

**Margaret A. Carter UE, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
2008 UELAC Dorchester Award**

**M**argaret Aileen Hunt was born in Manitoba and grew up in the Winnipeg Branch of the UELAC, as her father attended its first meeting in 1932. As a child, she performed in costume “Sir Roger de Coverley,” an old English dance; and participated in the “Landing of the Spring Fleet,” a re-enactment on the banks of the Assiniboine River.

She joined the Branch in 1988 and served as President of the Manitoba Branch from 1993-2003. She will have served on the Dominion Council as Prairie Regional Vice President for ten years in June 2005. During this time Margaret has chaired two Dominion Conferences in Winnipeg, as well as arranged for four Prairie Regional Workshops with members of the Dominion Executive. She has visited each of the Regional Branches on more than one occasion. She has been instrumental in researching, and is currently editing the Prairie Region’s Teachers’ Resource material. Her Loyalist ancestor is Daniel Scott. Still unproven but awaiting research is his wife Lois (Burritt) Hurd and their son Lemuel’s wife Mary Martin, all of whom settled in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.



She is a member of University Women’s Club of Winnipeg and many heritage organizations throughout Manitoba and the Eastern Townships. She joined the Manitoba Historical Society in 1965 and earned her 15-year pin as a volunteer at Dalnavert, the restored home of Sir Hugh John Macdonald, (Sir John A.’s only son). As a member of the MHS Governing Council, she served as Program Chair, Secretary, and President; and as Past President was the Chair of the Regional History Committee. The latter two positions entailed travel throughout the entire Province of Manitoba to visit and encourage local heritage groups. She is currently serving as one of the Society’s Trustees. For her dedication to heritage preservation she received the Manitoba Provincial Government’s Prix Award. She has given almost 60 years of voluntary service to various organizations including School Auxiliaries, Cub and Scout Mothers’ Associations, providing leadership for many years in the Girl Guides of Canada, and for the Church Youth Group, in the city and at camp. As a member of Westminster United Church she has worked on its Board, sung in its choir, and for many years worked on its Property Committee. She prepared displays for its Centennial in 1993 and continues to serve as its Archivist. Margaret was the liaison between the Centennial Committee of the Town of Kenora, Ontario and the Lake of the Woods Museum in the drive for its new building. For many years she served on its board and that of the Lake of the Woods Historical Society, driving nearly 200 km. each way to attend their monthly meetings.

She has a great interest in her hobby – family history – and is compiling an update of her father’s book, Birthrights: the Genealogical Record of the Hunt, Ives, Scott and Farwell Families in Canada. She has been fortunate in being privileged to spend her summers ‘at the lake’ where she learned her camping skills. She has cross-country skied and played competitive badminton in the winter, is a lover of good music and is an amateur pianist. For almost 59 years she has been married to John R. Carter who recently retired as an automobile dealer. They have two sons and two daughters who have produced ten wonderful grandchildren.