

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON COMPANIONS

- Aitkens, Mrs. Gene** Victoria 1994  
 Joined the UELAC in 1967, served as Secretary of Victoria Branch 1969 - 1971 and Branch President 1972 - 1973, established a branch lending library 1972, Branch Genealogist 1974.
- Anderson, George** Sir Guy Carleton 2000  
 Active in Sir Guy Carleton Branch as Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Genealogist, St. Lawrence Branch Newsletter Editor and Chair of Conference 2001, trip leader and co-ordinator of Mohawk Valley trip 1998 along with Ed Kipp.
- Beacock Fryer, Mary** Toronto 1981  
 Canadian historian and author of numerous Loyalist history publications: Caleb Seaman, a Loyalist (1971), Loyalist Spy (1974), Escape: Adventures of a Loyalist family (1976), King's Men, The Soldier Founders of Ontario (1980), Rolls of the Provincial (Loyalist) Corps, Canadian Command, American Revolutionary Period (1981), and Buckskin Pimpernel, The Exploits of Justus Sherwood, Loyalist, Spy (1981).
- Beck, Louise** Governor Simcoe 1978  
 President of Governor Simcoe Branch 1974 -76, institutionalized the Gov. Simcoe Branch newsletter, Chair of UELAC Costume Committee.
- Blair, Elizabeth** Toronto 1974  
 Dominion Genealogist 1971 - 1975, assisted E.J. Chard in establishing six new branches, served as Assistant Dominion Genealogist on a committee to process membership applications.
- Bradford, Joyce** Heritage Branch 1975  
 An active member in the Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch, Joyce played a key role in the formation of Heritage Branch Montreal from its first organizational meeting May 2, 1973, Branch Genealogist Heritage Branch, Corresponding Secretary Sir John Johnson Branch, served three years on Dominion Council.
- Branscombe, Frederic** Toronto 1983  
 Joined Toronto Branch in 1956 and acted in various executive positions from 1957 - 1962, Dominion offices included Dominion Historian and Chair of Historical Committee 1978/1980/ 1983, Dominion Parliamentarian 1982 - 1983.
- Burleigh, H. C.** Bay of Quinte 1975  
 Charter member of the Bay of Quinte Branch, served as Branch Genealogist from the formation of the branch in June 1956 to September 1975, instrumental in establishing the UEL Museum, distinguished medical and military career, author of a series of papers prepared and read at Bay of Quinte Branch meetings since 1964.
- Chard, E. John** Kingston 1974  
 Dominion President UELAC 1966 - 1968, Chairman of the Dominion Headquarters Committee, founder and Editor for two decades of the Loyalist Gazette 1967 - 1987, co-founder of many UELAC branches.

- Cooper, Frank A.** Sir Guy Carleton 1982  
Served in all branch positions including Branch President Sir Guy Carleton (Ottawa) Branch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of UELAC and Chair of Dominion Council Finance Committee, Dominion President UELAC 1988 -1990.
- Craig, Beverly** Colonel John Butler 2002  
Branch Treasurer 1992 - 1995, Dominion Secretary 1994 - 1998, Central West Region Councillor 1999 - 2000, Central West Region VP 2000 - 2001, Branch President 1997 - 2000, Branch Secretary 2002, Dominion Education Committee, Project 2014 Promotions Committee.
- Craig, Rodney** Colonel John Butler 2002  
Branch Genealogist since 1997, initiated Genealogy Workshop at a local library, organizing committee for Butler Bicentennial Celebrations 1996, 1993 UELAC Conference in Hamilton, Chair of UELAC Conference 2000 hosted by Colonel John Butler Branch, Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University, 2014 Promotions Committee.
- Dickinson, Lois A.** Chilliwack 1994  
Vancouver Branch Newsletter Editor, petitioned for charter for Chilliwack 1990 and served as Branch President 1990 - 1995, outreach and education supporter, assistant co-ordinator of the 1994 Dominion Conference, responsible for the establishment of the Thompson-Okanagan Branch 1995.
- Fletcher, E.A.** Winnipeg 1977  
Involved in the organization of the Winnipeg Branch, served in all offices of the Association, acted as Honorary Legal Council on Dominion Council, Corresponding Secretary Winnipeg Branch to 1966.
- Forsey, Eugene** Sir Guy Carleton 1980  
Honorary President of Sir Guy Carleton Branch, Honorary Vice President of the UELAC 1978, Honorary President of UELAC, member of the Order of Canada 1968, noted author, statesman.
- Fuller, Gwendolyn** Sir John Johnson 1979  
Charter member of Heritage Branch, Vice President and President of Sir John Johnson Branch.
- Humber, Charles** Governor Simcoe 1980  
Member of Governor Simcoe Branch 1980 - 1982, Dominion President UELAC 1982 - 1984, co-editor of Loyal She Remains: A Pictorial History of Ontario 1984, publisher-editor of the CANADA Heirloom Series, freelance editor and writer, President and Publisher of Heirloom Publishing Inc., member of the Advisory Board of the John Graves Simcoe Memorial Foundation.
- Kipp, Edward** Sir Guy Carleton 2000  
Active in Sir Guy Carleton Branch and St. Lawrence Branch, trip leader and co-ordinator of numerous Hudson and Mohawk Valley trips 1998 - 2006, extensive publications, talks and tours, responsible for King's Names Project - Sir Guy Carleton Branch creating database in CD-ROM format.
- Leggett, Gordon D.** Governor Simcoe 1981  
Faithful member of Governor Simcoe Branch since 1974, member of Dominion Council Committee on Nomenclature, Dominion Councillor, life member of the Heraldry Society of Canada, holder of Canadian Efficiency Decoration, Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal and Lord Strathcona Gold Medal 1922.
- Leith, Phillip E.** Vancouver 2001

Lifelong appreciation of Loyalist heritage, his generosity created links between Loyalist descendants from East to West, financial support enabled education and extended programs for BC branches, supported the first Western Convention in BC 1994, established the Phillip Leith Trust.

**Loucks, Stanley G.** Toronto 1978

Toronto Branch Vice President 1965 and President of Toronto Branch 1966 - 1969, member of Dominion Council, active contributor to Toronto Branch since 1963, Branch Treasurer 1971.

**McCaw, Jean Darrah** Sir John Johnson 2001

Active member since 1980, Branch Genealogist 1985 - 2007, Branch President 1992 - 2000, served on planning committee for Dominion Conference 1989, co-researched and published Branch book 'Loyalists of the Eastern Townships' 1984.

**Matheson, John R.** Sir Guy Carleton 1977

Honorary Dominion Vice President UELAC since 1975, Honorary President UELAC, President Sir Guy Carleton (Ottawa) Branch, WWII veteran, former MP, jurist, a founding member Heraldry Society of Canada.

**Michener, Roland** Toronto 1977

During his term as Governor General from 1967 to 1974 he gave his support to the objectives of the UELAC as Patron, Honorary President of the UELAC 1977.

**Moore, Ruby** Sir John Johnson 1976

Branch Genealogist Sir John Johnson Branch 1967 - 1975, author of a personal history "Family Happenings in Missisquoi County" 1975, served as archivist and genealogist of the Cornell Mill Museum at Stanbridge East, author of many published history articles.

**Rogers, Gerald** Heritage 1982

Joined Heritage Branch in 1977, Branch Secretary 1978, Branch President 1980 - 1984, Secretary of Project '83, Director of Quebec Family History Society and Caughnawaga Historical Society, conducted a successful three day tour of the Mohawk Valley and key areas, cemented relations with US history groups, represented UELAC at Battle of Johnstown New York memorial 1981.

**Ruch, John** Heritage 1982

Writer, historian, longtime active member of UELAC Heritage Branch, and of Sir Guy Carleton Branch (Past President), and Heraldry Society, Chair of Project '83 committee.

**Sanderson, Eleanor** Victoria 1994

President of Victoria Branch, raised its profile in the community through involvement in local heritage fair, 'Loyalist Sunday' church services.

**Scott, Mel** St. Lawrence 1983

Founding President of St. Lawrence Branch, drew up St. Lawrence Branch by-laws.

**Smy, William A.** Sir Guy Carleton 1988

Joined UELAC in 1983, served on branch executives of Sir Guy Carleton and St. Catharines and District Branches, 1984 Ontario Bicentennial Medal, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal, Dominion Council Treasurer 1987, Dominion Conference Liaison Officer on Conference Committee 1989, member of a number of historical organizations.

**Stewart, David M.** Heritage 1979

Hon. Col. Of the Queens' York Rangers (1<sup>st</sup> American Regt.), founder of Canadian Heritage of Quebec, philanthropist, patriot, patron of international heritage organizations.

**Stuart, G.B. Okill** Heritage 1988

UEL member since 1981, served as Dominion Councillor 1984, VP Heritage Branch, Branch President Heritage Branch 1987 - 1992, Dominion Conference Chair 1989 UELAC extending personal invitation to HRH Prince Philip to attend, Dominion President UELAC 1994 - 1996, Canada 125 Medal 1992, Chancellor of the MHOMH 1998 - , Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal 2002, Veteran of WWII, extensive involvement in a number of volunteer organizations, committee work, program planning.

**Todhunter, Doreen G.** Vancouver 1979

Life member of the Vancouver Branch, Branch President 1984 - 1985, Corresponding Secretary of Vancouver Branch, enlisted the Lieutenant Governor as an honorary member, charter member and Honorary President of Chilliwack Branch, Dominion Headquarters Service Award 1983.

**Van Koughnett, George** Heritage Branch 1976

Charter President of Heritage Branch 1972 - 1974, recipient of Queen's Jubilee Medal, Founder of The Most Honourable Order of Meritorious Heritage 1974, Veteran of WWII, author of An Introduction to Heraldry for Canadians.

**Walton-Ball, Horace** Governor Simcoe 1983

Founding member of Governor Simcoe Branch in 1933, Branch President 1938/1941/1956 - 1958, Dominion President of UELAC 1960 - 62, awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal in 1967 in recognition of over thirty years' work in connection with Loyalist activities, chaired the unveiling of the plaque 'Loyalists of Upper Canada' in the Ontario Parliament Buildings 1967, Honorary life membership UELAC 1969, UELAC Bicentennial Service Award 1983.

**Warner, Howard** Sir Guy Carleton 1974

A founding member of Sir Guy Carleton (Ottawa) Branch, Dominion President of UELAC 1972 - 1974.

**Watt, Gavin** St. Lawrence 1978

Founder and leader of the reconstituted historic Kings Royal Regiment of New York in 1974 to promote an awareness and appreciation of Loyalist heritage.

**Wilkins, Robert C.** Heritage 2001

Joined Heritage Branch and Sir John Johnson Branch in 1989, President of Heritage Branch since 1993, Chair of Dominion By-Laws Committee, promoted Loyalist Burial Sites project and the proposed restoration of the burial vault of Sir John Johnson, working with Dominion Education Committee coordinated development of educational materials on Loyalists of Quebec, Secretary of the Most Honourable Order of Meritorious Heritage.