

District 9 Plants a Bur Oak to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

The bur oak tree was planted in the Doan's Cemetery in Port Colborne which is a designated heritage site and also an official United Empire Loyalist graveyard. Aaron Doan, the settler who is buried there, was a United Empire Loyalist who also fought in the War of 1812. His great great granddaughter, Janet Hodgkins is the lady in the blue dress and she unveiled the plaque. The other two persons in 1812 dress are members of the United Empire Loyalist Association Colonel John Butler Niagara Branch. Also present, were the Deputy Mayor of Port Colborne, Barbara Butters and Geoff Baudwin of the Port Colborne Museum who gave a few words. Along with the historians, were members of the Port Colborne Horticultural Society and 8 members of the Doan family.

The ceremony was followed by a reception featuring Vivian Shoalts Queen Elizabeth cake (walnuts, coconut icing and dates, delicious!) and Empire Cookies. Tea was served, Red Rose (only in Canada pity they say!).

