

## ELIZABETH “LIBBY” HANCOCKS CG, UE

*Inducted 2015 September 12*

Gladys Elizabeth “Libby” Johnson was born in Toronto to 1927 to Ormond Johnson and Gladys Hall. Libby graduated from the Ontario College of Arts in 1951 and 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.

Libby was married in 1965 to George Hancocks, and George and Libby established Generation Press. Together they also published the *Canadian Genealogist*.

Libby 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 the Queries Editor from 1969 to 1978 and also has many genealogical books to her credit including her two series of the *County Marriage Registers of Ontario* and *Ontario Surrogate Court Records*. As the descendant of a Loyalist, William Casey UE who settled in the Bay of Quinte, she has always been vitally interested in Loyalist lineages and as a result became the editor of *Loyalist Lineages of Canada 1783-1983*. Her personal interest was in Prince Edward County, home of her ancestors, which led her to publish census and cemetery records for that area.

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 as Dominion Genealogist in 1998, a post she held until her death on February 13, 2015. As such, she was the person who served as Dominion Genealogist for the longest number of years. In 2013 Libby was presented with the Dorchester Award by the UELAC for lengthy service.

Libby was survived by her husband George, and children Seaghan, Shannon, and Casey. She was buried in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton on the same day that her ancestor, William Johnson, was recognized with an 1812 Veteran Marker. For her contributions to genealogy, and the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, she was inducted into the Bay of Quinte Branch Loyalist Hall of Honour by President Peter Johnson on September 12, 2015.

