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Yorkers

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All-Up Events Simplify Your Decision-Making

Many years ago the regiment realized that not everyone can make all the events that they may want to in any given year. Family and work commitments, among many other demands on our time, mean we all have to pick and choose what we can do. At the same time, it was recognized that at least once a year it is important for the whole unit to get together for an event. The Yorkers are a spectacular unit, and one of the best in the hobby. Simply seeing all the companies on the field at one time makes for a memorable experience for all of us.

To make it simpler for people to decide what to attend, and what regrettably might be passed over, one Canadian and one U.S. event with the best all-round potential are designated as *All-Up* events for the year. The combination of a large turnout, a great site, an excellent program and lots of regimental fun ensures more stories for future fireside storytelling sessions.

What does that mean to you, the soldier or follower? It means that the regiment is truly depending on you to make that event. There are many benefits to belonging to the KRR, and very few obligations. All-Up events are one of the few obligations. However, there is a tremendous payback for those who can attend.

Capt Allan Joyner

JOHNSON HALL RAID ~ JUNE 7 & 8 ALL-UP EVENT ~ JOHNSTOWN, NY

NorBde Cmder: A/Mjr AJ Joyner
Adjutant: Lieut Steve Sandford
Quarter Master: Sjt Dave Putnam

Johnson Hall State Historic Site, in conjunction with the Friends of Johnson Hall, is once again sponsoring its annual Market Fair on June 7 and 8. Market Fair is based on Johnstown's first Market Fair, which was organized by Sir William Johnson in 1772. This year the event will also commemorate the 225th anniversary of the 1778 raid by the KRRNY into the Johnstown area.

Participants are encouraged to setup a booth or layout a blanket to sell any period correct clothes, goods or crafts they may have. There is a \$25 setup fee for anyone selling goods. There will also be a coffee or Publick House, where lively political discussions will be encouraged. No doubt the Sjt. Major will take the opportunity to explain to the rebellious colonists the error of their ways.

Various entertainers have been ar-

ranged, including a Punch & Judy puppet show, magicians, fire breathing & sword swallowing, low rope balancing, and a medicine show. There will also be footraces for all ages. On Saturday evening a candle lit dance will be held on the Carriage Front of the mansion.

Tactical exercises have been organized by the Burning of the Valleys Military Association (BVMA) to satisfy our military inclinations. War-games will take place each morning on an excellent piece of ground within marching distance of the Hall. We've used this area before, and it offers good woodlands, rolling fields and hedges rows.

On Saturday afternoon the Northern Brigade will celebrate Polly Johnson Day. *Ladies and Gentlemen* will take this opportunity to promenade on the grounds of Johnson Hall, sip tea in the sitting room of Sir John's mansion, and flaunt the high fashion of the 1770's.

Dining options are open for Saturday evening. For those who would like to



splurge a little, reservations have been made at the Union Hall Restaurant in Johnstown. This dining establishment offers excellent cuisine, and a very conducive atmosphere for a regimental dinner. Those who wish to partake are forewarned that the cost per person will probably run in the range of \$20 to \$25 (\$US) per person. Those who would prefer to save that money for a shopping spree at the Sutlers are welcome to setup their own mess groups and kitchens on the grounds of Johnson Hall. The site will provide fire plates for cooking.

You will recall that there was a registration form inserted in the last newsletter. From the forms returned to the Colonel, it appears that we will have at least two solid Sections from Duncan's Coy and one Section of Lights. If you did not complete a registration form (shame on you!), you should not be deterred from attending. You will however, have to complete a form as you register at the site.

There is probably no other site in the province of New York that has more significance for the Royal Yorkers than Johnson Hall. It was the home of our Colonel, Sir John Johnson; it was the site of several Yorker engagements during the Revolution; and it was the centre of Loyalism in the Mohawk Valley. If you haven't been to this holy ground before, or if you haven't been for some time, its time to make the pilgrimage.

Directions: From New York State Thruway 90 take Exit 28 (Fonda-Fultonville). Turn left on Riverside Drive. Turn right across the Mohawk River into Fonda. Turn left on Rte 5, right on 30A North and continue on to Johnstown. At Johnstown turn left onto East Main St., right on North William St., right onto West State St. and right onto Hall Ave. If all else fails, follow the brown historic site markers.



Coming Events

- June 7/8 – Johnson Hall Raid, Johnstown NY
(All-Up Event)
- June 14/15 – Black Creek, Toronto
- July 12/13 – Crysler's Farm, Morrisburg
(All-Up Event)
- Aug 2/3 – Fort Malden, Amherstburg
- Aug 30/31 – Thunder On The Reach, Adolphustown
- Sept 20 – Thornhill Parade, Thornhill
- Sept 20/21 – Cherry Valley Raid, Cherry Valley NY
- Oct 4/5 – Raid on German Flats, Little Falls NY
- Nov 12 – Drill, Fort York Armoury



...but I have to get there. It's an All-Up event.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT JOHNSON HALL

Sir William Johnson built Johnson Hall in 1763. The two-storey structure of Georgian Colonial style has a full basement, where the kitchen is located, and an attic. Wooden blocks grooved to simulate stone are used for the siding, as in the central section of Mount Vernon. Samuel Fuller, builder of several other well-known landmarks in the Mohawk Valley, gave Johnson Hall particularly handsome architectural touches in its rooflines, heavy dentiled cornices under the eaves, and in the finely detailed little entrance porch.

The floor plan follows the tradition of large central halls upstairs and down, with two rooms on each side. Sir William's study, where he died, is at the head of the cellar stairs on the ground floor, and above it is Molly Brant's

Room.

The two stone blockhouses were built in 1764 not only for defense but also to provide additional quarters, storage space, office and study. Only one is original. It was connected by a narrow underground passageway to the basement.

Completely restored and authentically furnished, this white frame mansion stands in a wooded park of some 19 acres.

(From "Landmarks of the American Revolution", by Mark M. Boatner III)



Black Creek Pioneer Village ~ June 14 & 15 ~

Adjutant: Lieut Steve Sandford
Officer of the Day: Major Reg James
Quarter Master: Cpl Mike Martin
Bde/Sjt Mjr: Sjt Mark Millard

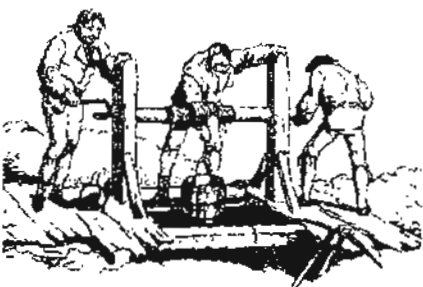
Our annual event at Black Creek Pioneer Village is set for June 14 and 15. We sometimes forget how fortunate we are to have access to such a wonderful site: a pretty historic setting, shaded campsites and streets, sutlers, good ground for training and tacticals, adoring crowds, access to a modern Visitors Centre, washrooms with flush toilets, straw, wood, fresh water and for most, a very short drive. (Also, if you haven't heard, Toronto is no longer considered to be a SARS health risk).

Black Creek has made arrangements this year for an outside organization to provide military demonstrations on the Sunday. This will allow us to focus more on our own agenda. Tactical scenarios can be planned without worrying if the public can see what's going on.

With funding restrictions, the Village will not be providing food to the troops this year. Companies and Sections should plan their own mess groups, or step out to one of the local establishments.

If you haven't been to Black Creek before, this event is a must. If you've been many times before, it's probably because you always have a good time. This year should be no exception.

Directions: Located near the intersection of Jane St. and Steeles Ave. in north Toronto.



CRYSLER'S FARM ~ July 12 & 13 Canadian All-Up Event

Officer Commanding: BGen Gavin Watt
2-I-C: A/Maj Allan Joyner
Adjutant: Capt Christian Cameron
Officer of the Day [OD] (Sat): Lieut Jim Millard
Officer of the Day (Sun): Lieut Dana Bogdanski
Quarter Master [QM]: Sjt Justin Clement
Deputy QM [DQM]: LCpl Keith Lindsey
Bde/SjtMjr [RSM]: SjtMjr Dave Moore



Our second All-Up Event of the season will take place on the weekend of July 12 and 13 at Crysler's Farm, near Morrisburg. This has been mentioned in several newsletters over the last year, and finally it is only weeks away.

It is always a challenge for organizers of Rev War reenactments in Canada to attract a decent showing of participants from south of the border. Crysler's Farm seems to have overcome this hurdle. Wade Wells, who is on the B.V.M.A. Executive, reports that the leadership of the association is encouraging all of their members to attend as a payback for the support we've given them over the years. Even the British units associated with the B.V.M.A. are going to come as rebels so that we get maximum opposition. Although the Colonel has advised them that anyone who is not happy with this is welcome to come in their reds or greens, Wade is adamant that the British units support this concept.

The main camps will be at the Crysler's Farm Battlefield Memorial park adjacent to Upper Canada Village. The site hosted a very large 1812 event last year, and we will be camped and will stage several battle reenactments on the same ground. Yorkers who participated last year reported that it is an excellent site to play on, and the hosts are tremendous. Robin Morris, an ex-Yorker, is on the executive of the Friends of Crysler's Farm, and his experience should once again guarantee that our creature comforts are well taken care of. The Ottawa based section of Duncan's Company, under Sjt Eric Fernberg, are the Yorker organizers for the weekend.

The organizers have done a lot to promote the event to the public, and are expecting a large crowd to see the battle demonstrations on both Saturday and Sunday. In addition, an effort is being made to arrange an evening tactical through the streets of Upper Canada Village after closing on the Saturday. If this is approved, it should be good fun.

It does not appear that a meal will be provided by the event, so it would be appropriate for mess groups to be organized for the weekend. Given the potential of an early evening tactical on Saturday, it may be necessary for meal preparation to take place fairly early.

Troops should come with a good supply of cartridges - at least 72 (two cartridge boxes) would be in order.

As noted in previous articles, the purpose of this event is to pay tribute to the Loyalist origins of Eastern Ontario. And of course, what could be better than to camp on the land originally granted to members of the Royal Yorkers at the end of the Revolution. The Battle of Crysler's Farm, fought on muddy ploughed fields beside the St. Lawrence River on November 11, 1813, was a crucial moment in the history of Upper Canada and marked the end of the most serious attempt at that time to invade Canada. This is an important historic site and we are very lucky to have it as a venue.

This event is a concrete step toward building more quality Canadian events and we need every able bodied man, woman and child to ensure its success. This will be an excellent family event, with lots of things to see and do. Make sure you don't miss this one.

Weekend Schedule

Saturday, July 12

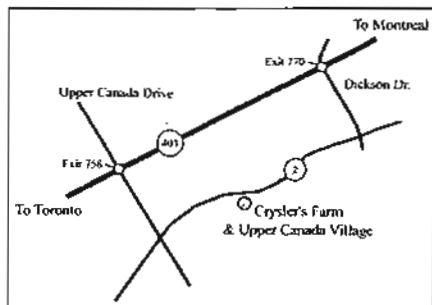
- 9 a.m.-All Day - Crown and Rebel military camps open to the public; Period artisans and merchants' encampment open to public.
- 11 a.m. - Recruiting parties visit Morrisburg
- 3 p.m. - Battle Re-enactment - *Canada is Invaded!*
- Dusk - Battle Re-enactment inside Upper Canada Village
- Throughout the Day - Children's Militia Musters and military music.

Sunday, July 13

- 9 a.m.-All Day - Crown and Rebel military camps open to the public; Period artisans and merchants' encampment open to public.
- 1:30 p.m. - Battle Re-enactment - *Canada is Invaded!*
- Throughout the Day - Children's Militia Musters and military music.



Directions: Cryler's Farm is located 11 km east of Morrisburg. From Hwy 401 take exit 758 (Upper Canada Road). Travel south, then turn left on County Road 2 (formerly Hwy 2) and travel east 2 km.



New Canadian War Museum Display

Ron Atkins passed along this description of a new display at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. It sounds like it would be well worth seeing.

A new permanent exhibition, *Revolution Rejected: Canada and the American Revolution* is now on view at the Canadian War Museum. Curated by staff historian Peter MacLeod, it uses artifacts, a scale-model diorama, audio-visual material, maps, images and personal accounts to tell the story of the American invasion of Canada in 1775-1776 and the migration of American Loyalists to Canada after 1783.

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, George Washington sent two armies north to besiege Quebec City and conquer Canada. In the early morning of December 31, American generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold launched a desperate assault on Quebec.

In *Revolution Rejected*, a detailed diorama freezes the action at a crucial moment in Canadian history. Montgomery has been killed and Arnold wounded, but Arnold's troops have fought their way into Quebec's Lower Town. They begin to scale the barricade that forms Lower Town's last line of defence.

Behind the barricade, British regulars and French- and English-speaking militia form up to meet them. The Americans break into a house that overlooks the barricade and open fire on the defenders: Canadian militia and British

regulars charge up a ladder into a second-story window of the closest house.

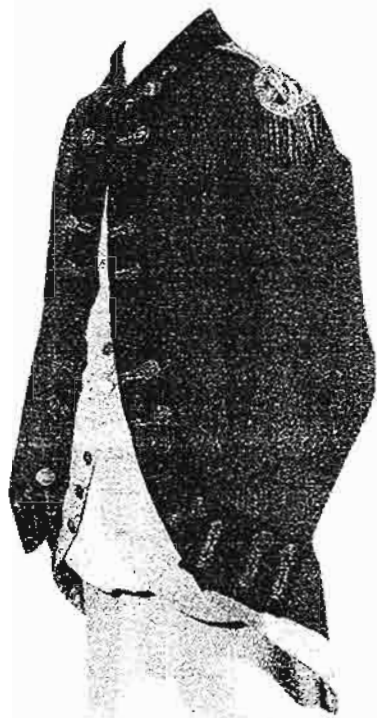
As visitors observe the action, they hear the shrieking wind of a vicious blizzard, loud shouts, volleys of musketry and boots crunching on snow. A narrator provides a brief commentary, as resolute defenders overcome the invaders. Off to one side, tiny figures on a unique, beautifully carved powder horn commemorate Arnold's march to Quebec and the dramatic night attack.

Revolution Rejected then shifts its attention from the clash of armies in the streets of Quebec to the impact of a great war on one young girl. Born in the British colony of New York, Hannah Ingraham was three years old when the revolution began in 1775, eleven when it ended in 1783. Her parents were Loyalists - Americans who supported the British. Trapped behind American lines, Hannah watched as local rebels confiscated the Ingraham farm and her father escaped to serve with a Loyalist regiment. When the war ended, her family became refugees who built new lives in what is now New Brunswick.

In the mid-nineteenth century, Hannah dictated her reminiscences to a neighbour. Extracts from this powerful memoir in *Revolution Rejected* let visitors experience the war through the eyes of a frightened child. A photograph of an elderly Hannah lets them look into the eyes of a woman who survived the American Revolution and

personifies the human consequences of the war.

Visitors will also notice the blazing scarlet of a British provincial uniform (2nd Bn, KRR NY flank officer), worn by Loyalist Jeremiah French during the later years of the war. This is one of the oldest complete uniforms in Canada, and the oldest in the Canadian War Museum collection.



The American Revolution is one of Canada's least-known, most important wars. Yet without the events portrayed in *Revolution Rejected*, the Canada we know today might not exist.

Fort Malden ~ Aug 2 & 3

For more than 200 years, fortifications at the mouth of the Detroit River have played an important role in the early development of Canada. As an army garrison, British Indian Department post, and dockyard for the upper Great Lakes, the fort has seen more history than almost any other in Ontario. The first post, known as Fort Amherstburg, was constructed in 1796 where the Detroit River empties into Lake Erie. This post was the headquarters for British forces in southwestern Upper Canada during the War of 1812. Fort Malden was erected after the war, and rebuilt in 1838-40. It served as a British post during the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837-39. Today the 4.5 hectare site includes remains of the 1840-period earthworks and four buildings, including a restored and furnished 1819 brick barracks. There is also an orientation and interpretation centre.

Each year Fort Malden holds a timeline event within the walls of the fort. This year the event will take place on the August 2 & 3 weekend, which is also the Civic Holiday weekend. Units from all eras are called upon to demonstrate the uniforms and tactics of their period. The Yorkers have also used this event in previous years as an opportunity to work on our drill proficiency and interpretive skills.

In the past Fort Malden has been an excellent host, providing some meals and usually some Saturday evening entertainment. And of course, the town of Amherstburg is a very pretty community, with some good spots to quaff a few beers and enjoy the water-side scenery.

The reenacting schedule is fairly light through the summer months this year, so you should plan to attend this one just so you don't forget how to do the drill in the intervening weeks between Chrysler's Farm and Adolphustown.

Directions: Fort Malden is located in the town of Amherstburg, 30 minutes south of Windsor. When you reach the end of Hwy 401 west, turn left onto Hwy 9 south, and turn right onto Hwy 20. Follow the Parks Canada Beaver logo signs to the fort.

Cpl Mike Martin's Sterling Efforts Recognized

In an unprecedented move at this year's Winter Party, the Colonel awarded Orderly Corporal Mike Martin of Duncan's Coy with a bronzed version of Peter Twist's pewter Yorker miniature. This form of recognition is traditionally reserved for the immediate-past winner of the Yorker of the Year Trophy. *Himself* noted Michael's many services to the regiment, such as the maintenance of the Winter Party in the dark years after we left the bosom of Appleby College and before being accepted back to Historic Fort York. Mike hosted the event at his Masonic Lodge, and even prepared and served the food.

Gavin also recalled Mike's warm heart in supporting Grenadier Ken Paterson after Ken lost his feet to diabetes. And most recently, Mike stepped in with Steve Sandford to assist George Howse's family to clean out his apartment and pack up his belongings. Mike continued these efforts and was instrumental in recovering George's firearms from the Police, so they could be resold to generate funds. He organized the very successful silent auction of George's possessions the night of the Winter Party. \$1400.00 was raised and subsequently delivered to George's father.

Mike has exhibited a tremendous level of regimental spirit and is most deserving of our recognition and approbation.

Meschianza Hat Contest Winners

The 2003 Winter Party was a tremendous success, and one might say that the selection of the Meschianza Hat Contest winner was the *crowning* moment.

The award for best female entry went to Nancy Watt, who decorated her hat with a jousting scene, complete with charging horses, knights in armour, and ladies watching from a pavilion. The pavilion figures were so detailed that they were finished both front and rear. Consequently, Nancy and her hat looked good from all angles.

The male award went to Cpl Alex Lawrence, whose straw hat was adorned with wine bottle corks that hung from the perimeter of the brim. Alex put a lot of effort into the construction of his masterpiece. Bear in mind that it was necessary to empty a bottle a wine for each of the many corks that dangled from the hat.

And of course there were many other wonderful entries, all worthy of recognition in their own right. Well done everyone. Lord Howe would have been proud of you.

DWP

Rawles Pouches

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers of America were one of the few units left that continued to use the old suitcase style cartridge box. About seven years ago, I had a plan underway to sell them all of our returned suitcases, but two things happened. We had a rush of recruits, and our supply of Rawle-type pouches dried up. The result – we continue to be plagued by a number of guys using the old pouch. The following quote from the RWF newsletter shows that the times are a changin' for this regiment as well.

*If you are one of those that has not as yet replaced your absolutely incorrect and totally wrong cartridge box with the new and improved, historically accurate box, then please contact your Company Commander, the Adjutant or our RSM to get one right away. They are **required** equipment, and the old boxes are absolutely **not** to be used or worn (for **any reason**) any more.*

Perhaps this quote will prod some of our slackers into line. Yep, we have a good supply of Rawle-type boxes at \$225, complete with sling, and a new supplier coming on-line. What are you waiting for?

Himself

Reverend John Stuart, Yorker Chaplain

When our own Rev. Neil Thomsen (Duncan's Coy) led Sunday morning worship outside the walls of Fort Stanwix last summer, and when he rose to ask the blessing at our regimental dinner in April, I couldn't help but think of Rev. John Stuart, Chaplain of the KRRNY.

John Stuart was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 1740. His father, Andrew Stuart, was of Scottish ancestry and descended from the Royal Stuart line. He emigrated from Ireland to America in 1730, where he married Mary Dinwiddie (daughter of Robert Dinwiddie, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia).



John grew to a height of 6' 4" and was known to his friends as the 'little gentleman'. He graduated from college in Philadelphia and then pursued further studies in England. Although he was raised as a Presbyterian, in 1770 he was ordained as a minister in the Church of England. In that year Sir William Johnson requested that he be appointed as a missionary to the Mohawk at Fort Hunter, New York. By 1774 he had learned the Iroquois language and was able to lead worship services in that tongue. He and Joseph Brant also collaborated in the translation of portions of the Bible into Mohawk.

When the American Revolution began in 1775, Rev. Stuart's close relationship to the Johnson's made him a target for observation and suspicion in

his community. His activities were recorded, his visitors observed, and his mail opened. When a letter to John Munro of the Royal Yorkers was intercepted, rebel persecution increased. His house was attacked, property looted and he was personally threatened. Even his church was plundered and turned into a tavern.

In 1778 Rev. Stuart was declared an "enemy to the Liberties of America", and was ordered to relocate to Connecticut where he could not convey intelligence to the Indians. He appealed this verdict and subsequently entered into a parole not to "hold any Correspondence by Word or Deed upon political Matters with any of the Enemies of the said United States of America, ... and not to depart the Limits of the Town of Schenectady without Permission from one of the Members of the Board."

This must have been a frustrating time for Rev. Stuart. He and his family were confined to the town limits of Schenectady, his parish was shattered, his home and farm were abandoned, and his congregation reduced to three families.

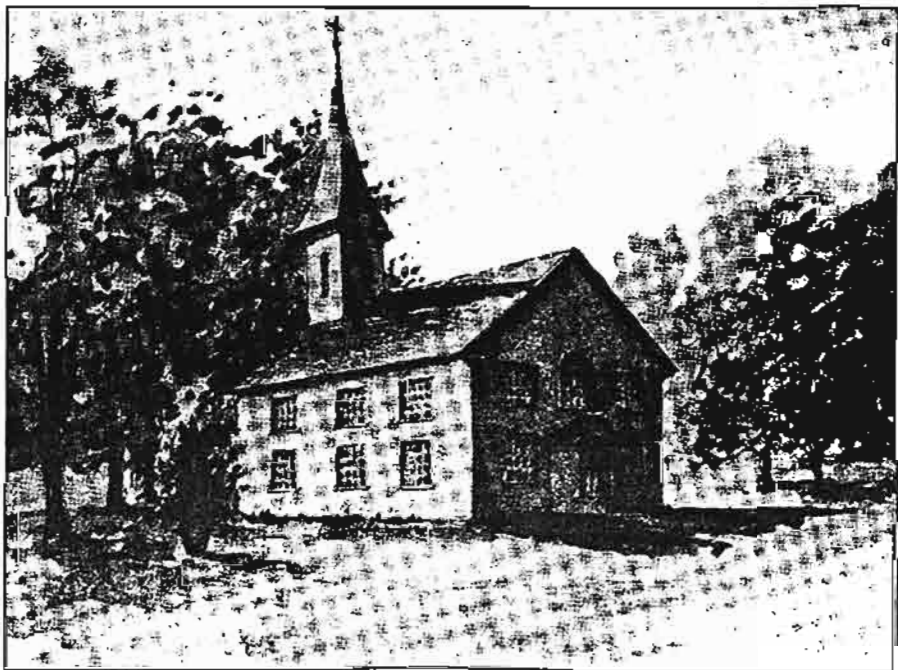
On March 20, 1781 Rev. Stuart asked Governor Clinton to arrange an exchange with a rebel prisoner in Canada. His request was granted, and in

April Stuart wrote:

Being considered as a prisoner of war, and having forfeited my real estate, I have given 400 Pounds security to return in exchange for myself, one prisoner out of four nominated by the Governor, viz: one Colonel, two captains, and one Lieutenant, either of which will be accepted in my stead; or if neither of the prisoners aforesaid can be obtained, I am to return as a prisoner of war to Albany, when required. My personal property I am permitted to sell or carry with me, and I am to proceed under the protection of a public flag, as soon as it will be safe and convenient for women and children to travel that course. We are to proceed from here to Fort Ann in wagons, and from thence in Batteaux. My negroes being personal property, I take with me, one of which being a young man, and capable of bearing arms, I have given 100 Pounds security to send back a white person in his stead.

Rev. Stuart and his family reached Montreal on October 9, 1781, and within a few days he was appointed chaplain to the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Yorkers.

At the end of the war Rev. Stuart made a trip from Montreal to the various new communities established by





the Loyalists: Cataraqui, the Bay of Quinte, Niagara, and the Mohawk villages on the banks of the Grand River. When he arrived at Cataraqui (Kingston) he participated in the drawing of land lots, and was granted a property within a mile of the barracks. At this point in his career he declined the offer of a parish in Virginia, and accepted a chaplaincy in Kingston. In 1785 he moved his family from Montreal and took up residence on his new farm just west of the village.

Plans were soon made for the erection of St. George's, the mother church of Upper Canada. In 1786, Rev. Stuart opened an academy which remained under his control until 1799. In 1788 he once more visited the numerous communities of his widespread parish. St. George's Church was finally erected in 1791, in time for the inauguration of John Graves Simcoe as Lieutenant-Governor of the new Province of Upper Canada, which took place on July 8, 1792.

Rev. Stuart continued his busy schedule until his death on August 5, 1811. He was buried in a family plot in the graveyard where St. Paul's Church now stands.

Rev. John Stuart suffered much for his loyalty to the Crown, and contributed much to the religious life of the many Loyalist settlements in Upper Canada. So, when Rev. Neil Thomsen leads us in worship at reenactment events, we catch a glimpse of what the original Yorkers saw and heard when Rev. Stuart fulfilled his role as spiritual leader of the regiment.

DWP

Yorkers Support the Arts

In what is becoming a new "Yorker" tradition, another group of community minded members of the Regiment; "The Riparian Yorkers" (Tex Joyner, Jon Wanamaker, Shaun Wallace, David Smith, Brant Zatterberg and Paul Cox), were on hand to lend their support at the Premier Performance of *Molly Brant, A One Woman Opera*. The event was staged at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston on April 25, 2003. This amazing opera was the brain child of Augusta Ceconi-Bates, with words by archaeologist Susan Bazely. The soprano was Rhona Gale, the flutist was Carrie Wyatt and the pianist was Augusta Ceconi-Bates. The opera was presented by the Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation as part of their 20th anniversary celebrations.

Molly Brant is a true Canadian heroine. Often overshadowed by her brother Joseph, Molly's actions to help her people and King George III put her own life at risk. As a Mohawk Matriarch, Molly took these trials in stride and provided leadership throughout her life. It was very appropriate that this premiere performance was held in the community and church that Molly Brant helped found.

The "Yorkers" were initially to serve

as the honour guard and ushers. But upon arriving, we were quickly drafted into the performance. After a ten minute rehearsal, we were on stage. At one point the Yorkers were to join in and dance a minuet. Without our dancing shoes we had to decline this defining moment! During the battle portion of the performance we marched with military precision in two ranks to arms, right down the centre of the Cathedral towards the two doors at the back. As we came to the doors we put up our hands to push them open and only one door did so. The right file was stopped dead in its tracks, which caused some commotion at the doors. The mess was sorted out and we all got through the doors chuckling. First performances always have their glitches.

The contribution the "Yorkers" made to this event was very much appreciated, and we have been asked to take part in future performances. Given more rehearsal time, we may even dance the minuet. A video of the performance and a CD of the music are available from the Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation.

Shaun Wallace
Duncan's COY, "Riparian Section"



Gin Lane's New Webpage

If you enjoy the music of Gavin Watt, Peter Alexander and Ken Purvis (and who doesn't), then you will certainly enjoy Gin Lane's new webpage. It has received rave reviews from all who have seen it:

- "A rare bit of gravel amongst a crown of gems." - TV Guide
- "I laughed until I stopped." - Gordon Lightfoot
- "With this kind of stuff, who needs Metamusil?" - Regularity Weekly Magazine
- "A truly uninformative site that panders to the infantile." - Bad Review Monthly
- "Who knew they could read or write?" - The Watchtower
- "The only thing worse than looking at the Gin Lane website is looking at the Gin Lane website twice." - Oscar Wilde

Check it out at www.ginlane.com or <http://members.rogers.com/ginlane>. You'll laugh 'till you stop!!

Fire At Kanata Village

In recent years the Yorkers have supported a reenactment of the Sullivan Campaign at Kanata Village in Brantford. The centerpiece of the event was always the replica 17th century Iroquoian longhouse located beside the Pine Tree Native Centre.

On May 8 the 14 metre longhouse was leveled by fire. The Brantford fire marshal attributed the blaze to the work of arsonists, probably youths. It is estimated that the fire did more than \$150,000 damage to the building, not including the many handcrafted items that were housed in the longhouse as part of the display. Fortunately, all historic artifacts were kept in the Kanata interpretative centre.

Work is underway to replace the previous longhouse with two new ones.

Announcements & Notices

- Sjt. Eric and Stephanie Fernberg are pleased to announce that they will be adding to the Fernberg clan come November, 2003. The expectant parents are quite thrilled at the prospect.
- Brian Luscombe, a Duncan's Coy recruit, is pleased to announce the birth of Ian Brian on May 3. Mother and child are doing well.
- Drummer Mike Putnam and Andrea Bouma are to be married in Toronto on Saturday, June 14. Mike is working this summer in the Marketing Dept at Fort Henry, and Andrea is the Drum Major at Fort York. They are destined to make beautiful music together.
- **Lady's Shoes For Sale** ~ Sonia Boulet wishes to sell a pair of men's shoes (good for ladies too), size 6, smooth side out. The shoes are still in the box, and have never been worn or even taken out of the plastic. She is asking \$145 (Cdn) for the pair. Anyone interested can contact her by e-mail at flash@videotron.ca. (Sonia and Roger say Hi!)
- **Yorker Webpage** - If you haven't seen the Yorker Webpage lately (ajp.ca/Yorkers/main.html), it's time to check it out, if only to see the picture of Wanamaker's West Nile Rangers. Also, you may be interested in the new feature, "Advice to Young Soldiers" (ajp.ca/Yorkers/advice.html). Graham Lindsey is doing a great job of keeping the site current and interesting.

Duncan's Company Growing Again

It's been an amazing couple of seasons for Duncan's Company, with so many new men joining the ranks. Last year the big growth was from Eastern Ontario, and this past winter we picked up several more excellent recruits from the Greater Toronto Area.

Brad Mills made his first appearance on the field at last summer's Hubbardton event. A Cdn Fencible veteran, Dave Smith, from Bath, Ontario, made his first major event at Westfield Village, as did Brandt Zatterberg, our host at Adolphustown this coming August.

Many of you are familiar with Chris Cameron's good friend Jevon Garrett, who has attended lots of events as a gentleman volunteer in Chris's service. He took the plunge last summer, after many years of threats from our Colonel, and fielded with the regiment for the first time.

This past winter Brian Luscombe, Chris Cooke, Michael Bard and Tim Himes all joined our ranks. Tim had left a note in the old message book on our website. I sent him an e-mail and he decided to join the regiment. Tim served many years ago at Fort George with John MacLead and Fry Mitchell of the old Light Coy.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the new guys out this season. As the hat company of the Yorkers, Duncan's is the core of the unit. With this new blood and the unbelievable experience of our cadre of officers and NCO's, we will be a force to be reckoned with on the field.

If you add up the service of Lieutenant Moreau, Sjt Major Moore, Sjt Putnam, Sjt Lorenzen and myself we represent nearly 125 years of re-enacting experience! And that's not mentioning the same kind of service from many of the hatmen of the company. That's got to bring joy to every Loyalist Heart!

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