12, 2023:** We anticipate a ceremony at the Heritage Cemetery at Cataraqui, unveiling signage about Loyalists interred there. Save the date and watch for future details.

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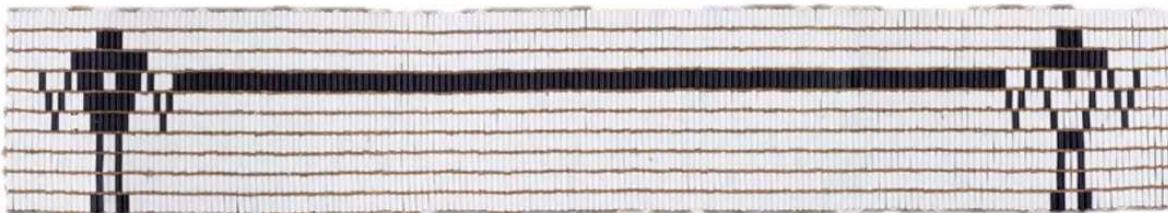
## Nathan Tidridge – The Treaty of Niagara, 1764

summary by Nancy Cutway UE

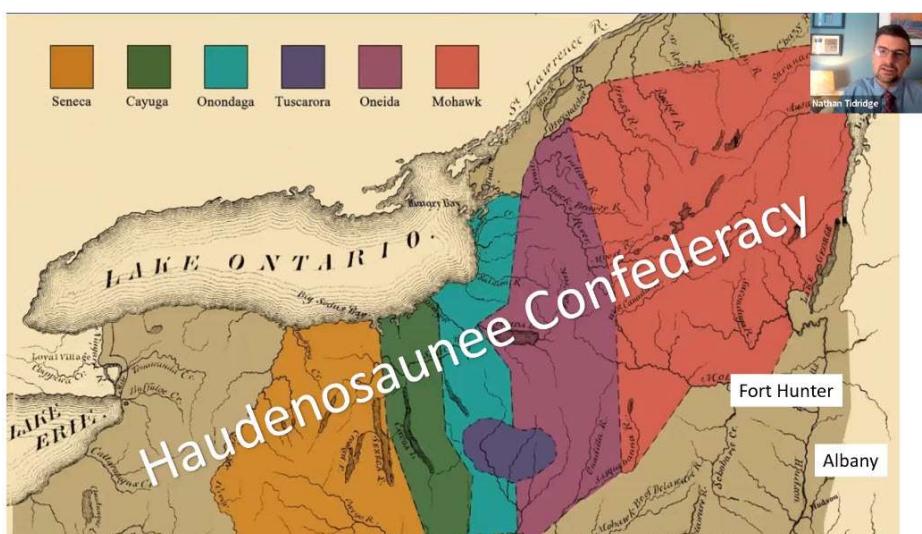
*Nathan is a high school history teacher in Waterdown, Ontario and was the first UELAC National Scholar. He was also the guest editor of the Loyalist Gazette for the Fall 2022 issue. He spoke to us by Zoom after our AGM in November 2022.*

Nathan began by telling the audience – some on Zoom and others gathered in-person at St. Paul’s Anglican Church Hall in Kingston – that the Treaty of Niagara represents the oldest indigenous—settler relationship in North America. It was not a written treaty as we usually think of treaties after wars or treaties when one group surrenders land areas to another.

The Hiawatha Wampum was a belt originally given to the Dutch around 1613 by the Five Nations Confederacy. It was a belt woven using quahog shells. The left-hand figure represents the Dutch. The band stretching across to the Haudenosaunee figure is the rope that tied the Dutch ships to the shore. The rope became elevated by the Dutch in their stories to an iron chain. Once



the Dutch lost New Amsterdam to the English, King Charles II referred to it as a Silver Chain. The Haudenosaunee (Mohawk) language differs greatly from European languages. They speak in analogies and metaphors, and use verbs and adverbs much more than nouns, whereas European languages see discussions in terms of objects rather than feelings and time. To the Haudenosaunee, Treaty = Relationship, a mutual trust, communication, respect and love between siblings. They saw the British King as a father and felt their Treaty with him was an organic creation that evolves. To them, a father means “one who clears the snow” to let his children move forward, not a hierarchical figure.



Once the Dutch left, the Mayor of Albany worried the French would move into New York from Quebec. He sent four “Indian Kings” to visit the court of Queen Anne in 1710 and requested military aid. The Indigenous chiefs were a big sensation in England and met with Queen Anne personally. They requested that she provide a chapel in New York so that they might learn about Christianity, and she agreed to fund it. The Queen Anne Chapel was built within the confines of old Fort Hunter in 1712 and was endowed with a bible and a silver communion set. (These items were buried during the American Revolution to protect them from the rebels. When the Mohawks left the area to move to what became Upper Canada, the treasures were retrieved and taken to Canada. The communion silver was divided between the Grand River settlement and the Deseronto settlement. Queen Anne’s Bible went to the Six Nations community because it was larger.)

The Seven Years’ War between France and England extended to North America as well, where it is generally called the French and Indian War. The fighting was for dominance over North America. When the English won, they assumed they now had dominance over the Indigenous people who had been allies of the French. However, the Indigenous evicted the English from former French forts. Wisely, the English government listened to Sir William Johnson, who had been located in the Province of New York for some time, and made him Superintendent of Indian Affairs. He was asked to conclude a treaty with the Indigenous tribes in the summer of 1764.

The Treaty of Niagara was intended to extend the Covenant Chain across the new border, into the Great Lakes region. Johnson met at Niagara with Indigenous leaders from at least 24 nations across Canada, from the Atlantic westward. The Treaty was established by Indigenous diplomacy, not English. All subsequent treaties between Indigenous and English settlers were supposed to rest on it: the Chain was meant to guide all Loyalist settlements. William Johnson kept correcting other English leaders about the Treaty of Niagara NOT being a land grab, that the Indigenous were NOT English subjects. For the first thirty years this was heeded, particularly since the Indigenous people outnumbered settlers, but after the War of 1812, the British opened the floodgates of immigration and took land so they could portion it out to settlers.





## Treaty of Niagara (1764)

In 2014 Lt-Governor of Ontario David Onley (centre) and Haudenosaunee representative Rick Hill of the Tuscarora Nation, Alan Corbiere from York University, Gordon Peters and Ava Hill, Elected Chief of Six Nations of the Grand River commemorated the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Niagara, holding the Silver Covenant Chain Wampum.

The Treaty was embodied by this new royal artifact, probably made by Mohawk women under the direction of Molly Brant. When its unfinished ends are placed together, it clearly becomes a full circle design, intended to show the entirety and perpetuity of the Treaty.

Unfortunately many historians tend to view Canada's history as beginning in 1867 with Confederation. Confederation disrupted the Treaty relationships and transformed future treaties into land surrenders only.

Prior to Confederation, the Prince of Wales (future King Edward VII) visited Canada in 1860. He met with the Haudenosaunee at Brantford and was the first member of the Royal Family to sign the Queen Anne Bible. Since then, royal visitors have regularly attended the chapel and signed the Bible as a sign of the ongoing relationship between the Crown and the Haudenosaunee.

The Canadian government, however, saw the relationship differently. Sir John A. Macdonald's government created the position of Superintendent of Indian Affairs. The Indian Act of 1876 defined a person as "not an Indian" and this definition remained until 1951.

# Indian Act (1876)



Person.

12. The term "person" means an individual other than an Indian, unless the context clearly requires another construction.

Despite the intended effects of the Treaty of Niagara, there were even encroachments on the land originally "given" to the Mohawk settlements. The Haldimand Tract originally assured the Six Nations of sole possession of the lands on six miles either side of the Grand River. Over time that has been reduced by incursions from settlers. Wikipedia reports, "The acreage at present covers some 46,000 acres (190 km<sup>2</sup>) near the city of Brantford, Ontario. This represents approximately 5% of the original 950,000 acres (3,800 km<sup>2</sup>) of land granted to the Six Nations by the 1784 Haldimand Treaty."

Nathan provided an interesting fact that gave us something to ponder about the cause of the American Revolution. In 1763, a year before the Treaty of Niagara was agreed, the British – the winners in the French and Indian War – enacted a law that established the western boundary of their American colonies. No one could move west of that line, thereby leaving the west of the continent to the Spanish, the French and Indigenous peoples. It has been argued that one reason for the 13 Colonies rebelling was so that they could overturn this Exclusion Line legislation and take lands formerly inhabited by Indigenous peoples. This led to wars of extermination and land development by entrepreneurs, among them George Washington and Ben Franklin who had acquired great tracts of land which they could sell off in parcels and become wealthy. Nathan said that George Washington was one of the richest men in America by the time he became US President. It seems that the American Revolution was really based on greed for land, not a tax on tea.

*All images graciously provided by Nathan Tidridge from his presentation.*

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Nathan Tidridge hosts a podcast on the Crown that you might be interested in (the first two episodes focus on Treaty and other Crown-Indigenous Relationships). You can find it at <https://crownincanadapodcast.ca/>

About Nathan: <https://www.canadiancrown.com/about-the-author.html>

If you're not familiar with podcasts, think of it as listening to a class at your convenience rather than when the teacher's giving it.

The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) is excited to announce the launch of its new podcast series, The Crown in Canada, hosted by Nathan Tidridge and produced by Leaking Ambience Studios. The series examines issues surrounding the Crown's role in both Treaties and in our democratic institutions. The two-episode pilot was produced with assistance from the Government of Canada, Canadian Heritage Community Projects Program on behalf of the 2022 Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The podcast can be found on the OHS website, at the Crown in Canada's home. Rating and reviewing the show also helps enormously, and you can provide feedback and encouragement via the OHS at [ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca) or at [hello@crownincanadapodcast.ca](mailto:hello@crownincanadapodcast.ca)

## **UPCOMING PRESENTATION:**

- Sunday, February 19. 2:00 p.m. ZOOM Kawartha Branch, UELAC. Jean Rae Baxter's talk, **"The Knotted Rope: Honouring our History through Fiction."** Feb 19 at 2:00 p.m. To Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82134980451?pwd=VTdPT2ovT2U2NU1JZzQ0SUNmWEpiUT09>

## **CONFERENCE 2023**

# WHERE THE SEA MEETS THE SKY

## 2023 UELAC Hybrid Conference and AGM

Thursday, June 1 – Sunday, June 4, 2023, Richmond, BC

Virtual Conference Attendance only - \$50.

INFO: <https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/>

Get the FULL REGISTRATION FORM at:

<https://uelac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-UELAC-Conference-Registration-Form.pdf>

**Image** from page 3 of the registration form is below:

(Included links in the image are not live.)



Please print off this registration form, complete it and mail together with your cheque to:

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Christine Manzer UE,

2023 Conference Registrar

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Cheques **MUST** be made payable to: The UEL Ass'n of Canada Vancouver Branch

Question regarding registration may be sent to [UE2023Registrar@gmail.com](mailto:UE2023Registrar@gmail.com)

Fees non-refundable after Saturday, 15 May 2023 (midnight PDT)

*Website:* <https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/>

2023 Conference Flight Booking Discount Program

<https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/#flights>

2023 Conference venue:

<https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/accommodations/>

*You are responsible for your hotel reservations.*

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel & Conference Centre

7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC V6X 1A3

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During the 2023 Vancouver area conference, our member-authoress Jean- Rae Baxter will deliver this talk:

**"Reading, Writing and 'Rithmetic."** In this presentation she travels from east to west, from Newfoundland to Upper Canada, and make some surprising discoveries about schools and schooling in Loyalist times, looking at the years 1785-1815.

## **HERITAGE FAIR AND OTHER FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

Spring is generally the time for the local Heritage Fair! If you are curious or interested, here's a general link for Heritage Fairs:

<https://www.canadahistory.ca/youth/heritage-fairs-en/about-heritage-fairs>

I am sure there are both enthusiastic retired educators who might contribute and capable grandchildren who might be pleased for any help, especially about Loyalist History!

### **LOYALIST DAY IN KINGSTON, JUNE 12, 2023, APPROX. 2:00 PM**

We prevail on all who possibly can, to attend the Heritage Cemetery LOYALIST BURIAL GROUND **Sign Dedication** ceremony on Sydenham Road at the site of the former Cataraqui United Church and cemetery, where many original UE residents of Kingston and Kingston Township and their descendants are buried, including: CAVERLY, DAY, FERRIS, GRASS, HOWE, McGUIN, POWLEY, PURDY, WARTMAN and more: <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2202212/heritage-cemetery-at-cataraqui> Note: Not all burials are listed for any cemetery on 'Find A Grave'.

It would be an added plus if you were to dress in Loyalist Attire. Items from our stock and Anne's collection will be available in advance.

### **LOYALIST DAY REENACTMENT WEEKEND JUNE 16 – 18, 2023**

News came recently from David Lawrence Smith UE that planning is in full swing for three days of activities on the June 16 - 18 weekend in the United Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre & Park. Save the date! Watch for details about the Flag Raising time.

### **LOYALIST 1812 GRAVE MARKING SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023**

We have identified eight War of 1812 Veterans at rest in Stone Mills Township. We will be marking their graves with the Upper Canada Preserved Marker on September 23rd this year. These men and their families sacrificed much to protect our country before Confederation. More details to come.



### **LAST POST:**

Myrtle Johnston UE Branch Genealogist Col. Edward Jessup Branch passed away 12 January 2023 aged 90. She was the branch genealogist for over 40 years and her knowledge will be sorely missed. God Bless You Myrtle. Rest in Peace. A more detailed announcement was in the *Loyalist Trails* of January 22, 2023.

*The Frontenac Heritage Foundation  
& The Kingston Historical Society*

invite you to celebrate  
the launch of

**Dr. Bob Banks'**  
**WARRIORS AND WARSHIPS**

**Monday, Feb. 20, 2023**

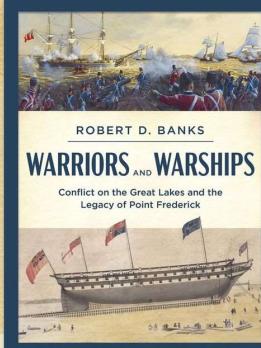
Memorial Hall, City Hall  
216 Ontario Street, Kingston

2 p.m. Light Refreshments

Books for sale by Novel Idea

Please RSVP to  
[contact@frontenacheritage.ca](mailto:contact@frontenacheritage.ca)













## Save the Date – it is a family reunion!

**Nelles Manor Museum**  
will be hosting a  
**Nelles Family Reunion**  
on Saturday June 24, 2023!

If you would like information on the event please email your name, email, and location to [info@nellesmanor.ca](mailto:info@nellesmanor.ca).

Please spread the word and invite your family members.

If you are interested in being part of the organizing of the event, please indicate that in your email.

Hope to see you in June!



### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE RECOGNIZED?

Deadline for nominations is 28 February 2023

NOTE: Most of these links are accessible only by members; login required.

UELAC Volunteer Recognition Nominations are now being accepted by the UELAC Volunteer Recognition Committee for...

#### 2023 Dorchester Award

for Volunteer Excellence and Participation recognizing lengthy contribution to the UELAC: Exclusive to membership, this award salutes the "best in volunteerism"; information for 2023 has been posted:

- Dorchester Award – [Terms of Reference](#)
- Dorchester Award – [Call for Nominations](#) (deadline: Feb. 28 each year)
- Dorchester Award – [Nomination form](#)

#### 2023 Suzanne Morse-Hines Memorial Genealogy Family History Award

for research in genealogy and family history, and actions towards genealogical success

- SMH Award – [Terms of Reference](#)
- SMH Award – [Nomination form](#) (deadline: Feb. 28 each year)

These two awards will be presented at the upcoming [2023 UELAC Hybrid Conference & AGM](#) "Where the Sea Meets the Sky" (01 – 04 June 2023), Vancouver /Richmond, British Columbia, Canada.

Carl Styhiest UE, UELAC Volunteer Recognition Committee Chair

## **GENEALOGY RESEARCH:**

Different Digitized Online Resources can help when we cannot find a record or need to verify some details. One of my UE ancestors is in this document. (Daniel Frazier) Enjoy!

### **Dispossessing Loyalists and Redistributing Property in Revolutionary New York**

[https://www.nypl.org/blog/2016/09/19/loyalist-property-confiscation?fbclid=IwAR2RHAPd3xc19T5MMY8fvqk2rCcTzh4VH4dhV4WERfl7W5z\\_uJj9O6M1rgc](https://www.nypl.org/blog/2016/09/19/loyalist-property-confiscation?fbclid=IwAR2RHAPd3xc19T5MMY8fvqk2rCcTzh4VH4dhV4WERfl7W5z_uJj9O6M1rgc)

Whether you are an 'Outlander' series follower or not, you may have a connection to the **FRASER family in Canada.**

All of these are 'SEPT' names of the Clan Fraser: Abernethy, Bisset, Bissett, Brewster, Cowie, Fraser, Frasier, Frasure, Frazer, Frazier, Fresell, Freser, Frew, Frezel, Friscal, Frisell, Frissell, Frizel, Frizelle, Frizzell, Gilruth, Grewar, Gruar, Gruer, Lovat, Lovett, MacGrewar, MacGruer, MacIrrick, MacIriach, MacImmey, MacKim, MacKimmie, MacShimes, MacSimon, MacSymon, MacTavish, Oliver, Sim, Sime, Simon, Simons, Simpson, Sims, Simson, Sym, Syme, Symon, Symons, Twaddle, Tweeddale, and Tweedie. This University of Guelph resource may be of interest. It is NOT online, and can be seen at: McLaughlin Library, Archival & Special Collections; XS1 MS A344 Scottish Studies Collection. Possibly a spring trip to consider and plan? [https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/archives/our-collections/scottish-studies/clan-fraser-collection/?fbclid=IwAR06KXXghBsqMcTJb8frf1Z3Iro65\\_cDbWeE5\\_2cn-h0N7x1Ytw6YomFaRo](https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/archives/our-collections/scottish-studies/clan-fraser-collection/?fbclid=IwAR06KXXghBsqMcTJb8frf1Z3Iro65_cDbWeE5_2cn-h0N7x1Ytw6YomFaRo)

### **TAX TIME APPROACHES, and a tax deduction receipt is available for donations.**

#### **Online Donations**

Donations to UELAC may be made electronically through the [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) website via the link or button on the site listed. Canada Helps issues a tax receipt for online donations. Please mark your donation '**Loyalist Scholarship Fund**' or '**Scholarship Endowment Fund**.' When UELAC is notified, an appropriate acknowledgement is made, based on the information given. Visit [canadahelps.org/en/dn/14990](http://canadahelps.org/en/dn/14990) to make your donation through their website or click the button below to make your donation without leaving the UELAC website.

<https://uelac.ca/scholarship/donate/>

#### **UELAC Scholarship Applications Deadline Approaches**

Thanks to many generous donors UELAC Scholarship money is available to MA & PhD history scholars. The application deadline of February 28, 2023 is approaching. Students should be using the next few weeks to prepare an application and references.

Does your work or the work of a student you might know support the experience and legacy of Loyalists of the American Revolution?

The UELAC Scholarship committee would like to see more applications from Canadian universities. Information about the scholarship was sent, by email, to 38 History Departments in Canada. Do you, Loyalist Trails reader, know someone who teaches, works or studies at a Canadian University? Is the student about to graduate with a BA in history? Do them a favour and let them know about the UELAC Scholarship for graduate studies. By doing so you will be assisting the work of the committee. We are grateful for any help. Find info:

<https://uelac.ca/scholarship/donate/#donateform>

## OUTGOING FUNDS in HERITAGE DONATIONS

With assistance from our successful Heritage Ontario Development Grant that resulted in \$1540.00, we can continue our tradition of using those and other funds to support other 'smaller' Heritage groups who do not get these grants. Those groups include: The Heritage Cemetery at the former Cataraqui United Church; Friends of St. Alban's Church, Adolphustown; The Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society at St. Paul's Anglican Church; Collins Bay Horticultural Society which plants and maintains the Loyalist Parkway Gardens; Fairfield-Gutzeit House, Bath; The Fairfield Homestead Historical Association, Adolphustown; Old Hay Bay Church. Occasionally others come up. Our funds are healthy in general, and we are always pleased to share our resources to help others. We do not pay taxes, so we do not need or get a tax receipt.

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