

The Contributions to the UELAC by Elizabeth A. Richardson UE, 2010 UELAC Dorchester Award

Elizabeth Richardson was born in Peru where her father was employed by the Imperial Oil Company as Port Manager. Spanish was her first language.

After World War II she moved with her parents to San Diego, California, staying a very short while before the family returned home to Canada where she continued her education. She taught school in Canada and in Germany for nine years.

While the family lived in Sarnia Ontario, Elizabeth drove her father to Dominion Council meetings in Toronto and was allowed to sit in on them. As a result, with her sincere interest in the affairs of the Association that continues today, she has undoubtedly attended more Council meetings than any other living person.



Gerald Adair UE, Chairman UELAC Volunteer Recognition Committee , Elizabeth A Richardson UE 2010 UELAC Dorchester Award, Frederick H. Hayward UE, President UELAC

In Canada's Centennial year 1967, it was due to the work of her father, John Gordon Richardson, who arranged for plaques to be placed in both the Ontario and Manitoba Legislative Buildings, to commemorate the United Empire Loyalists.

Upon retiring, Elizabeth became actively involved in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. She was instrumental in the formation of the Kawartha Branch, served on the Dominion Council for many years and has faithfully kept and recorded information as the keeper of the Association's Archives. Archives provide the permanent record of an organization's transactions.

Elizabeth has also added to the UELAC collection by purchasing articles and documents that would otherwise have vanished into oblivion had she not acquired them with her own funds. No one will ever know how much she has contributed to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada in so many different ways. Certainly she will not tell you!

She established and encouraged donations to the Book of Remembrance as well as the Memorial Fund. For many years she chaired the Conference Committee. She continues to generously support and tirelessly serve our Association. We are fortunate to have a member who cares so deeply about our Association and who is as devoted to the Crown as she is to her beloved country, Canada.

Tribute by Margaret A Carter UE for AGM 2010