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Message from the President

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Hello, fellow Loyalists.

What a great and sun-filled summer we had, and just in time. With Covid restrictions easing, the ability to get outside and meet up with friends, family and colleagues was much appreciated. Even though the weather was occasionally too hot, it didn't matter, just being able to is a spirit lifter.

I hope you were able to attend the 2021 UELAC Annual General Meeting. I enjoyed it, and the 2022 conference (hosted by Manitoba) will also be online only. The Fall Sir Guy Carleton meeting will be on Saturday, November 20. We are looking for feedback from the Genealogy Workshop and need input on future workshops you would like to attend. There is no speaker lined up yet, please check the webpage for updates.

We still need to fill positions on the executive (see the SGC webpage). Please consider serving. We have been meeting on Zoom for the past year, so you don't need to leave the comforts of your home.

Take care, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in November.

2021 UELAC VIRTUAL AGM. May 27-30, 2021

By Rosemarie Pleasant, President

There were 24 membership attendees from the branches, as well as Sue Morse-Hines. Attendees introduced themselves. Sue thanked the attendees for their hard work in the past year in implementing the new online membership system.

Updates

- the Terms of References were approved and will be added to the online Operations Manual (Liz Adair)
- Notes on the passing of members are to be entered into CIVI, the information is used by Jim Bruce to create a last Post list, this is the only way UEL gets the information (Frans Compeer)
- Dominion will send out cards to the families (Sue Morse-Hines)
- ideas wanted for speakers (Bill Simpson); UEL is creating a list for the website, free and fee requirements will be indicated (Frans Compeer)

--good for branches to invite other branches to their online events, if you have want to add a speaker to the list, or add yourself contact Liz or Frans. The information should be on the website after the conference (Liz)

--shared speaker recordings will be on the UELAC YouTube channel (UEL members only), Corcoran has been putting them up (Sue).

There are also recordings of the first page of the Members Section in the UEL website: Video Recordings of Branch Presentations

Liz talked on membership “belonging” how to create positive feelings with the members (old and new) and the need to develop relationships. What contact is there with members beyond renewal time, the meetings, the newsletter. What is the membership interested in? (certificates, history, genealogy, social). The branches can’t fill every need, but what is important to the member, what is the reward for membership. Is there a welcome kit for new members (a Branch history, location of library, what the Branch does in the community, annual list of accomplishments).

Year round communication is important. There was a discussion about member interactions. Sue said Dominion is looking at creating packages, Liz will share ideas/information that all branches should share. These questions should be asked of the new members:

- How did you hear about UELAC or the Branch
- What are your interests, tell us about yourself
- Can you use Zoom
- Do you have any skills you could share

There was a suggestion of a ‘New Member’ corner in the Branch newsletter, introducing themselves to others (with picture). Liz reminded everyone about the Education and Outreach, Promotions committees; Regional VP’s and Regional Councillors are also valuable resources

For new members, at the next physical meeting they should have a name tag and be asked to introduce themselves, this would also work over Zoom meetings, if they attend

Victoria and Nova Scotia branches have “twinned” themselves, could that also be useful with other branches.

The next Membership meeting will be in September, any changes in fees or membership structure will be done before November 1. There was no discussion about changes to the ‘renewal date’ question.

Annual General Meeting

By Rosemarie Pleasant

There were over 100 attendees. A video recording of the anthems and presentation of colours started the meeting. Sue Morse-Hines greeted the attendees.

Videos of the 2020 (Robert McBride) and 2021 (Bonnie Scheppers) Dorchester Award recipients were presented by Carl Stymiest. Their contributions and accomplishments, regionally and nationally were acknowledged. Both recipients gave thanks for the nominations and to the branches for nominating them. Both videos were produced by Jennifer deBruin.

Last Post: Christine Manzer.

Heritage prayer and moment of silence: Barb Andrew

Notice of call to meeting: Jo Ann Tuskin. 110 attendees which made a quorum, and a roll call of officers and board members.

The executive reports are on the UELAC website, under the members section:

The 2022 conference will also be virtual only. It will be hosted by Winnipeg. The date may change, it is now listed as June (for an in-person conference)

The 2023 conference will be in Victoria, they are planning an in person conference for June 1-4. “Where the sea meets the sky”

There were questions and clarifications about the reports. The Spring 2021 Loyalist gazette is behind schedule because of quarantine requirements, may be available by early June.

Under consideration/discussion: a genealogist award; 10-20-30 year membership pins; medals and letters of thanks to Branch genealogists; Volunteer Recognition Committee (Dominion level)

Is membership up or down? Franz unable to provide the numbers, and will review his spreadsheets
Approval for the actions of the Branch was given. New trustees were elected (including Warren Peters)

Patricia Groom is the new Presiden ; Sue Morse-Hines is the Past President

Bill Russell is the new Central East Region Vice President

Miles O'Reilly is the new Central East Region Councillor

Sylvia Powers mentioned the passing of Ed Kipp

On the members page on the UEL web site there are links to some of the documents for the Conference.

Next Branch meeting – The next Branch meeting will take place in November 2021 at 2:00 pm, date to be determined.

Sir Guy Carleton Branch 2021 membership survey

Covid-19 has changed the landscape for many groups like ours. It has been more than a year and a half since our membership has been able to gather for an in-person event in Ottawa. We'd like to take this opportunity to ask our new and long-time members a few questions in this first Sir Guy Carleton online membership survey. We hope to explore and engage in new social media avenues to keep in closer touch with our membership on a regular basis beginning in 2022. If you are unable to complete the survey online and wish to receive it by post, please contact the Branch email address at carletonuel@hotmail.com . The survey is completely voluntary. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any other questions. We will share the results of the survey at our November Fall Social.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpEfhnoMOX9JG45E_FWcsxwwyujsCNEbaMHdSynYuVno mHPA/viewform

New Library Acquisitions

By Dorothy Meyerhof, UE

Saskatchewan Branch, UELAC	Loyalist Descendants in Saskatchewan
Manson, Stuart Lyall	Sacred Ground: Loyalist Cemeteries of Eastern Ontario, Vol 1
McConnell, Brian	Loyalists of Digby
Schultz, Lorine McGinnis	Guide to Finding a Loyalist Ancestor in Upper Canada
Jones, Brad A.	Resisting Independence: Popular Loyalism in the Revolutionary British Atlantic
Hagist, Don N.	Noble Volunteers: British Soldiers Who Fought the American Revolution

Genealogy Workshop – August 14, 2021
By Holly Haimerl

On Saturday, August 14th, from 2:00- 4:00 pm our branch hosted a Genealogy workshop via Zoom. The workshop featured a powerpoint presentation by Dominion Genealogists Angela and Peter Johnson UE. Angela and Peter have been involved with UELAC since 1982. They have held their current position as co-Dominion Genealogists since 2016. Their first term as co-Dominion Genealogists was from 1993 to 1996.

Their presentation was attended by more than 20 UELAC members, from British Columbia to New Brunswick. The topic was “Documenting your Loyalist Ancestor”. Angela also took us through the various steps for the current UE certificate application. A new and simplified UE certificate application is in the works.

The workshop began with a poll and ended with a short question and answer period. One of the poll questions was “Which generation is the most difficult to research?” 65% of the attendees responded that the grandchild of their Loyalist ancestor is the most difficult generation to research. When asked if they had started their UE certificate application, 69% of attendees responded yes.

Attendees also shared some helpful tips during the question and answer segment of the session.

Feedback after the workshop was very positive and we hope to offer other Zoom presentations in the near future.

Was My Ancestor a Loyalist?

By Marg Hall, UE

So, you would like to obtain your Certificate attesting to the fact that you are the descendant of a Loyalist. The first thing you must establish is whether your ancestor was indeed a Loyalist. There are several ways to approach this question.

Initially: does the ancestor’s name appear on the list.

“The Old United Empire Loyalists List, Originally Published as The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada 1784-1884?” If so, there is automatic assumption that he was indeed a Loyalist. However, he might have been expunged or deleted from this list so there is more sleuthing to be done. The most direct way to prove Loyalty is to find at least one of 4 options.

One: can you find a muster roll from the unit to which your ancestor belonged, with his name written upon it?

Two: is your ancestor listed in the U.E.L.A.C. site Directory? In which case your genealogist can get some pointers from the genealogist of the Branch whose member has proven that Loyalist.

Three: Did your ancestor make a claim for compensation? **Ancestry.ca reference “UK, American Loyalist Claims 1776-1835” (<http://search.ancestry.ca/search/db.aspx?dbid=3712>) which are micro-film copies of American Loyalist Claims, 1776–1835. AO 12–13 in the National Archives of the United Kingdom, Kew, Surrey, England.** Most Libraries have access to Ancestry if you do not have your own subscription.

Ancestry.ca also has “American (Loyalist) Migrations 1765-1799” (<http://search.ancestry.ca/search/db.aspx?dbid=49027>) by Peter Wilson Coldham, (Original data: “Coldham, Peter Wilson. American Migrations 1765-1799: The lives, times, and families of colonial Americans who remained loyal to the British Crown before, during and after the Revolutionary War, as related in their own words and through their correspondence. Baltimore, MD, USA: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000”.), which has abstracts of all 5,800 individual claims-

Four: Did your ancestor make a petition for land because of his service?

Library and Archives Canada has microfilmed, and digitized copies of many if not most petitions made in both Upper and Lower Canada. The reference for these sets of records is as follows:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-petitions-upper-canada-1763-1865/Pages/land-petitions-upper-canada.aspx> and
<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-petitions-lower-canada-1764-1841/Pages/land-petitions-lower-canada.aspx>

Each of these links will lead you to a data base which may contain your ancestor’s name. The following is an example from the Upper Canada Land Petitions pages.

You may need to try several different spellings. When you click on the result, which you think is the correct entry, you will see something like this (of course with your ancestor’s name and details)

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This leads you to another page or pages of information. (And do hang on to this URL because it is VERY difficult to find)

https://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.02-e.php?&q2=29&c2=&b2=&t2=&sk=1&brws_s=&&&&PHPSESSID=npfo6qij0n1rpue06msk2mqnj1

which is the first page of the *digitized* microfilmed petitions of Upper Canada. Search through this until you find the reel you have discovered. Then it is a hunt through the reel to find the page with the correct record group **RG (1 1.3)** the date, (in this case **1806**) the bundle number (**M8**) page number (**2**) and finally the volume number (**333**) of the petition for which you are searching. It sounds like a lot of work, but it is tremendously exciting when you see your ancestor’s actual words in front of you, speaking from more the 200 years ago!

Once you have established that **YES** your ancestor was a Loyalist then you must find a way to connect **him** to **you** through **provable** links. However, if you have established the fact that your ancestor was a Loyalist it will likely inspire you to continue.

The Genealogist of your Branch is the person to approach to get help in your search. She or he can give you the information about which records are acceptable and which are not, also the genealogist will point you to the record sources which meet your needs.

Do you know the difference between primary and secondary sources? Primary sources are basically records which were produced at the time of the event by someone acquainted with the subject. Secondary records were produced at a different time and by someone not directly connected to or directly acquainted with the subject. That is why, census records, gravestones and Family Bibles are no

longer considered primary sources as they have been produced by someone other than the primary subject or a direct acquaintance of his, such as a family member or fellow soldier.

Census records are not primary sources either, although they were created during the lifetime of your subject. The reason is that the record was produced by someone other than the subject and whoever answered the census taker's queries may or may not have been aware of the actual age and certainly not the spelling of the names given.

Primary records are such things as Marriage, Birth or Death registrations or Church records attesting to such information.

We live in an era when many records are available online which is a tremendous help in one's research efforts. So, Good Hunting and may you have success in finding an exciting part of your personal history!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Treasurer - Keep track of income and expenses.

Standard Bearer - Parades in one of the flags at events.

Social Convenor - Assist with event planning and organizing.

Name Tags - Arrive a few minutes early at meetings, greet arrivals and give guests their name tags. They will be pre-sorted. Welcome to attend Executive meetings if you wish.

Refreshments - Arrive a few minutes early at meetings to start the coffee and hot water, lay out plates, napkins, cups and catered food. All food and other items are provided by others. Welcome to attend Executive meetings if you wish.

Please indicate your interest in any of these activities by contacting the Branch e-mail:

carletonuel@hotmail.com

Please ensure the branch has your current email address to receive notices of meetings, presentations, etc.

Membership benefits

Membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is managed by its branches and is open to descendants of Loyalists or just those who are interested in the history of Canada. By joining the Sir Guy Carleton Branch you would receive the Loyalist Gazette, the official publication of the UELAC (published twice per year) as well as the Ottawa Loyalist, the Branch newsletter which is published 3 times per year. Both publications are available either electronically or paper copy.

Branch members receive the latest news on Branch activities (including the spring and fall socials), special events, meetings and projects. Those whose primary branch is Sir Guy Carleton can also be associate members of other branches for a fee.

Certificate application

Descendants of United Empire Loyalists can apply for a certificate after proving their lineage back to the original Loyalist. Applicants are encouraged to work with their branch genealogist who will provide guidance in collecting the proofs required and will provide the certificate application form. On

completion of the application and with satisfactory proofs and the fee, the application will be submitted to the Dominion office by the branch genealogist. If accepted, the applicant will receive a certificate which can be presented to them at a branch meeting, or if they prefer, they can receive it by mail. For further information on the application process, see uelac.org.

Focus on Education

**Sir Guy Carleton Branch
John Ruch Memorial Bursary
Carleton University, Ottawa, ON**

(<http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/education.php>)

UELAC Scholarship

The UELAC Loyalist Scholarship is available to Masters and PhD students who are undertaking a program in relevant research. This topic should further Canada's understanding of the Loyalists and our appreciation of their, or their immediate descendants, influence on Canada.

Two scholarships of \$2500.00 are available each year.

**Learn how to donate to the UELAC Scholarship
(www.UELAC.org)**

UELAC Membership System

Your new UELAC Membership System: First Time for Member Login to Set Up Account (from Doug Grant UE)

#1) Go to uelac.ca note the different web address!

#2) "Click here to set up your account."

#3) Enter your email address (must be same one as is stored in your membership record)

#4) Click on "Get new password"

#5) If an error message appears just below the green box "Error: The email address isn't correct...", make sure you entered your email address correctly. If you did it correctly, send me an email as most likely your email is not correct in the member system, or is missing. Sent me a note with your branch and your correct email address to loyalist.trails@uelac.org I will check it and get back to you.)

#6) You will receive an email message from Word press, with a link in it

#7) Click on the link

#8) A page will show in your browser. In the "New password" box a password will show.

#9) Delete that password (unless you like it) and enter the one you wish to use. Record the password somewhere.

#10) Click on "Reset Password" (in blue box)

#11) A smaller box will appear; in the green box, click on "log in"

#12) On this screen, enter your email address and the new password, and "click log-in"

#13) This should then show "My Account" page (in future it will probably show a different first page with a link to "My Account")

Editor's Note

Please consider receiving the newsletter electronically rather than a paper copy. If you would like to change your mailing preferences, please contact the branch email at carletonuel@hotmail.com. Newsletter submissions gratefully accepted. Do you have interesting articles about your Loyalist ancestor? Have you read a new work on the Loyalists and would like to submit a review? Please feel free to send me any suggestions that you might have at keziah1@rogers.com

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