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Her vivid book spans 130 yrs. of Canadiana

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A Port Credit author who has been working on a book since 1956 will see its publication in one month.

It won't be a champagne and caviar occasion but Eula Lapp will probably give an undignified war whoop even though she's the wife of a United Church minister.

The writing of a 400 page historical novel entitled, "To Their Heirs Forever" has been a bizarre adventure. Extensive research has taken her and Rev. Gordon Lapp to Germany, London, Ireland, Scotland, Montreal and New York.

Her book unfolds the dramatic colorful story of the struggles and persecution of the United Empire Loyalists who settled in Canada in 1784 after the

American Revolution.
DESCENDANT

A descendant of United Empire Loyalists, Mrs. Lapp appears to have written an in depth tale about the first draft-dogers who found freedom from war and oppressive governments in Canada.

Her story demands a wide screen. It is stretched over a period of 130 years and is populated by 11 large loyalist families.

She wrote the book because she wanted to make a useful contribution to Canadiana. The author has also told how Methodism was brought to Upper Canada.

The future at the book-stands looks bright for her book because in recent years many Canadians have



Eula Lapp

been investigating their coat of arms and tracing their ancestors.

FREELANCE

Mrs. Lapp, president of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Authors Association, is a freelance writer. Her short stories, and children's stories have ap-

peared in the Toronto Telegram, Chatelaine, and a series she wrote was broadcasted over CBC.

Born in Red Deer, Alberta, Mrs. Lapp taught school for five years in prairie towns and in Calgary before her marriage.

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She started to make writing part of her life by submitting articles for paltry sums in Sunday school papers.

Writing, perhaps the "loneliest" profession of all became an obsession, said Mrs. Lapp.

She began to write historical articles after publishing a family history entitled, Seven Generations of Carscallens. It was the exhaustive research for the family history which snagged her into the past for nearly nine years. She became fascinated with the United Empire Loyalist families.

MIND A HASH

In her own words, "the author's mind became a hash of 17th century Scottish covenanters, Irish weavers, revolutionary war battles and refugee camps along the Richelieu."

Mr. Lapp, son of the owner of the Brighton Ensign, helped his wife delve into the past. They read old wills, land deeds, church records, letters, and family bibles.

He discovered that his ancestors were also United Empire Loyalists.

Mr. Lapp used to joke, "I'm petitioning Governor Simcoe for two thousand

acres as the 'reduced' husband of a Loyalist historian," when his wife became too embroiled in the project.

The actual writing of the book was sometimes grim. To ensure a peaceful background Mrs Lapp rented a studio in Toronto where she worked five days a week on her book.

Prior to turning it over to the Picton Gazette for publication she rewrote her book three times.

A wide variety of the reading populace is expected to snap up the book. Canadians, Americans, Methodists, United Church members and thousands of United Empire Loyalist descendants may be interested.

NOT DULL

The author is hopeful that the average reader will accept her book. It was not written in dull, factual style but colored with vivid tales and spectacular personalities.

In future Mrs. Lapp will dust off her typewriter and finish a book she started sometime ago for children.

She is a member of the Ontario Historical Society and is active in all activities at Lyndwood United Church.