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April 2008 Edition

Compiled & Edited by Valerie Teed

A Word from President - John Watson, UE

Folks, it's amazing that six months have come and gone since the last Branch newsletter and it now becomes my duty to pen a few words once again on the state of affairs of our Branch.

My message last fall highlighted our ailing membership. The old guard was falling back and needed new, younger members with fresh ideas to lead the Branch at the local level. Unlike time, progress moves slowly and I'm sorry to say the membership issue is still a big challenge. Notwithstanding the dearth of active members, the few volunteer members have been able to sustain a one-year plan of activities and projects.

Because membership issues are a common complaint among the 27 branches of the UELAC, a committee was struck at a National Council meeting last October to address them. I'm pleased to sit on that committee and look forward to seeing some real positive suggestions and help from that front.

In an attempt to keep our members with e-mail in touch with what's new in our branches across Canada, I have started forwarding newsletters from other branches as they are sent to me. Several people have made favourable comments, which have encouraged me to continue the effort.

Last year's attempts to establish a Loyalist Learning Centre in St Martin's fell through, so we have approached the New Brunswick Museum's curator, Jane Fullerton, about a possible home for the Centre there. Things are looking good for that location.

The schedule for Loyalist Days in May has been finalized, so mark May 15th & 18th on your calendars. I'm pleased to announce that our guest speaker at the dinner will be

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Mr David Peters of PRUDE Inc (Pride of Race, Unity & Dignity through Education) who will give us the story of the black Loyalists. www.prude.ca

And finally, it is my hope to see many of you out attending the enjoyable activities offered at our 225th National Conference here in Saint John in July. The schedule of events is included on the last page of this newsletter.

John Watson, UE

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Did You Know...

that Loyalist soldiers in the King's Orange Regiment settled in St Martin's in 1783.

An excursion is planned for September to the beautiful St Martin's. Plans will include a picnic...or 'high tea' at Mrs Brown's Tea Room www.mrsbrownstearoom.com a little exploring, including the new cliff-side Fundy Trail which you can drive or walk... and maybe a walk on the beach to the sea caves. Bring your camera!

If you're interested already, please call Jim McKenzie at (506) 832-5334

Genealogist's Report

Certificates approved since October 1/07

Eric Clifton Langley, UE ancestors Nathaniel Gorham & Thomas Fairweather

Betty Marie Button, UE ancestors Capt James Hoyt, jr, David L Oram, James Oram.

Stephen Earl Percy Bolton, UE ancestor George Adkin Hartley

Thanks For the Music

For several years now we have been entertained at the Loyalist Day Banquet by the musical offerings of Ray Willis, his wife Janice and Janice's Dad, the late George F Teed. Ray played piano while Jan and her Dad enthusiastically lead the group in song.

We offer a special 'thank you' to the Willis', and extend sincere sympathy to George's family on their loss. He was in integral part of the fabric of this organization and we will miss him, too.

Calendar of Events

Thu April 10 General Meeting 7pm
at Stone Church

May 15 & 18 ~ Loyalist Days

Thu May 15 Loyalist Banquet Union Club
Doors open at 6:30 pm for
Dinner at 7pm

Speaker: David Peters on the Black Loyalists
~ Menu ~

Glass of wine Fiddlehead Soup Salad
Choose from: Salmon with Egg Sauce
or... Chicken with White Wine Sauce
Medley of Vegetables Tea Coffee
Variety of Desserts

Dinner Tickets \$35 per person available by
calling John Watson at **657-3760** or
Jim McKenzie at **832-5334 ... by May 4th**

Sun May 18 Loyalist Church Service
Trinity Church at **10:30 am**

21-Gun Salute at Fort Howe 12 noon

If enough interest, Luncheon Reservations
may be made for 12:30 noon

Flag Raising Ceremony City Hall at **3 pm**
followed by a Program at Loyalist Rock at
Market Slip
...rain location The Atrium, Market Square

Cake Cutting Ceremony to commemorate
225th Loyalist Anniversary & 223rd Saint
John's Natal Day in the Atrium,
Market Square ...*time to be announced*

Open to the public: Loyalist House & the
New Brunswick Museum

Thu Jun 12 Annual General Meeting 7pm
At Stone Church

July 10 – 13 ~ National Convention

Please refer to Schedule of Events &
Registration Form included in/with this
newsletter

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Article by Eric Clifton Flewwelling Langley, UE

In the mid 20th century, when I was young, my mother and her parents took the time to tell me about their Loyalist ancestors. I recall hearing about the organizing of the Loyalist Association in Saint John, over tea with my grandmother Hazel (Wetmore) Flewwelling and her sister, Muriel (Wetmore) Teed. As I grew older, and after my mother and her parents had died, there was less family contact with no more trips to New Brunswick from Ontario. Interest in family heritage took a back seat to life, family and a career outside Canada.

Many years later, I lived and worked in New York City near the neighbourhoods of my ancestors: Orange and Westchester Counties; Long Island; Connecticut and New York City, their centre of operations in the Revolutionary War. All were ultimately accessible but I didn't connect the dots.

Retiring to the rugged coast of British Columbia, with time to indulge my interest in history, I chopped wood for the woodstove that heated my house, and my ancestors came to mind. I couldn't help but think on the lives of the Loyalists, how much it took to keep one's family alive in those days and how chopping wood was a never-ending job. I went to the computer to see what I could find out about them. I found the Loyalists and I found my own ancestors, thanks in great part to Mr Thomas A Murray, UE and his Flewwelling family website

The 25th anniversary of my mother's passing manifested a plan to pursue her Loyalist heritage. Only one member of her immediate family was still living, Uncle Edis Flewwelling. With him lived the family history. I brought my mother's children and grandchildren together for a reunion with him, and soon thereafter he died. Now it falls to me, the only one of my grandparent's fifteen grandchildren, to tell the stories.

As the 225th Loyalist anniversary year approached, I wanted to perpetuate their history within my own family, so I decided to 'prove' all of my Loyalist ancestors, and pass on their stories. In a place quite distant from any branch of the United Empire Loyalists, it seemed appropriate for me to join the New Brunswick Branch, where my ancestors had made their home.



Clifton NB school children ca 1900 Hazel Wetmore, the author's grandmother first row, 2nd from left. Muriel V Wetmore, her sister, end of third row on the right.

Our Loyalist history is unbeatable as a remarkable collective experience and as a collection of individual experiences. We see refugees in the media - innocent struggling families, even entire tribes, which are systematically purged from their homelands by their own people. Is this a phenomenon of our brutal civilization? It was the plight of our Loyalist ancestors 225 years ago - a civil war lasting almost ten years in their own backyards; families abused and displaced by their own people.

We ought to know who they were, to preserve the legends of the lives of those pioneers in this great country of Canada and in America. We ought to tell our children about their loyalty & courage in the face of persecution in the American Revolution; their industry in the wilderness that was New Brunswick and the religious faith that sustained them.

Our Loyalist ancestors' generation is fading into the mist of two-hundred and twenty-five years of time that now separates us. I hope I can create a small time warp that will give my own, and later generations, a link to and an appreciation for the legacy left by them. Theirs was too great a contribution to this nation not to have it preserved.

Thus it is that I express my greatest appreciation to all the members, volunteers and supporters who have kept and keep this organization alive in New Brunswick, sustaining the critical bond between the Loyalists and the 21st Century from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

Eric Clifton Flewwelling Langley
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Is anyone interested in participating in a skit for Loyalist Day ... or doing a poetry reading at one of our meetings? Is there a resource person who can instruct in period dance or who can help us do this on our own?

Contact Nadine Bolton nadbolt@hotmail.com
tel (506) 849-4727

You Can Help From Home

If you enjoy reading, why not be a **Book Reviewer** for The Loyalist Gazette or for our Branch newsletter.

The Man Who Said No

Reading Jacob Bailey, Loyalist

by Kent Thompson

May 2008 Biography \$29.95

In this unusual biography of an unusual man, Kent Thompson tells the story of Jacob Bailey, a Harvard graduate, Anglican clergyman, dedicated diarist, satirical poet and eventual Loyalist.

Born in Rowley, Massachusetts in 1731, Bailey graduated from Harvard, last in his class in the days when the list was arranged by family wealth. He taught school in less than pleasant conditions in New Hampshire before embarking on a life-changing trip to London in 1760 to receive his ordination as an Anglican minister.

On his return, wearing obvious ties to the British Empire and its' church, Bailey found himself subjected to violence and ridicule as the American Revolution gathered steam. In 1782 he fled with his family to Nova Scotia and lived the rest of his life in Annapolis Royal.

Kent Thompson was born in Illinois and now lives in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. He is the author of *Biking to Blissville, A Cycling Guide to the Maritimes and the Magdalene Islands* (1993) and several works of fiction....

For Reviewer guidelines **contact Newsletter Editor.**
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Cold Weather ? Nothing New In New Brunswick!

In the year of our Lord 1816 was the coldest summer ever known in the memory of man followed by a severe winter. One family with horse and sleigh or sled came from Burton to the meeting in Sheffield on the

twenty-first day of April 1817. A number of horse teams were passing on the river the next day, (and) the main body of the ice in the river did not move any until the third day of May ~ on Thursday morning the 15th of May, a little after day break, we had the shock of an earth quake.

Sheffield Township Record Book 1767 – 1845



A New Coat of Paint for Loyalist House

On behalf of the NB Branch/UELAC, members Nadine Bolton and Don Flewelling present a \$1,000 cheque to NB Historical Society member Dennis Knibb on the steps of Loyalist House. The sizeable donation went towards a much needed exterior paint job. All three are volunteer guides for this historic building in uptown Saint John.

Warm Greetings from Down Under

from John Campbell, our farthest distant Branch member... 'Manaroo' Monaro Highway, Cooma, New South Wales 2630, Australia

I came to know of the Loyalists through my wife, Yvonne. One day, while in our small town, a Canadian family requested road directions. In the course of conversation the subject turned to family genealogy. Yvonne mentioned that we had been looking at our Prince of Wales American Regiment of Foot family history in America. The Canadians suggested we look in New Brunswick, too, and directed us to you.

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I joined the New Brunswick Branch in the hope that I would be able to find out more about my ancestors. Looking back till the late 1700s, one could imagine that they were great jet setters as they seemed to roam and live in most continents.

Scottish Roots

In 1832 my gr grandfather, John Breadalbane Campbell and his brother Lieut Ronald Campbell, 31st Regiment, arrived in Port Jackson (Sydney) Australia on the convict ship "John". Ronald had been ordered to board as one of the Subalterns comprising the Guards and obtained permission for his youngest brother to accompany him to New South Wales. In 1823, their father, Capt Walter Campbell, of the Prince of Wales Reg't of Foot had died in Perth, Scotland. Their mother, Nancy, also known as Ann DeVerber, daughter of Lieut Col Gabriel DeVerber had died in 1828 at Woodend, Dunkeld, Scotland.

Soon after arriving in New South Wales, Ronald and John settled in Bombala on what is known as the Monaro. It is south of Canberra, our national capital, and is on the Southern Tablelands.

Ronald sold his commission and the brothers became successful graziers. John also practiced medicine. Their descendants are still land holders and to this day still hold the land acquired by the two brothers.

The Canadian Connection

My gr gr grandparents Captain Walter Campbell and Nancy DeVerber were married on the 12th March 1785 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Their first born child was Walter, junior whose date & country of birth is unknown. Could it have been Canada?

I know very little of my gr gr grandparent's activities in Canada. Many family papers were lost in a New South Wales house fire and in a ship wreck in the Bay of Biscay in 1825.

From the surviving papers we know that my gr gr grandfather, Walter Campbell, was a Loyalist. He was commissioned a captain on 4 Oct 1776 in the Prince of Wales American Reg't. A Lieut Colin Campbell, Delancey's Brigade, appears to have been privy to intelligence reports from the 1st and 2nd Battalions of Brigadier General DeLancey's Brigade in 1782, the year before the Loyalist exodus from New York.

We know that on 11 November 1784 Walter became the rightful owner of Lot # 606 in Water Street, Parr Town (Saint John).

In 1787 Walter Campbell, Esquire became a captain of a company in the Regiment of Militia of the City & County of Saint John. On 16 June of that year, he ordered supplies from London ~ "8 Packages Viz 2 Trunks & 6 Casks" for Musquash Cove, near "St John's, New Brunswick". Perhaps they were for his little family's return trip to Scotland. Two children were born there between 1787 & 1792. In 1796 he was back in New Brunswick & became a Freeman of the City of Saint John. In 1800 there is a record of the birth of a son in Scotland!

No matter where they lived, my ancestors lived with honour, believed in freedom, and served the Crown.

Queries

2008-01 Campbell It would be great if someone could fill in our missing links.

Q: Was Lieut Colin Campbell (Delancey's Brigade) related to Capt Walter Campbell?

Q: Where in Scotland was Walter born, and when did he get to America? Are there any old photos out there?

Contact: John Campbell manaroo@snowy.net.au or at the address at the beginning of Warm Greetings from Down Under.

2008-02 Allison I have hit a brick wall. I'm looking for info on 2 Loyalists: (1) Joseph Weever Holland - his birth, death & burial place? He married Catherine Esther Thorne d/o Loyalist Rob't Thorne & Sophia Pels. (2) Robert Thorne - his birth, death & burial place? He married Sophia Pels. If anyone has info on these two men, would they please share.

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George Francis Teed

A most senior and twice NB Branch president George F. Teed passed away after a short illness in Saint John, N.B. on December 30, 2007. His mother, Muriel V Teed, had been instrumental in the New Brunswick Branch/UELAC receiving its charter on January 14, 1967.

George was a regular and faithful member of the Anglican Church and served it well as vestry member, churchwarden and choir member for over 60 years. One of his greatest loves, beside his family, was his community. A strong supporter of Saint John and an outspoken advocate for the city, he performed his civic duty well as an elected member of City Council and, at one time, as Deputy Mayor. George carried a wealth of historical information and knowledge about his Saint John. He was frequently consulted by the local newspaper and by CBC Radio on historical detail concerning the City and its people. In fact just three days before his death he was interviewed and quoted in the Saint John Telegraph Journal about the founding members of Saint Paul's Valley Church, now disbanded.

George was never one to *not* be involved and was a member of many local groups, organizations and societies in the area, often offering his services in executive roles. He held a special commitment and affection for his Alma Mater, Rothesay Collegiate School. Music and theatre were passions of his. He loved to sing, and could always be counted on to perform upon request. He joined many amateur theatre productions in Saint John and Rothesay and was involved in many plays with the Rothesay Playhouse, the Saint John Theatre Company and even a local high school drama group, well into his eighties.

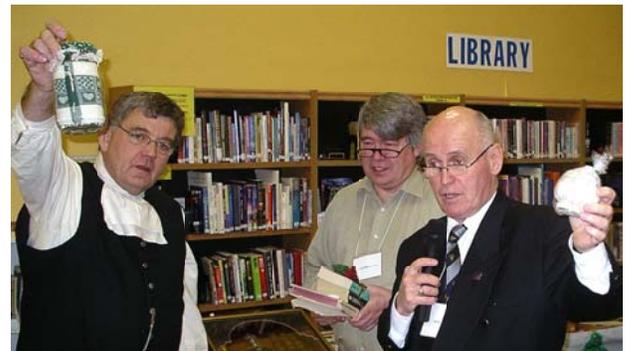
Possibly George's greatest asset was his indomitable positive spirit. One of his sons referred to him as the eternal optimist who always put a good spin on everything he encountered. A most unforgettable site was George at a branch activity wearing the same "gold" coloured Loyalist period outfit made for him in 1935 for the Loyalist Ball of that year.

He died at the age of 92 years...and danced right up to three weeks before.

Frederick Forbes Angus

Branch member Fred Angus died August 10, 2007 in Montreal.

Frances Morrisey remembers ... *Fred Angus' family and mine go back a long way. His grandfather, Dr WW White, lived in what became the old Parker House Bed & Breakfast and Restaurant on Sidney Street...Saint John. As far as I know he is the last in his family.*



Christmas Pot Luck & Auction
L to R: John Watson, Steve Bolton & Keith Dow ~
auctioneers for the evening.

Local Loyalist History Letter from Major Gilfred Studholme to Edward Winslow Sept 1787

Dear Colonel: In my last hurried letter I forgot making my acknowledgements for your kind promise of paying me a visit in the course of the season. Should any Great People propose coming in your train, pray drop me a hint as you must suppose a Farmhouse will require considerable scrubbing before it will be fit to receive such guests. We are very busy just now in pulling the male Hemp, and preparing to water-rott it, an operation I shall pay much attention to and inform you in due time of my success in this important business.(rope) I remain most truly yours, G. Studholme

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Kids in Loyalist costume on Loyalist Day last year

Photocopied Books

Loyalists of New Brunswick by E Clark Wright

Loyalists All by UELAC/NB Branch

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(book prices include Shipping & Handling)

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They Say This is to be our City Excerpt from the Diary of Sarah Frost written on board the ship *Two Sisters* in the Loyalist exodus of 1783... arriving in St. John's River, Nova Scotia (as it was then) a voyage that began at Lloyd's Neck, Long Island May 25, 1783...

Friday, June 27 – I got up this morning very early to look out. I can see land on both sides of us.... Our people have got their lines out to catch codfish and about half after five John Waterbury caught the first one for our ship.

Saturday, June 28 – Got up and found ourselves nigh to land on each side. It was up the river St. John's. .. our captain fired a gun for a pilot... we anchored off against Fort Howe in St. John's River. Our people went ashore and brought on board spruce & gooseberries, and grass and pea vines with the blossoms on them, all of which grow wild here. They say this is to be our city. Our land is five and twenty miles up the river.

We are to have here only a building place of forty feet in the front and a hundred feet back. Mr Frost has now gone on shore with his whale boat to see how the place looks, and says he will soon come back and take me on shore.

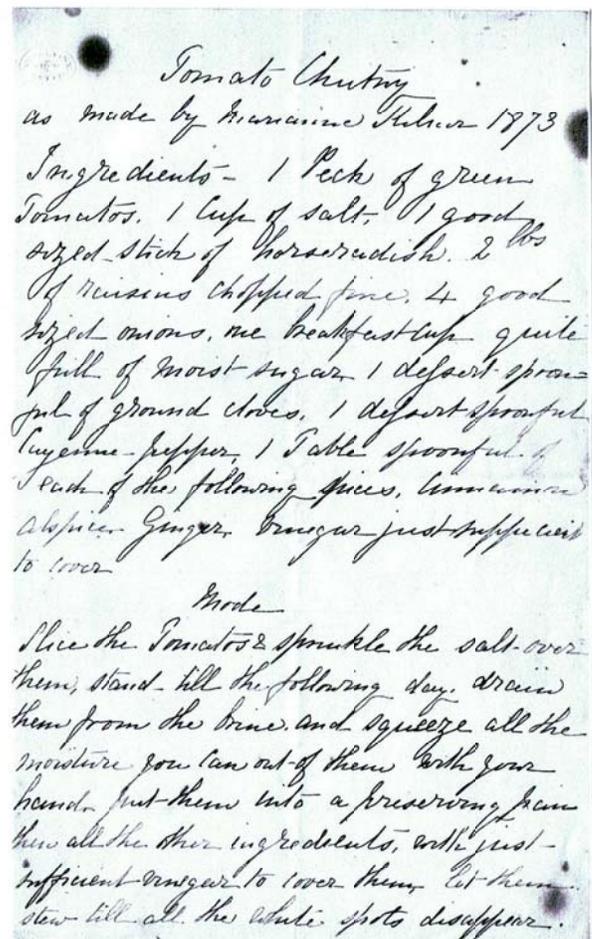
I long to set my feet once more on land. He soon came on board again and brought a fine salmon.

Sunday, June 29 – This morning it looks very pleasant on the shore. I am just going ashore with my children to see how I like it.

Later – It is, I think, the roughest land I ever saw. It beats Short Rocks, indeed, I think that is nothing in comparison; but this is to be *the city*, they say! We are to settle here but are to have our land sixty miles farther up the river.

We are all ordered on land tomorrow, and not a shelter to go under.

Tomato Chutney



Tomato Chutney
as made by Annaline February 1873

Ingredients - 1 Peck of green Tomatoes. 1 Cup of salt. 1 good sized stick of horseradish. 2 lbs of Raisins Chopped fine. 4 good sized onions, one breakfast cup quite full of moist sugar. 1 dessert spoonful of ground cloves. 1 dessert spoonful Cayenne pepper. 1 Table spoonful of each of the following spices, Lemmon, Allspice, Ginger, Cloves just sufficient to cover.

Mode
Slice the Tomatoes & sprinkle the salt over them, stand till the following day, drain them from the brine, and squeeze all the moisture you can out of them both your hands put them into a preserving pan then all the other ingredients, with just sufficient vinegar to cover them. Let them stew till all the white spots disappear.

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Dominion Conference of the UELAC
Saint John, New Brunswick July 10 – 13, 2008

Thursday, July 10

Pre-Conference Event Join us for a Guided Tour of King's Landing Historical Settlement in the Saint John River Valley just north of Fredericton. We'll meet at the King's Head Inn for High Tea. Those who wish to may ride the tour bus only as far as Fredericton and get dropped off at the Provincial Archives & Loyalist Centre on the University of NB campus.

Welcoming Reception The provenance could not be better as we gather in the Kennebecasis Room at the Hilton, back in Saint John, for the kick-off event. The balcony looks directly down on Market Slip where most of our ancestors first set foot on Canadian soil.

Friday, July 11

UEL Annual General Meeting In a break with tradition the AGM will be held on Friday in the Loyalist Room at the Saint John Trade & Convention Centre. Lunch will be provided. Those not attending the AGM can take advantage of the many interesting sites within an easy walk ~ such as the New Brunswick Museum, Loyalist House, the Old Loyalist Burial Ground ~ or just stroll around historic downtown Saint John, Canada's oldest incorporated city.

Dinner at Lily Lake Pavilion Expect dinner and entertainment when we bus from the Hilton to the recently restored Lily Lake Pavilion.

Saturday, July 12

Conference Seminar Series Attend the morning's lecture series at the Trade & Convention Centre. The speakers & general topics will be:
Stephen Davidson – **The Union** The first Loyalist ship arriving in 1783
Mary Gillis – **General Timothy Ruggles** A prominent Nova Scotia Loyalist
Stephen Davidson – **The Black Loyalists**
Paul Bunnell – **New England Genealogy**
Rose Staples – **The Genealogical Resources of New Brunswick's Provincial Archives**

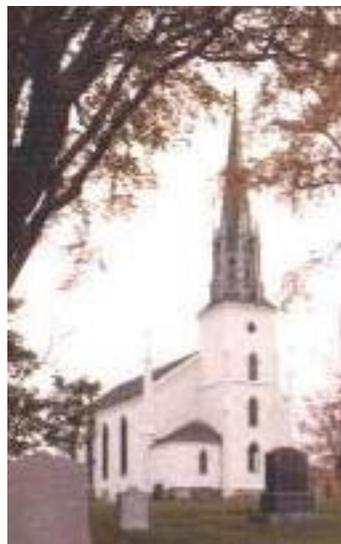
Afternoon Bus Tour Explore the Saint John area by bus and a few walking excursions. Stops include our famous Reversing Falls – the great navigational challenge for ancestors in their journey upriver to claim land grants – and Fernhill Cemetery where we'll visit the Branch's recent restoration project ... the Memorial to prominent Loyalist Amos Botsford.

Conference Banquet In the Loyalist Room at the Trade & Convention Centre. Where else! Featured speaker will be the NB Museum's Mr Peter Laroque who will present "Loyalist Artefacts of the New Brunswick Museum". This is a highly visual and interesting look at the Museum's Loyalist collections.

Sunday, July 13

Morning Church Service & Brunch

We bus from the Hilton to the Kingston Peninsula's oldest church for the service. Trinity Anglican Church was established in 1789 and houses the oldest pipe organ still in use in Canada. We enjoy brunch at the adjacent church hall and return to Saint John by bus.



Trinity Church, Kingston NB – established 1789

For more Convention info visit our web site at <http://personal.nbnet.nb.ca/fmor/> or contact Stephen Bolton, Conference Head, at sbolton@nbnet.nb.ca or write to **NB Branch PO Box 484 Saint John, NB E2L 3Z8**

Convention Registration Form is in a separate attachment with e-mail copies of this newsletter.

