

Elizabeth Hancocks UE 2013 UELAC Dorchester Award

Elizabeth has been a research genealogist for more than half a century. A graduate of the Ontario College of Arts in 1951, she first became interested in genealogy in 1962 as a result of the accidental excavation of a family cemetery during a construction project at Finch and Dufferin Avenues in northwest Toronto. She was a founding member of the first branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society in Toronto and has been a member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada since 1962. She has served the OGS publication, *Families*, as its Queries Editor from 1969 to 1978 and also has many genealogical books to her credit.

The descendant of a Loyalist, William Casey UE of Rhode Island, she has always been vitally interested in Loyalist

lineages. She was Branch Genealogist for the Governor Simcoe Branch in Toronto from 1965 to 1972, then Assistant Dominion Genealogist for several years. In 1972 she was named Dominion Genealogist, a post she held until 1986. In 1977 she was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal for her work on Loyalist pedigrees. She was again nominated Dominion Genealogist in 1998, a post she holds to the present day.

Libby, as she is called by all that know her, is not just an asset to the UELAC, but an essential leader and worker for the ongoing approval of certifications for its membership. With the help, advice and guidance, to branch genealogists, she provides detail attention to the myriad of questions and queries. She has taken on this role with pride and selfless diligence, working long hours as Dominion Genealogist and often working throughout her weekends.

