Peter Johnson UE
2019 UELAC Dorchester Award

Peter was born in Toronto and grew up near Scarborough Bluffs, but his paternal connections are from the Bay of Quinte area. He took his post secondary education at the University of Toronto and went directly into teaching in Toronto, where his subjects were Visual Arts and English. He retired from teaching in 2006.

Peter joined the Toronto Branch, UELAC in 1982, was editor of Fidelity for 11 years and Branch President 1991-92. He was a committee member and illustrator for Loyalist Lineages Volumes 1 and 2. Peter joined the Bay of Quinte Branch executive in 2009 and has been branch president since 2013.

Peter had joined the King's Royal Yorkers in 1977 and continues as a re-enactor with them and the Loyalist Fife and Drums to this day. He has also been doing 1812 re-enactments since 2001.

On a Dominion level, Peter, along with his wife Angela, were Dominion Genealogists from 1993 to 1998 and again from 2016 to the present. Peter was a Regional Councillor for the Dominion Board for several years and was editor of the Loyalist Gazette from 1998 to 2004 when he took on the role of Senior Vice-President for Dominion. He was Dominion President from 2006 to 2008 and Chair of the Nomenclature Committee for several years. Peter is also the Dominion Historian.

Peter has made numerous presentations on Loyalists and their history to various groups locally, across Canada, and even into the USA. He assists with the running of genealogy workshops at branch events. He continues to write articles for Branch, Dominion and other publications on Loyalists. He has done numerous transcriptions of Bay of Quinte cemeteries, noting Loyalist connections, and started a branch project to erect Loyalist Cemetery Markers in the area. Peter has also organized and assisted with events to mark graves of the War of 1812 Veterans. He has been a member of Board of Trustees of the Old Hay Bay Church for many years and is also a member of the Ontario Genealogical Society and Sons of the American Revolution.