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A Word from Our New President , John Watson

Folks, since I took over the president's seat in June our Branch has enjoyed some successes - the reports of which will be covered nicely elsewhere in this newsletter. It is not necessary for me to identify each at this point.

My message will be short and poignant. Our Branch has stalled and is hovering near the point at which the Fredericton Branch was a year or so ago, prior to their decision to give up their charter. I make this claim even in the face of increasing NB Branch membership, most of which reflects our acquisition of displaced Fredericton members.

Our members are aging and predictably have lessened their involvement in the Branch, leaving the load for a very few members to carry and now these few are quickly tiring. In my opinion the Branch has got to take stock of our situation, to make it clear exactly what we wish to accomplish and to lay out a proper plan that will get us there. As Dominion Office appears to spend so little effort promoting our association at the national level, I am of the opinion that we can expect little from that direction. It would appear that anything needing done would have to happen right here at the branch level.

It is critical that membership be increased with new and younger people willing to get involved, to contribute fresh ideas and to run with the ball in making them happen.

To attract these folks we must offer something a bit different, interesting and laced with a good measure of fun. We have the potential to do it. There aren't many other organizations which can make history come alive & meaningful in the 21st Century as we can... where, for example, members can dress in period clothing for fellowship and fun. The challenge is to make it happen.

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I would like to propose that our branch form an affiliation with the New Brunswick Historical Society. It would allow us to increase our active membership; to be associated, appropriately, with Loyalist House; and to heighten our visibility in the community.

Because of the tenuous state of our Branch in 2004, a survey of the membership was conducted which included the suggestion that we merge with the NB Historical Society. **I'd like to hear from you again, with your views on the subject and your vision of the Branch's future.**

Keep in mind the old saw... *if you always do what you have always done, you'll only get what you have always got.* John Watson, UE

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Loyalist Cook Book

Kathy Wilson, president of the NB Historical Society, would like to approach our members with a request for **heritage recipes**...from Loyalist times, if possible. Along with each recipe she wants a written short piece about the submitter's Loyalist ancestor ~ his origins, land grant and anything of interest about him.



It is hoped that the Loyalist cook book will be ready by the spring of 2008 in plenty of time to be put on sale at the UELAC Dominion Conference scheduled for next year in Saint John, July 10 - 13, in celebration of the 225th anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists in New Brunswick.

If you don't have an authentic Loyalist recipe, send us a favourite old recipe passed down in your family. Don't forget your Loyalist story!

Mail your recipes to: Newsletter Editor
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225th Dominion Conference

July 10 - 13 2008

Saint John, NB

Proposed Schedule

Thursday July 10

Organized Bus Tour of King's Landing, or the Provincial Archives in Fredericton
Lunch at the Boar's Head Inn
Conference Registration 3 ~ 5 pm
at the Saint John Hilton
Welcome Reception overlooking Site of the 1783 Loyalist Landing

Friday July 11

Late Registration 8:30 ~ Noon
Annual General Meeting
Lunch
Council Meeting
Bus Tour of Saint John
Dinner & Entertainment

Saturday July 12

Historical sketches ~ *Benedict Arnold*
Landing of the Loyalists
History of Saint John
Evening Reception & Gala Dinner

Sunday July 13

Loyalist Church Service
at Trinity Church, Kingston (est 1789)
Lunch at Trinity Parish Hall

Details of Connecting Bus & Shuttle service between Moncton Railway Station and Saint John as well as Aeroshuttle Service between Saint John Airport & the Hilton will appear in next April's newsletter.

Did You Know...The first international best-seller written by someone within the borders of modern day Canada was *The Mysterious Stranger* published in 1817. It sold thousands of copies on both sides of the Atlantic. Its author was Walter Bates, a Connecticut Loyalist who helped to found Kingston, New Brunswick.

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New Slate of Officers for 2007/2008

Branch Director Frances Morrissey
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Use of DNA Testing in Genealogy

Article by Dr Steve Bolton



Anyone even slightly interested in genealogy will have noticed the increased commercial availability of various DNA tests intended to answer ancestral questions. This article is a brief description of common currently available tests, their practical uses, and the cost. Please direct questions to me via email at sbolton@nbnet.nb.ca or regular mail at the Branch address.

What is DNA?

DNA is a complex molecule that carries all our genetic information. It is capable of dividing to create exact copies of itself - which is how genetic traits get carried down through generations. DNA is carried in our chromosomes, and every human carries 23 pairs. Two of the chromosomes are the so called sex chromosomes. Men carry an X and Y to make their pair, whereas women carry two X. If a male contributes his Y then a male offspring results, and if his X then a baby girl is created. This fact is critical to understanding why only certain DNA tests are useful for genealogy and even then in limited ways.

The Y Chromosome and the Y- DNA Test

Since the male always passes his Y chromosome to his male offspring and this Y DNA is passed down the male line of families for endless generations. So the most common testing by far is the Y-DNA analysis and it is intended for "surname" research. Let me give examples of how this test is used.

I know my great- great grandfather Bolton came from England as an orphan and I know approximately when. But I know so little about where he may have come from over there that this is a real brick wall to pushing back the family tree – where in England do I start? Enter the Y-DNA test. If I had the test performed I might match to another Bolton who also had the test done. This might be a Bolton who knew his family tree in detail or it might be a Bolton in England – in either case I might get the essential clue needed to focus the genealogical search on a county or town in England.

Another example: Let's say you are a male Brown and suspect a you are a descendant of Lt. Zachariah Brown of DeLancey's Brigade but just can't prove it by traditional means. A comparison of your Y-DNA with that of a known male Brown descendant of the Loyalist soldier would immediately prove or disprove the suspicion.

Finally, one more use for this test is to determine the likely national origins of your Y-DNA. My wife is a Price – a descendant of the pre-Loyalist settler Edmund who arrived at Gagetown from New Jersey in 1767. Family tradition claimed the Prices were of Welch descent, but the evidence was never strong and searches in Wales turned up nothing. So my brother-in-law (a male Price of course) plus two other male Prices who were established descendants of Edmund through different sons all had the Y-DNA test performed. First they all exactly matched – *it's important that more than one sample be checked if possible because there is always the possibility of the unknown adoption or of uncertain paternity and testing three descendants was sure to eliminate this consideration.* The results indicated that the

Price line is most certainly from Ireland, not Wales, with the possibility of an earlier origin in

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Scotland. Now the search can focus there. There is also the possibility that their DNA might match a Price in Ireland and really focus the research.

What Y-DNA Test to Order?

Y-DNA tests are basically the same whichever company one chooses but you also need to be aware that it is possible to get the test in several degrees of complexity depending on how many markers you want analyzed. Family Tree DNA for example offers 25, 37 and 67 marker tests ranging in price from \$150 to \$350 (U.S.).

The subject of markers is important and needs some discussion. The more markers that have been analyzed when two matched Y-DNA samples are compared the more accurately the relationship in time between the two men can be determined. What is reported is an estimate of the number of generations back to the two men's most recent common ancestor (MRCA). For example, comparison of two 25 marker tests might result in a 50% chance their MRCA is within 8 generations back. Comparison of 67 markers on the two samples might refine that estimate to a 90% chance the MRCA is within 7 generations. It makes quite a difference as to what period the genealogist needs to focus the family research.

Mitochondrial DNA Testing

The final available test is the mitochondrial DNA test (mtDNA) quite different from the Y-DNA test and not quite as useful. Every person gets their mtDNA from their mother. This is the essential fact to understand when contemplating getting this test. Every male gets his mom's mtDNA and does not pass this on to his kids since his children will get their mothers mtDNA. So this test traces the female line only!

Like the Y-DNA test it can be used to determine geographic origins and it will tell if two females are related. What limits the usefulness of this test is the fact that females change their name at marriage with the result that the line can only be traced back so far. If I match to another Bolton who is descended from a Bolton knight from the Crusades I can be sure that we are all related – same surname and matching DNA! But what if Jane Smith's

mtDNA matches exactly Jane Brown's – are they related somewhere back in the past (a common great times whatever grandmother) or is this just chance matching? What is required to answer this question with certainty is checking far more markers than one would for the Y-DNA test – and checking more markers means more expense. The mtDNA "full sequence" test at Family Tree DNA for example costs \$ 500.

There are also combination Y and mt DNA tests available (for men only of course), and these combine the uses noted above.

Walk and Talk at Fernhill Cemetery

Always an enjoyable event ...the 35th annual Walk & Talk at Fernhill Cemetery was well attended again this year. Different speakers presented brief biographies of prominent citizens, Loyalists and Fathers of Confederation at their grave sites.

Our own John Watson donned his Loyalist costume and presented an informative talk on Amos Botsford whose monument in Fernhill has been the subject of a restoration project by our Branch. Lunch was served after the walking tour in the old bandstand on the grounds.



Botsford Memorial in Fernhill Cemetery before the restoration



Restored Botsford Memorial July, 2007
A joint project initiated & executed by our NB Branch. Funding by organizer Colin Rayworth, NB Branch UELAC, Botsford descendants & a grant from Dominion Office

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Who Was Amos Botsford?

He was a Loyalist, born in Connecticut in 1744 who was sent to Nova Scotia (which included New Brunswick at the time) in the fall of 1782 to scout out the best sites for impending Loyalist settlement and to facilitate Loyalist transition to the new homeland.

He settled his family in the Sackville area of New Brunswick where he built a 'fine estate' called Westcock. Active in provincial politics, he was appointed Speaker of the House in New Brunswick's newly formed House of Assembly in 1786... a position he held for 27 years until his death in 1812. He died in Saint John while visiting one of his children & was buried originally in the Old Loyalist Burying Ground. Sometime after 1848 his body was exhumed and re-buried in Fernhill – the name of the new rural cemetery.

Amos Botsford spawned two politically prominent descendants. His son, William, also became Speaker of the New Brunswick House of Assembly and Solicitor General in 1817. AE Botsford, grandson of Amos, was appointed to the Council of New Brunswick in 1833 and to the Senate of Canada in 1867. He was twice the Speaker of the Senate and was made a Privy Councillor in 1891. The names of all three Botsford gentlemen are inscribed on the newly restored Memorial.

Loyalist Celebrations 2007

Annual May 18th Loyalist festivities at City Hall, Market Square & the City Market attracted Branch members, Saint John Senior Citizens groups and several elementary schools – many of whom, young and old, were dressed in period costume.

After the flag-raising outside City Hall, rain forced ceremonies inside Market Square. Education chairman, Elsie Wayne & Treasurer John Watson shared the microphone with Mayor Norm McFarlane in conducting proceedings. Participants moved to the City Market where a Loyalist cake was cut. The morning's festivities wrapped up with a rousing 21-gun salute at Fort Howe.



Air Cadet Band at Loyalist Day Celebrations

In honour of the day, the NB Historical Society opened Loyalist House to the public offering tours and refreshments. By chance, this year, the NB Museum's 'Museum Day' coincided with Loyalist Day. Loyalist Information Centres were set up in the museum, manned by costumed volunteers.

In the evening, the traditional Dinner took place at the Union Club and featured speaker Peter Larocque, Museum Curator of New Brunswick Cultural History & Art, who gave an excellent 'power point' presentation on Loyalist holdings in the museum. Ray Willis provided piano accompaniment for the sing song and a good time was had by all.



Loyalist Day Dinner at the Union Club, May 18/07

Branch Dates to Remember

October General Meeting
Thurs, Oct 18 at 7 pm Stone Church
Xmas Pot Luck Supper & Auction
Thurs Dec 13 at 6 pm Stone Church
New Year's Day Levee
Jan 1, 2008 at Noon Loyalist House

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Obituaries

Rev John Crossen 46, passed away Sept 12, 2006 in Scottsdale Arizona. Born in South Laguna, California, he was a Spanish professor at Mercersburg Academy as well as an ordained minister. He was a BA (Arizona State University) MDiv (St Thomas Theological Seminary and a PhD (Indiana University).

John was ordained a Transition Deacon in the Catholic Church and proudly served as Crozier bearer for Pope John Paul during his visit to Phoenix. He was a member of numerous organizations including the Mayflower Society, Underhill Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the War of 1812, Sons of the Spanish American War, Sons of the French & Indian War... and the NB Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada.

Titus, J William "Bill" The death of Bill Titus of Titusville, occurred April 4, 2007. He was born in 1925, son of the late Arthur and Alice (Patterson) Titus. Bill grew up in Alberta and returned to Titusville in 1946 where he worked in lumbering and farming. He was a founding director of the Titus Hill Cemetery and was the cemetery manager for over 50 years.

A well known genealogist, Bill served as president of the Kings County Historical Society from 1980 – 1987. He was also a long term member of the NB Branch UELAC. In 2004 he provided an interesting display of pioneer tools as part of the NB Branch's display at the Saint John Arts Centre 100 Year Celebration. Bill was much loved and respected by all who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to Frances Morrissey, newly appointed Director of the NB Branch UELAC. The position was created for Frances in appreciation for her tireless & voluminous contribution to our Branch for many years.

Thank You... Thank You!

Our donation to the NB Historical Society for ongoing maintenance of Loyalist House was a timely one and greatly appreciated. The money was used for a much-needed exterior paint job for the 185 year old building.



No More Sundry Sales A decision to discontinue the 'sundry sales' portion of our Book & Sundry Sales dept was made at the September Executive meeting. These items generate little to no revenue annually even though they are brought to all meetings for sale. The residue of stock will be put on the Xmas Auction table in December. Books will continue to be available for sale...

Photocopied Books

Loyalists of New Brunswick by E Clark Wright
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NB Branch members \$30 All others \$35
Sarah's Diary \$8
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Nature's Medicine Cabinet

In the 18th & 19th centuries Loyalists, and indeed all settlers in North America, embraced the medical wisdom of native Indians such as the Maliseet of New Brunswick. Steeped hemlock bark was used for colds and rheumatism and its bitter astringent liquid applied externally to reduce bruises, swellings & sprains. Cornmeal could stop bleeding. Tassels of young corn ears relieved bladder & kidney troubles. Blackberries, dried & steeped, were swallowed for fits and convulsions. High bush cranberry tea helped swollen glands & mumps. If aching joints persisted, the only cure was a wrist-band of dried eel skin...yuck!

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Congratulations to our most recent UE Graduates...

Dale Stanley Carle, UE Thomas Carle
Joan Morris, UE Joseph Rathburn
Eric Clifton Langley, UE
Thomas Flewwelling, Enos Flewwelling ,
Nathaniel Gorham
Andrea S Tingey, UE Gabriel Van Norden
Albert Robert Nolton, UE James Maxwell
John A Watson, UE Capt Ebenezer Slocum



John A Watson ~ New President, New UE
Albert Button presenting

Canada's First International Best Selling Author: A Loyalist, of Course...

Article by Stephen Davidson - descendant of Walter Bates and author of *The Burdens of Loyalty: Refugee Tales from the First American Civil War* and *Letters for Elly*.

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Walter Bates was born on March 14, 1760 in Stamford, Connecticut -- a town which would suffer deep divisions during the American Revolution. Neither torture at the hands of patriots nor smallpox could defeat Bates. When he escaped rebel persecution by fleeing to Long Island, he became a teacher to the children of fellow loyalist refugees.

The earliest indication of Walter Bates' literary skills came in the spring of 1783 when he wrote a poem to persuade fellow refugees to accept the British plan to settle loyalists in Nova Scotia. The last of these verses concluded with this sentiment: *"For in the wilderness, we're told, God's church will comfort give, And no good thing will He*

withhold, From those who justly live."

It is interesting that Bates felt fortune would fall to those who "justly live". His greatest claim to fame would be the result of writing about a perfect scoundrel.

Walter Bates eventually made his mark within New Brunswick's justice system as the High Sheriff of Kings County. This post and his deep commitment to his church would probably have been the most noteworthy of the Connecticut loyalist's accomplishments had he not become involved with an extraordinary prisoner in 1814...a mysterious stranger named Henry More Smith.

Smith originally hailed from Brighton, England where he had been a Methodist minister. At twenty-one years of age, he was in the King's County prison awaiting execution for stealing a horse. Fifty-four year old Bates was fascinated by Smith. He had this knack, it seemed, for getting out of his chains.

After his jailer thwarted Smith's escape through the sawn bars of his cell window, the Englishman managed to free himself from heavy iron chains using a steel watch spring as a saw. The next set of chains used to hold Smith were *broken*, not cut. Bates could not see how this was possible. Smith then went on to break a seven-foot long ox chain that was stapled to the floor.

His antics as an early day Houdini would, in themselves, have made Smith worthy of a book, but he was also a puppeteer. In the darkness of his cell, without any tools, Smith built ten puppets out of scraps of cloth, burnt wood, and straw. They danced, wrote Bates, "with motion, ease and exactness not to be described." Despite the death sentence hanging over him and his penchant for escaping chains, Smith attracted all sorts of visitors to the county jail who were anxious to watch his puppet shows.

If Walter Bates did not have a reputation for being a man of modesty, accuracy and understatement, it is doubtful that his readers would believe all that he wrote about Henry More Smith. The English prisoner accurately told fortunes using tea leaves, started fires in his cell without matches or tinderbox, and was

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immune to the frigid conditions of his prison. His hands and feet were always warm, prompting a later writer to suppose that he may have been familiar with yoga techniques for body control.

Smith eventually received a pardon for the charge of horse theft and sailed off for Connecticut. In the next phase of his life, he gained notoriety as an impostor. Walter Bates followed the Englishman's adventures which included time as a tinker and watchmaker in an American prison, a robber in New York, and even a visitor to Upper Canada. Smith became Henry Hopkins, preaching in the American south -- then a mail robber, and finally a less than successful burglar in Toronto. Then, mysteriously as he appeared, Henry More Smith disappeared from the public eye in 1835.

Why would Walter Bates, a devout Anglican sheriff, write a book about such a dishonest impostor? Perhaps it was a case of fascination with a lifestyle that was so unlike his own. Perhaps, having survived the loyalist experiences of imprisonment, torture, and hardship, Walter Bates felt an affinity for Kingston, New Brunswick's most famous "mysterious stranger". Whatever his motivation, Walter Bates had the talent to recognize a good story and to write it in a way that sold thousands of copies to avid readers in England, British colonies, and the United States.

The Mysterious Stranger, or Memoirs of Henry More Smith was first published in New Haven, Connecticut in 1817. The book was titled *Companion for Cariboo* when it was printed in England later that year. It is still available to read in many provincial archives and can be purchased at a number of online bookstores.

Settlement of Carleton County, NB

Excerpt from Article by William C Raymond, 1868

In the summer of 1783 Major BP GRIFFITH, one of the Loyalists and several soldiers with their families were promised a grant of land, provided with a boat and furnished with three years provisions by the government. They ascended the St John (River) propelling their heavily-laden boat with poles or towing it with

ropes until they landed within a few miles of the present site of the town of Woodstock and became the first settlers in the county. Major GRIFFITH occupied the farm upon which his son of the same name now resides. His daughter, Christiana, born 1795, was the first white child born within the limits of Carleton.

In 1790 Rev Frederick B DIBBLEE came to Woodstock and settled upon the farm now occupied by his son, Colonel John DIBBLEE. He was the first and for 36 years the only minister above Fredericton... At that time the families of Woodstock were KETCHUM, LANE, YOUNG, SMITH, UPHAM, DICKSON, CLARK, BEDELL, GRIFFIN, DIBBLEE, ROGERS, McGHEE, BULL, McSHAFREY and in nearby Northampton, Dr LARLEE, WOLVERTON, DAVENPORT, TOMPKINS, BELL, STANLEY, CAMPBELL and PHILLIPS.

In 1795 the first school house was built on the spot where the parish church of Woodstock lately stood. James YORK was the teacher for a number of years, with an allowance of £10 per annum from the government. The first store was kept at the ferry landing near Bull's Creek by Aaron PUTNAM in 1815, the next by T. PHILLIPS at Upper Woodstock.

Research Inquiries

If you have hit a wall in your family tree research and would like some help proving your connection to your NB Loyalist ancestor, why not ask the members of the NB Branch. This newsletter is published twice a year in April & October. Please include either your e-mail address or your mailing address so someone can respond. **Your inquiries will be published in this newsletter which goes out to 160 households.**

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