

# Colonel John Butler (Niagara)/ St. Catharines District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists fonds

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57 b&w photos  
1 coloured slide  
547 coloured photos  
8 coloured postcards  
4 b&w postcards  
21 scrapbooks  
1 plastic medallion  
1 flag
- Abstract:** This archive contains materials relating to the Colonel John Butler (Niagara)/ St. Catharines District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists. The bulk of the materials are minutes, correspondence and scrapbooks.
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**History:** United Empire Loyalist is an honour given to American Loyalists who came to British North America and the British Colonies to show their loyalty to King George III after the British defeat in the American Revolution. The Loyalists settled in Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia and modern day New Brunswick.

The Colonel John Butler (Niagara) Branch (formerly the St. Catharines and District Branch) has origins which date as far back as 1898. A branch was organized in Virgil by Captain John D. Servos, but was unsuccessful. In 1905 there was another attempt to form a branch, but the war of 1914-1918 resulted in this branch becoming inactive.

In 1914, an Act of Parliament incorporated the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. The St. Catharines and District Branch was formed in 1921. This branch remained active, and in 1992 they changed their name to The Colonel John Butler (Niagara) Branch.

The Loyalists also have a strong focus on genealogy. All descendants are eligible to use UE (which stands for Unity of the Empire) after their names.

source: <http://www.coljohnbutleruel.com>

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**Scope and Content:** The fonds contains materials relating to the Colonel John Butler (Niagara)/ St. Catharines District Branch. The materials included are minutes, correspondence, clippings, photographs newsletters and scrapbooks. Original order was maintained where possible and where no order existed, like records were brought together. Some of the series are divided into

sub-series based on subject matter or record format. Some of the scrapbooks have very fragile pages which have come loose from their bindings. Articles in the scrapbooks have been glued to the pages and have deteriorated.

List of abbreviations:

UEL – United Empire Loyalists

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**Organization:** The records are arranged into 5 series.

Series I – Administrative Records, 1934-2017 (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series A. Minutes, 1934-2017

Sub-Series B. Correspondence, 1935-2005 (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series C. Finances, 1943-1994 (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series D. Membership and Executive Lists, 1937-2001 (non-inclusive)

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Sub-Series D. Speeches, 1936-1974 (non-inclusive)

Series IV – History, 1797-2012, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series A. Loyalist History, 1914-1976 (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series B. Loyalist Families, 2006, 2010, n.d.

Sub-Series C. Niagara Peninsula History, 1901-1965 (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series D. General History, 1779-1980 (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series E. Niagara Historical Society, 1926-1932, 1934-1938, n.d.

Sub-Series F. Miscellaneous Items, 1898, 1901, 1984

Series V – Scrapbooks, 1891-1979, n.d. (non-inclusive)

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**Inventory:**

**Series I – Administrative Records: includes minutes, correspondence, finances, membership lists, membership information, Dominion Council executive lists, branch activity reports, the Heritage Grant and by-laws, 1934-2003**

**Sub-series A. Minutes including St. Catharines and District/ Col. John Butler (Niagara) Branch and United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Dominion Council minutes, 1934-2017**

- 1.1 St. Catharines and District United Empire Loyalist minutes including a hardcover handwritten minute book which also contains some clippings, 1934-1949
- 1.2 St. Catharines and District United Empire Loyalist minutes including a hardcover minute book which also contains clippings, flyers, correspondence and photographs. In this minute book there are copies of the Loyalist Gazette and a photo from the 1962 Macfarlane Park picnic, 3 b&w photos, 1950-1967
- 1.3 St. Catharines and District United Empire Loyalist minutes including a notebook which contains minutes and some clippings, 1971-1981
- 1.4 St. Catharines and District United Empire Loyalist minutes, 1982-1989

- 1.5 St. Catharines and District United Empire Loyalist / Col. John Butler (Niagara) minutes, 1990-1995
- 1.6 – 1.11 Col. John Butler (Niagara) minutes, 1996-2003
- 5.1 Conference 2000 Steering Committee Meeting, February 1999-June 2000.
- 5.2-5.17 Col. John Butler (Niagara) branch minutes, 2004-2017. Contains mostly general meeting minutes with some executive minutes (2010-2017) and annual meeting minutes.
- 1.12 – 1.24 United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Dominion Council minutes, 1966-1986

**Sub-Series B. Correspondence which includes requests for membership and acceptance letters to new members, 1935-2005 (non-inclusive)**

- 2.1 Correspondence includes: the resignation of F. R. Parnell as president of the St. Catharines branch, and an invitation to a speech entitled "The early Dutch and Colonial Settlers on Long Island" given by Miss Helen Nelles, a letter from the St. Catharines branch to the UELAC re: organization of the branch, 1935-1939
- 2.2 The Loyalists were endeavoring to raise \$5000 as a gift to the Queen's Canteen Fund to purchase mobile kitchen units for bombed civilians of the British Isles. "Active Service" post cards are also included in this folder. These postcards were sent with packages of cigarettes through the Overseas League (Canada) Tobacco and Hamper Fund. The charter of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada was issued in 1897, therefore, this was the golden anniversary year and special events were planned, 1941- 1949
- 2.3 The annual celebration of the Battle of York was held on May 8, 1954. Plans were being made for the United Empire Loyalist Homecoming to be held in Boston. Also includes a letter from the Treasurer of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment Association to Mr. H.R. James, asking for a donation to their history fund, 1950, 1954, 1958-1959
- 2.4 This folder contains a progress report on U.E.L. churches and a letter addressed to the executive and members of all branches regarding "divisive elements within the organization". There is also an excerpt from a speech made by Rev. J. Lloyd Hughes Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, 1960, 1962-1969

- 2.5 This file contains discussions about the “talk about the U.E. and the right of genealogically proven loyalists to use this mark of honour”. The organization of the United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada notes the introduction of a private bill to have Civic Holiday changed in name to Simcoe Day. A certificate was granted by the Federal Government with respect to the Loyalist Trust so that the receipts could be used as charitable deductions from income tax, 1 coloured post-card, 1970-1972
- 2.6 This file contains a letter asking each branch to assist the Dominion Association financially as its main source of income has been the Adelaide Louise McLaughlin trust fund but this no longer provides adequate funding. There are congratulatory letters to Mrs. Warwick for being elected as President of the St. Catharines branch, 1973-1979
- 2.7 The correspondence in this file states that the St. Catharines branch is becoming more active. There is an announcement about the bicentennial project called the “Bicentennial Marathon” which took place in June of 1984 to commemorate the arrival of the Loyalists in Canada. The St. Catharines branch protested the planned demolition of Robertson School on Church Street. Mr. Alan Holden suggested a plaque to commemorate Richard Pierpoint, the first black settler in the St. Catharines district. This plaque was unveiled on June 30, 1985. There are congratulatory letters to Mr. Bruce Milligan on his position as branch president, 1980-1986, 1988-1989
- 2.8 This file contains the announcement that the St. Catharines District branch of the Loyalists changed their name to Colonel John Butler (Niagara). Some of the correspondence deals with the desperate financial circumstances of this branch. The week of June 15-21 was proclaimed as United Empire Loyalist Week in St. Catharines and a service was planned at the Memorial Boulder. There is a proposal to name June 19 as United Empire Loyalists’ Day in Ontario. The Col. John Butler (Niagara) Branch announced that was hosting the Association Conference 2000, 1990 -2002, 2004-2005, 2018-2019

**Sub-Series C. Financial Records, 1943-1994 (non-inclusive)**

- 2.9 Hardcover book containing membership lists with dues, credits, debits, receipts and expenditures, 1947-1984
- 2.10 Financial statements, 1943-2019 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series D. Membership and Executive, includes: St. Catharines and District and Col. John Butler (Niagara) membership lists,**

**membership information, and Dominion Council executive lists, 1937-2001 (non-inclusive)**

- 2.11 St. Catharines and District/Col. John Butler (Niagara) membership lists. Also included are: ancestors proven and descendant members lists, 1937-2001 (non-inclusive)
- 2.12 Membership information includes: forms of application for election of members; selection of eligibility forms; a guide to the U.E.L. Association form for membership; a list of questions regarding “your Loyalist ancestors”; a form letter for a routine inquiry sent to Archives, Canada; an application for certificate or search from the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations; documents on U.E.L membership transfer, census records, steps in processing an application and issuing membership receipt cards and 2 membership cards, 1962-1986 (non-inclusive)
- 2.13 Dominion Council executive lists include: executive and officers, honorary officers, councilors, branch presidents, branch secretaries and branch genealogists, 1956-1988 (non-inclusive)
- 5.18 Membership information, 1957-1981, n.d. Includes membership polices, blank application forms, lineage guidelines, completed application forms filed alphabetically by surname (Aelde to Durham), and a partial list of approved UEL members (1981).

**Sub-Series E. Branch Activity Reports, 1993, 2000-2001**

- 2.14 Colonel John Butler (Niagara) branch activity reports, 1993, 2000-2001

**Sub-Series F. Heritage Grant, 1985-1986**

- 2.15 Heritage Grant documents include: Regulation made under the Ontario Heritage Act, application for Heritage Organization Development Grant and a letter to advise the St. Catharines and District Branch of the U.E.L. that the grant was approved, 1985-1986

**Sub-Series G. By-Laws, 1931-2017 (non-inclusive)**

- 2.16 Constitution, by-laws and amendments of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, 1931-2017 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series H. Other Branches, 1940-1984 (non-inclusive)**

- 2.17 Bay of Quinte Branch includes information on the Quinte Loyalist Museum, membership lists and a newsletter, 1965-1984 (non-

inclusive)

- 2.18 Governor Simcoe Branch includes announcements, membership lists and newsletters, 1940-1983 (non-inclusive)
- 2.19 Various Branches includes: the Toronto Branch reports from meetings; Calgary Branch membership lists; Fredericton Branch announcement of new chapter and a list of Loyalist resources in New Brunswick; Grand River Branch announcements of meetings; the Victoria Branch executive list; The Winnipeg Branch executive and members; the Hamilton Branch meeting announcements, newsletter, by-laws, policies and procedures, the Guy Carleton Branch (Ottawa) by-laws and membership list, and regular meeting procedure of the Heritage Branch Montreal, 1940-2018 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series I. United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada**

- 5.21 UELAC administrative records, 1898, 1961-2018. Contains a report of on 1898 meeting during which President Ryerson resigned, correspondence, by-laws, an annual report of the Dominion Genealogist to the Central Council of the UELAC (1969), suggested projects for branches, and a report of the Scholarship Committee to the Board of Directors Meeting (2018).

**Sub-Series J. Annual Reports, 1947-1966**

- 5.19 Annual Reports for the St. Catharines & District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists, 1947-1966.

**Series II – Promotional Material, 1897-2005, n.d. (non-inclusive)**

**Sub-Series A. Clippings, 1897-2005 (non-inclusive)**

- 2.20 Clippings, including the forming of the St. Catharines U.E.L. Association by F.R. Parnell and a map of St. Catharines as it existed in 1791, 1897, 1934-1949 (non-inclusive)
- 2.21 Newspaper clippings include stories about a speech given by H.G. Boyes, a service which was held at the Boulder, articles about the IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), Churchill to visit Ottawa and the celebration in Boston for descendants of early settlers in the New England States, and the election of C.H.E. Smith as president of the St. Catharines and District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists, 1951-1958 (non-inclusive)

- 2.22 Clippings include: the old Secord Cabin; a plaque erected to honour John Crooks, a prominent resident of Niagara and a dispute over a souvenir history book of Niagara which local United Empire Loyalists and pillars of the historical club claim distorted the Loyalist position. A new plaque at Queen's Park was put up to honour the United Empire Loyalists. The John Graves Simcoe Foundation proposed "Simcoe Day" to replace the August "Civic Holiday", and election of the 1964 Executive, 1960-1968, n.d.
- 2.23 This file includes an article which states that 3.5 million Canadians may sign UE after their names. Other articles include: Field's Pharmacy in Niagara-on-the-Lake being opened as a tourist attraction; the Simcoe Ball sponsored by the Niagara Historical Society; Shickluna's shipbuilding; the U.E.L. Association formed a London unit and Loyalists' descendants restored an old cemetery on Warner Road, articles about the history of the Loyalists, celebrations for the bicentennial of American independence, and a special edition of the Niagara Falls Review celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Butler's Rangers, 1970-1973, 1976-1979. n.d.
- 2.24 Clippings include: a copy of the first page of the first newspaper ever published in Ontario (then Upper Canada) from April 18, 1793; the United Empire Loyalist' bicentenary celebration which was held in 1983; a study on UEL literature and the opening of the War Museum's Loyalist American exhibition in Ottawa, the McKinney family in Beamsville, the publication of a book titled *Loyal She Remains*, the Loyalist Parkway pillars in Amherstview, Ontario, obituaries and announcements, Prince Philip's visit to Quebec as a guest of the descendants of the United Empire Loyalists, 1980-1984, 1989
- 2.25 Included: the St. Catharines branch of the United Empire Loyalists changed its name to Colonel John Butler branch (Niagara); Ed Scott became the new president of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada; a heritage display at Niagara Square; Ontario Lt-Governor Hillary Weston spoke to the United Empire Loyalists in Niagara and a re-enactment of the burial of the submarine H.L. Hunley crew, and Niagara Falls resident Ruth Redmond receiving her UEL certificate with her sister Norma Fiddes, Chippawa battlefield monument, re-enactments of the Battle of Fort George and the Battle of Lundy's Lane, Heritage Week celebrations, Doors Open Ontario history celebration, Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, 1 col. photo, 1992, 1998-2001, 2004-2006, n.d.
- 2.26 This file contains undated clippings which include: a committee which was set up to raise funds to restore the Women's Institute Building in Queenston; excavation of an Indian site in the vicinity of "Twenty" was planned by the Jordan Historical Museum and Louth township council

planned to inspect abandoned cemeteries, Heritage week celebrations, the BME Church in Niagara Falls, a re-enactment at Fort George, the Bishop Fuller house, and the McTaggart family, n.d.

**Sub-Series B. Photographs, 1934-2004 (non-inclusive)**

- O.1 Mounted photograph of the United Empire Loyalist float on the May 12<sup>th</sup> celebration of the coronation of King George I, 1 b&w photo, 1937
- 2.27 Includes: a mounted photograph of the laying of the wreath ceremony, photographs of the Yankee Homecoming in Boston, photographs from the annual picnics, a photograph of Richard Years – the Pilgrim, Mary Hopkins Hagar Hutt, Bob Welch taking the Women’s Association on a tour of the Parliament Buildings and a [Simcoe] ball in period costume, St. Andrew’s Anglican Church in Grimsby, 1 coloured slide, 27 b&w photos, 2 coloured photos, 1934, 1958-1959, 1963, n.d.
- 3.1 Four day convention in Belleville, 14 col. photos, 1986
- 3.2 Members – Awards and Presentations including: members receiving their U.E. certificates, Rod and Bev Craig receiving Most Honourable Order of Meritorious Heritage medals and certificates and appreciation awards, 27 col. photos, 1993, 1999, 2002-2003
- 3.3 Heritage Days file includes a clipping, 20 col. photos, 1994, 1998, 2000-2001, 2004
- 3.4 Butler Bicentenary, 97 col. photos, 1996
- 3.5 Loyalist day celebrations including: planting in front of the UEL Memorial boulder, Fort Erie, UEL Day and Loyalist Day. This folder also includes a teacher’s resource *U.E.L. Day* and some clippings, 77 col. photos, 1997, 1999-2000
- 3.6 Annual General Meeting and Council, 35 col. photos, 1997, 2000
- 3.7 Memorial/Commemoration Services including: Lundy’s Lane Memorial Service; commemoration of the Battle of Oriskany, New York, 49 col. photos, 1997, 2000
- 3.8 Dedications including: the unveiling of the Loyalist Memorial Boulder in 1934, dedication ceremony of the Adam Young plaque, dedication of the Andrews Glen Butler Memorial Park, the flag pole dedication ceremony. This folder also includes some clippings, 6 b&w photos, 13 col. photos, 1934, 1998-1999

- 3.9 Archeological dig at the Colonel John Butler Homestead includes clippings, 32 col. photos, 1999
- 3.10 Historical tours including: tour of the Fort at Fort Erie, Adolphustown Reunion and Loyalist Hudson Valley trip, 8 col. photos, 2000
- 3.11 Photographs from the United Empire Loyalists Association Conference 2000 "Defending the Empire" held at The Renaissance Hotel Fallsview, Niagara Falls, Ontario with Lieutenant-Governor Hilary Weston. The file also contains some clippings, 149 col. photos, 2000
- 3.12 Branch meetings and other events including: Christmas dinner, a 2001 monthly meeting, installation of 2002 executive and installation of 2004 executive, UELAC Conference in Edmonton, Smith/May Reunion, 23 col. photos, 1999, 2001-2002, 2004

**Sub-Series C. United Empire Loyalist Book Lists, 1971-1986 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.13 This file includes lists of titles of publications for sale and/or loan from the Dominion Headquarters, the Ontario Genealogical Society, the Public Archives of Canada, the St. Catharines Historical Museum and various publishers. Included in this file are suggested reading lists for adults and young people. Also included is a series of lists and correspondence from the St. Catharines Public Library regarding their U.E.L. bookshelf, 1971-1986 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series D. Loyalist Items for Sale, 1966-2014 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.14 Various items are listed for sale in this file. These items include: genealogical charts, jewelry, lapel pins, clothing, plates, armorial bearings, badges, letters patent, spoons, Christmas cards, grave markers and flags, and a promotions catalogue from the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, 1966-2014 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series E. Loyalist Cards, 1966-1984 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.15 This is a compilation of cards from the collection of Gwen O'Loughlin. Included are Loyalist Christmas cards, note cards, and a postcard. Some of the cards are signed. Many of the cards are based on paintings from the Confederation Life Collection, 1 col. postcard, 1947- 1984 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series F. Newsletters, 1963-2005 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.16 St. Catharines and District Newsletter, a copy of the *Patriot*, and *The Niagara Loyalist*, newsletter of the Colonel John Butler (Niagara) Branch 1980-2005.
- 3.17 Dominion Headquarters Newsletter, 1971-1973, 1977, 1979
- 3.18 *Loyalist Gazette* (mostly supplements to the *Gazette*) which is published by Dominion Headquarters. The file includes information on deliveries and ordering out-of-print copies, 1932, 1963-1981 (non-inclusive)
- 3.19 Other newsletters, 1979-1992. Contains an issue of the Canadian Quaker History Newsletter (Newsletter of the Canadian Friends Historical Society), 1979; and an issue of the Canada Day Gazette (special Upper Canada Bicentennial Issue of the Niagara Historical Society), 1992.

**Sub-Series G. Loyalist Poetry, n.d.**

- 3.20 Loyalist poetry including: *Westward the tide of Empire takes its way* by Bishop Berkeley, *U.E. Lodge* by Lt. Col. Sterling Le Roy Spicer M.D., *A Loyalist Reader* by Deborah Godin, *William Hall V.C.* by Watson Kirkconnell, *Hands Across the Sea* by Fred R. Parnell, *Loyalists Arouse* by Sterling Le Roy Spicer, *Prophecies Come to Pass* and *The Kaiser's Dream*, n.d.

**Sub-Series H. Children's Essays, 1947-1948**

- 3.21 The Saint Catharines District United Empire Loyalists held an essay competition for grade 7 and 8 children in which prizes were offered. This file contains the marked essays, 1947-1948

**Sub-Series I. United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, n.d.**

- 2.28 United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, n.d. Contains their logo with a description and explanation of it on the reverse, and a bumper sticker featuring the logo that reads "I'm proud to be a U.E."

**Sub-Series J. United Empire Loyalist Education Program, 1960-2012**

- 5.20 Col. John Butler (St. Catharines) branch United Empire Loyalist Education Program 1960-2012, n.d. Contains a visitor's guide to Fort George, ideas for United Empire Loyalists Education features, suggestions for school visits, suggested stories of likely interest for Grade 7 students, an article about the Loyalists from the magazine *The Harvester* (Jan./Feb.

1960), and a booklet on curriculum ideas for teachers from the Ministry of Education featuring a segment on the United Empire Loyalists (1978).

**Series III - Events, 1932-2014 (non-inclusive)**

**Sub-Series A. Banquets, 1936-1984 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.22 The banquets file includes tickets, programs and guest lists for banquets and parties held by The St. Catharines and District Branch, the Dominion Council and the Heritage Branch (Montreal). Also included is a bound guest book for a St. Catharines and District fiftieth anniversary dinner, 1936-1984 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series B. Conventions and Conferences, 1967-2002 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.23 The convention file includes: information on the conventions and conferences, registration lists and programs, 1967-2002 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series C. Other Events and Branch Projects, 1932-2017 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.24 File includes posters, clippings and programs for: the unveiling of a memorial to the United Empire Loyalists, church anniversaries, picnics, tree plantings, a service for Her Majesty's Coronation, opening of the Niagara Apothecary, the Yankee homecoming visit, Heritage Day open house, American Bicentennial challenge, a genealogy fair, United Empire Loyalist's, Day and the Millennium Project (poetry, essay and play collection project). Also included are: items regarding as *The Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University*; Project 2014 celebrating 100 years; a program of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala at Queenston Heights Restaurant; a celebration of 50 years of the New Brunswick branch (2017), and a proclamation from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, declaring the week of June 20-June 27, 2020 United Empire Loyalist Week, a program of events for Loyalist Days in Saint John, New Brunswick, a 2001 calendar of events at Niagara Parks, 1932-2020 (non-inclusive)
- 3.25 Memorial Boulder flag presentation – In 2002 the Colonel John Butler Branch submitted a request that a flag pole be erected in Memorial Park at the Loyalist Monument. This file contains clippings (some historical) and Documents pertaining to that ceremony, 1971, 2002, 2004
- 3.26 Butler Bicentenary commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of

Colonel John Butler minutes regarding the planning of the event, 1995-1996

- 3.27 Butler Bicentenary correspondence, flyers and clippings – (see file 3.4 for photos), 1994-1996
- 3.28 Carl Misener Bald Cemetery, Port Robinson, Ontario – This file includes a booklet written by Betty Harley U.E. The cemetery was restored and a memorial dedication took place, U.E., 1997, 1999, 2007
- 3.29 William Secord Servos grave restoration – File includes a copy of the last will and testament of William Secord Servos, correspondence and historical data, 4 col. photos, 2004-2005
- 3.30 Colonel John Butler cemetery plaques – The Colonel John Butler Branch undertook a project to identify and mark cemeteries in the Niagara area which had UEL descendants buried within them. The file contains clippings and correspondence, 2007-2008, 2010

**Sub-Series D. Speeches, 1936-1974 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.31 Full text of the following speeches is enclosed: *The Memorial Boulder is Unveiled* by L.B. Duff; *Propaganda during American Revolutionary War and Today* by Captain Eric Acland; a speech by G.W. O'Loughlin upon the presentation of a flag; Remarks made by Robert Welch MPP for Lincoln at the dedication of a plaque to the memory of Reverend Anthony Burns and *Unrecorded Loyalists* by H.C. Burleigh, M.D. There are also excerpts from: a speech made by Reverend J. Lloyd Hughes, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, an address by Edward Struthers, Mayor of Stanstead, at the unveiling of a U.E. Loyalist Plaque, in Noyan, Quebec (1971), and notes for *Canadian-United States Relations – 200 Years of Political Impact* by A.B.R. Lawrence, 1936-1974 (non-inclusive)

**Series IV – History, 1797-2012 (non-inclusive)**

**Sub-Series A. Loyalist History, 1797-2012 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.32 Includes: *Brief of The United Empire Loyalists' Association*; *Canadian genealogical checklist*; *The Coming of the Loyalists* by Agnes C. Laut; *Evolution of our Empire*; an act to incorporate The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada; *The Charter*; a list of the Loyal or British American (Provincial) Regiments serving in the Revolutionary War; the Operations Manual of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada; *You Had to Fight for Crown to Earn Official U.E. Standing* by C. Loral R. Wanamaker, U.E.; *Long Live the Queen! Long Live the*

*Loyalists!* by Jane Becker; the Loyalist calendar; Loyalist dates; *The Loyalist Settlements West of the River Saint John* by James Vroom, *Loyalists in the Line* by Claude C. Sturgill, *New York State Confiscations of Loyalists* copied by Dr. H.C. Burleigh from original lists; Statement of Definitions Accepted by the Historical Committee of the United Loyalists' Association of Canada; information on Lutheran United Empire Loyalists: The Reverend Johann Samuel Schwerdtfeger and Sir James Pliny Whitney; *The Romance of the Palatine Millers* by Rev. W. Bowman-Tucker; *Report on Loyalists Burial Grounds* by C.L.R. Wanamaker; St. Catharines and District Branch United Empire Loyalists Memorial Boulder; *The U.E.L. Title*; *The United Empire Loyalist View of the U.S. Revolution* notes by V.C. Jones; Loyalists in the Quinte area and a coloured print of the U.E. Loyalists drawing lots for grants of land in 1784, a bibliography of the United Empire Loyalists at the St. Catharines Public Library, notes arranged by V.C. Jones titled *The United Empire Loyalist View of the U.S. Revolution*, *The United Empire Loyalists* by Ann MacKenzie, 1914-1976 (non-inclusive)

3.33 Historical items including clippings and flyers. The United Empire Loyalists' Day Act is included, as well as Loyalist information sheets. A history of the Colonel John Butler Branch is also in this file as well as a proclamation of United Empire Loyalist Week, 1 col. photo, 3 col. postcards, 1984, 1997-1998, 2003, 2011-2012

3.34 Petition of Joseph Senn, a Loyalist, asking for a land grant. The file contains photocopies of relevant documents, 1797

**Sub-Series B. Loyalist Families, 2006, 2010, n.d.**

3.35 Includes some of the genealogical research done on the following families: (listed in alphabetical order): Bender, Bessey, Bridgman, Brown, Clement, Corwin, Cudney, Currey, Lutz, Mills, Parks, Smith, Snowdon and Stockton, n.d.

3.36 Correspondence and photocopied death and funeral notices including the Bartlett, Lymburner, Merritt, Ricker and Swayze families, 2006, 2010

**Sub-Series C. Niagara Peninsula History, 1901-1965 (non-inclusive)**

3.37 Includes: a descriptive souvenir of Grimsby, Ontario; *Points of Interest about Niagara* by the Niagara Historical Society; *Vinland-Gwynedd-land* by Kathleen Merrick O'Loughlin; *Welland Town* from the 1887 *History of Welland County*; *The Methodist Church at Beaverdams* by Miss Edna Comfort; *Treaties of Niagara* and a paper on *The Welland Ship Canal*, 1901-1965 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series D. General History, 1779-1980 (non-inclusive)**

- 3.38 Including: *Genealogy is Fun* by Joyce Bradford; *Governor John Graves Simcoe*; *Constitutional Monarchy in Canada* by Thomas A. Wardle IV; *Anson Buck M.D., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), 1833-1919* by S.H. Corrigan, M.D.; *At the Top of the World* by the Right Reverend A. L. Fleming; *Eisteddfod* by Kathleen Merrick O'Loughlin; *Hamilton's Roots in the American Revolution*; *Hans Walthmeyer* by Bennet – Goddard; *Historic Ipswich*; *The Origin of the Name of America*; a folder about the Plymouth Plantation; *Long to Reign Over Us?* and *A Photographic Study of Mayflower II*, a chronology of General Frederick Haldimand's life, 1779-1980 (non-inclusive)

**Sub-Series E. Niagara Historical Society, 1926-1938, n.d. (non-inclusive)**

- 3.39 President's Reports and some minutes from the Niagara Historical Society, 1926-1932, 1934-1938, n.d.

**Sub-Series F. Miscellaneous Items, 1898, 1901, 1984**

- 3.40 *Historic Days of Canada* and *In Her Days* Calendar which were presented to the United Empire Loyalists of Canada by Alfred E. Mickle and a certificate to Mr. W.S. Van Every as a donor to the City of St. Catharines Historical Museum, 1898, 1901
- 3.41 1 flag "Celebrating Together 1784 Ontario 1984", 1984

**Series V. Scrapbooks. The scrapbooks contain articles which are glued directly to the pages. Some of the scrapbooks are numbered and some are not. They are listed here in chronological order. The numbered ones are listed as such, 1891-1979, n.d. (non-inclusive)**

- O.2 Scrapbook number 1 (one cover missing) contains clippings, annual reports, secretary's reports and photographs. This book was compiled by Albert Edward Gingrich. Most of the pages had to be photocopied as the newspaper articles which were glued to the pages were badly disintegrated. Included in this book are: the Niagara-on-the-Lake Centennial; a shrine-garden to commemorate Col. John McCrae (author of "In Flanders Fields"); the 150th anniversary of the historic Bowman Church; the George Westinghouse centennial; ceremonies marking the entry of Newfoundland as a province; Lady Alexander's visit to St. John the Evangelist Church built by her ancestor Sir Peregrine Maitland; Pearson signed a pact to link 12 countries; Fields homestead (where Sir

Isaac Brock slept) was destroyed by fire; and Decew house was also destroyed by fire, 3 b&w photographs, 1929-1955 (non-inclusive)

- 4.1 Scrapbook (no cover or binding) is made up of correspondence and clippings including: the Memorial Boulder to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coming of the United Empire Loyalists; a war shrine to the St. Catharines dead unveiled by H.R.H. Edward, Prince of Wales; a picnic at Queenston Heights; the Palantine Hill opening; the election of Mrs. O'Laughlin as U.E. L. President in St. Catharines; the unveiling of Lieutenant Fitzgibbon and Laura Ingersoll Secord figures at Old Fort York; the death of King George V and a memorial to the pioneers. Many of the pages and clippings in this scrapbook had disintegrated and were photocopied, 2 b&w postcards, 3 b&w photos, 1927-1941 (non-inclusive)
- 4.2 Scrapbook (cover is missing). This book contains invitations, handwritten notes, by-laws, annual reports and clippings. It covers the organization of the United Empire Loyalists of St. Catharines; St. John's Church of Port Dalhousie celebration of its 100th birthday; the unveiling of the Memorial Boulder; the death of George V; King Edward's abdication; Pioneer Days; the consecration of Merritton Church; opposition to replacing the Union Jack; Stephen Leacock's memorial dinner in Orillia and the dedication of the Haynes Memorial. At the end of the book there is a 1934 list of people who passed their U.E.L. credentials, 1932-1953 (non-inclusive)
- 4.3 Scrapbook number 2 (hardcover book with "Record" on the front cover) contains treasurer's reports, correspondence, secretary's reports and clippings which cover a picnic at Niagara-on-the-Lake, opposition to replacing the Union Jack, the placing of the plaque on the Memorial Boulder and a 1958 U.E.L. reunion in Boston, 8 b&w photos, 1943-1961 (non- inclusive)
- O.3 Scrapbook number 3 (hardcover, missing 1 cover) was compiled by Mrs. M. Gingrich (nee Marguerite Carlisle). It contains clippings, 1 photo and annual reports. It covers the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, steady erosion effects of Niagara Falls, speculation of Churchill's retirement, a Laura Secord commemoration walk and The YMCA observed its 97 year anniversary in St. Catharines. Clippings also include the plan to change the Welland River into an industrial shipping artery and an article about the original Woodland School which has become part of a 5 room school. A new federal building was opened by Harry Cavers and there is also an article about Dr. Theophilus Mack, 1 b&w photo, 1953-1958, 1960

- 4.4 Scrapbook number 4 (missing one of its covers) was compiled by Mrs. M. Carlisle Gingrich. It contains clippings, and programs. This scrapbook covers the Loyalist service at the boulder; homage to Laura Secord; Queen Elizabeth's opening of her first parliament; the 165th anniversary of Beamsville Baptist Church; the opening of Laura Secord School in Queenston Village; the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, a cavalcade which covered Laura Secord's route; a celebration of King Edward Hotel's 50th anniversary in Toronto; a visit from Governor General Massey to St. Catharines and the dedication of a monument to Governor Simcoe in Niagara-on-the-Lake, 1 col. postcard, 2 b&w postcards, 2 b&w photos, 1935-1953 (non-inclusive)
- 4.5 Scrapbook (hardcover album with "scrapbook" on the front cover). Most of the pages in this scrapbook are extremely brittle and falling out of the book. Included in this book are: an annual report, clippings, and a replica of a watercolour of the Loyalists landing in New Brunswick. Clippings include: veterans remembered at Fort York and laying the wreath on the Memorial Boulder. Also included in this book are poems by Nixon Haynes, 1 plastic medallion, 1 b&w photo, 1924-1955 (non-inclusive)
- 4.6 Scrapbook (hard cover) compiled by Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, contains a 1941 annual report, correspondence, coloured prints and clippings. It contains the story of Canada's name and Prime Minister Churchill being given the Victory Loan Torch. The pages in this book are very brittle and falling out, 1 b&w photo, 1891-1941 (non- inclusive)
- 4.7 Scrapbook (hard cover) contains clippings and cards. It focuses on where Canadians came from, volunteers creating Oak Hill Park, descendants of Sir Isaac Brock, honouring the memory of Stanley Mills, and it also contains an article on how the Loyalists do their bit for the war effort. The pages of this book are brittle and coming apart from the cover, 1934-1940 (non- inclusive)
- 4.8 Scrapbook (hardcover) containing clippings and correspondence. This book includes the Battle of Queenston Heights celebration; the Memorial Boulder unveiled; a Secord family reunion; the Decew House destroyed by fire and a b&w postcard of Trinity Church, Chippawa, 1 b&w postcard, 1934-1938 (non- inclusive)
- 4.9 Scrapbook (paperback) containing clippings which include: The Loyalists' mark on the Battle of York and the arrival of the Conestoga Wagon arriving from Lancaster PA. at St. Catharines, Ont. Also included is a b&w postcard of the 3 kings who ruled in England in

1936, 1936-1953 (non- inclusive)

- O.4 Scrapbook number 6 (no cover) is compiled of clippings and a convention notice. Articles include: Niagara Regional Detention Centre being planned; the Indian trail marker tree was spared from the axe; Niagara welcomed Prime Minister Trudeau; a statue of Alexander Watson was to be removed from outside St. Catharines City Hall; St. Joseph's Convent was to be demolished; Niagara-on-the-Lake apothecary museum opened; the historic McSloy home was slated for demolition; an article on the Wright house and a greenbelt which was planned along Lake Ontario, 1968-1971
- 4.10 Scrapbook number 7 (paperback) contains correspondence, flyers and clippings. Included are items about the Christ Anglican Church centennial in St. Catharines; Welland Canal was urged as a tourist attraction; Victoria School in St. Catharines celebrated its diamond jubilee; St. Catharines School was slated for demolition; Premier Davis opened the restored Secord homestead; Brock's academic staging complex was 70% complete; a team searched for warships lost in 1813; Pioneer Days 1973 and demolition of the New Murray Hotel in St. Catharines, 1971-1973
- 4.11 Scrapbook number 8 (paperback) contains clippings and correspondence. Items include: an archeological team which discovered an old foundation at Fort George; the Village Inn in Grimsby being torn down; an old wooden ship's hull which was washed up at Niagara; the Wright house demolition; Welland Avenue United Church celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the '76 logo was chosen for the St. Catharines centennial, 1943-1944, 1965, 1971, 1974
- 4.12 Scrapbook number 9 (paperback) contains clippings and a program. Some of the clippings include: St. Catharines proposed main library which would cost 3 million dollars; a historical society was being formed to promote the creation of a museum; Inniskillen Winery was given a license to sell products; Keefer plaque was unveiled at Beaverdams Park; Thorold Secondary School centennial and century old tombstones were found in a Vineland home. This scrapbook also contains a series of Lincoln Trust and Savings Company posters commemorating local historical events and buildings, 1974-1975
- 4.13 Scrapbook number 10 (paperback) contains a secretary's report, correspondence, a pamphlet and clippings. Included are: an article from Chatelaine Magazine regarding St. Catharines; buildings slated for demolition including the old library and Maplehurst Hospital; Battle of Beaverdams Park received a grant of \$26,000; an article about the arch

which was erected to honour William Lyon Mackenzie in 1938 but was dismantled in 1968; Brock University unveiled the “Brock wants you” campaign and a history of Grimsby’s Stone Shop, 2 b&w photos, 1942-1979 (non-inclusive)

- 4.14 Scrapbook number 11 (paperback) contains clippings and a pamphlet. Highlights of this scrapbook are: St. Catharines centennial; Lincoln County Jail which was to be torn down; an article about the YMCA on St. Paul Street; “Memory Corner” articles from the St. Catharines Standard and an article on the Folk Arts Festival, 1920, 1934, 1975-1976
- 4.15 Scrapbook number 12 (paperback) contains clippings and a bulletin. This book focuses on the St. Catharines centennial; an article about Kees Schaap; “Bullet-nosed Betty” steam locomotive was to resume summer runs and Loyalists’ descendants restored an old graveyard in St. David’s, 1976 – 1977
- 4.16 Scrapbook number 13 (paperback) contains letters and clippings. This book is about: the new library opening in St. Catharines; excavation of a 19th century pottery kiln in Jordan, led by Dr. David Rupp; an article on the Beaverdams Church on the shores of Lake Gibson; an article about John Burtniak and Brock University Special Collections; Niagara’s role in the war between the States and the opening of the Welland Historical Museum, 1926, 1977
- 4.17 Scrapbook number 14 (paperback) contains clippings and a memo. Items included are: an article on the 158th anniversary of St. Mark’s Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake; the Loyalists’ annual picnic; a list of sergeants of the 176th overseas battalion “Niagara Rangers” and an invitation to the laying of the corner stone of St. Thomas Church, St. Catharines, 1918-1952 (non-inclusive)
- 4.18 Scrapbook (paperback) contains clippings and a pamphlet. This scrapbook contains the Chatelaine article on St. Catharines; information on the royal family; the Thistle project at Brock was almost completed; “What the Canadian flag means to us”; a speech by James A. Gibson entitled “Sir Isaac Brock Civilian and Soldier”; the 200th anniversary of Brock’s birth; Brock monument underwent major renovation work; an article on the W.J. Robertson School on Church St. in St. Catharines; an article about William H. Merritt; and an article on the Keefers: first family of Canadian engineering, 1964-1975 (non-inclusive)
- 4.19 This is an index to articles and pictures available in the St. Catharines Standard. Listed are the titles and dates of the articles and the number and page of each scrapbook in which the article may be found, n.d.

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