



The Pacific Loyalist

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
Vancouver Branch

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Simon Fraser

200th Anniversary of the Fraser River

Explorer - and son of a Loyalist - Simon Fraser left Fort George on the 28th of May, 1808. Twenty-three men in four canoes traveled over 1,500 kilometers in seventy-one days. The trip down the river, to the Gulf of Georgia and Point Grey, took 36 days while the return trip to Fort George took 37 days, arriving on August 6th. It was David Thompson who



named the mighty Fraser River after his fellow explorer. Public Domain, "National Library of Canada" (Archives of Canada)

This year the Fraser River and its people will be honored with various celebrations and special activities. Simon's trip down the Fraser will be recreated with participants from all areas of British Columbia. Not only is it the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Fraser River it is also British Columbia's 150th birthday and the 150th Anniversary of the Fraser River Gold Rush. **Our Branch has plans to join in these festivities.**

180th Anniversary "George Simpson, governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, begins on September 17th, 1828, an historic journey down the Fraser, beginning at Fort St. James and ending in Fort Langley. Traveling with flag and piper, he extols the great exertions and unwearied perseverance of Fraser in accomplishing his earlier mission". Canada.com "Birthday B.C."

LDS Tri-Stakes Seminar



October 13th, 2007

A number of our members attended the Tri-Stakes seminar at the Family History Center in Surrey. Classes ran throughout the day and covered subjects from preserving old photographs to immigration records to publishing a book. Each year the Vancouver Branch participates in this event. The seminar is well attended and all classes are free.

Message from our new President Wendy Cosby UE

"Nervousness and excitement. I often get those feelings confused, but when I agreed to accept the position of President of our Branch, I knew I was excited about the possibilities.

As a fairly new member of our Association, I got caught up in the excitement of helping others prove their ancestors. I was thrilled to see the awe in the faces of our youngest UEs from the age of 3 years on up. It made me realize how much value our Branch members add to our community.

Within the context of all of Canadian history, Loyalist history is just another chapter in a high-school textbook. As more information is gleaned from archives and collections, I would venture to say that chapter could be re-written.

Aside from being custodians of Loyalist history, we attend various local historical functions of which there seems to be more and more of each year. It is becoming increasingly difficult to co-ordinate our activities and access our resources when they are held in lockers and homes miles apart from each other.

It is time we had a home – in perpetuity. We will do what we can to find that heritage building on park property or whatever facility that will help our Branch re-group our resources and energy so we can reach out to the community in ways that will enrich our lives and our history. That is a vision for our Branch.

What is just as important is a vision for our Branch members. I encourage all of our members to provide that feedback. Bring your comments to our next meeting or email us at:

Uelacvancouverbranch@yahoo.ca



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Mrs. Doreen Todhunter UE CMH	1984, 1985
Dr. Peter Moogk UE	1986, 1987, 1988
Mrs. Audrey P. Shane UE	1989, 1990
Mr. John Graham UE	1991
Mrs. Rebecca Fraser UE	1992, 1993, 1994
Mr. Richard Mackey UE	1995, 1996, 1997
Dr. Gerry Brown UE	1998, 1999
Mrs. Vona Smith UE	2000, 2001
Mr. Douglas Jackson UE	2002, 2003

MEETINGS third Tuesday of each month – September to June
Bonsor Rec Center, Metro Town, Burnaby at 7:30 pm
LIBRARY - Phone Rebecca for appointment (604 733-7533)

Chilliwack hosting Mini Conference

Date in May not yet confirmed

It was May 2005 that Vancouver and Chilliwack hosted a Mini Conference at Fort Langley, B.C.

A fun filled day of friends, food, speakers and special events.

Members will be advised of the Chilliwack date once it has been selected

Christmas Tea 2007

Sunday, December 9th at Janet and Gerry Browns



Sean Beahen UE and Shane Bengry UE,



Mary Anne Bethune UE, George Baldwin UE, Brendan Hallinan



Lani Mitchell UE, Gwen Dumfries, Wendy Cosby UE, Rebecca Fraser UE



Dr. Anne Marie Goodfellow (February speaker), Carl Stymiest UE, Judith Ueland, Wendy Cosby UE

Genealogy

*Where you confuse the dead
And irritate the living...*

Certificates awarded since May 2007

Shane Bengry UE

Ancestor David Springer

Erin Beahen UE

Ancestor Robert Hutchinson

Elizabeth Anderson UE

Ancestor Henry King

Cecilia Susan Newton UE

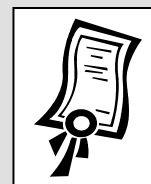
Ancestor Henry King

Tammy Newton UE

Ancestor Henry King

Mary MacDonald UE

Ancestor Henry King



UNITED EMPIRE LOYALSTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA PACIFIC REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT DOMINON COUNCIL MEETING 01 MARCH 2008, TORONTO, ONTARIO

The 2007 Semi-Annual Report for the four UEL Pacific Regional Branches: Chilliwack, Vancouver, Victoria and Thompson-Okanagan is respectfully submitted.

Pacific Regional Memberships continued to climb during 2007; with a *total membership of 281 compared to 244 in 2006*. In 2008, we endeavour to increase our fold.

As we enter 2008, plans are underway to create our 2010 UELAC Conference Planning Committee involving the four regional branches. *Vancouver, Chilliwack and Victoria Branches will continue to work, share and support in the planning for our 2010 Annual Conference in Vernon, BC, hosted by the Thompson-Okanagan Branch.*

Two other significant dates will be loyally celebrated in British Columbia during 2008. The **150th Anniversary of the founding of the Crown Colony of British Columbia** will be celebrated BC Day, in early August. Here we will take-up residence in our newly purchased loyalist tent, in full loyalist regalia, at *Fort Langley, BC*.

Fort Langley is the exact location where, a century and a half ago, a huge fur trade organization, the Hudson's Bay Company established a small post to trade with the First Nations of the West Coast. Many Hudson Bay Factors who migrated west were direct descendants of our loyalist ancestors. The enterprise of the HBC grew, evolved, and influenced history, leading to the creation of the colony of British Columbia.

Our 2nd event will celebrate the **200th Anniversary of Simon Fraser's explorations in British Columbia**, with the First Nations, down the mighty Fraser River. The Pacific Region is in hopes of placing a loyalist commemorative plaque on the statue of Simon Fraser at New Westminster Quay during our May UEL multicultural celebrations.

As we move into the New Year, we look forward to much activity and planning. We especially look ahead to our up-and-coming Pacific Regional Mini-Conference to be hosted by the Chilliwack Branch in May 2008. All branches maintain the many endeavours toward Outreach & Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Stymiest UE

Carl Stymiest UE; UELAC Pacific Regional Vice President

Fort Langley Timeline

- 1827 Small post built by **Hudson Bay Company**
- 1839 Fort rebuilt 4 kilometers east of original
- 1839 Fort Langley burns
- 1840 Fort Langley is rebuilt
- 1858 A very busy Post during the Gold Rush. *The British Parliament created its first Crown Colony on the Pacific mainland at Fort Langley. **James Douglas** was proclaimed the first Governor of the new Crown Colony of British Columbia on November 19th, 1858. Over the next 30 years the popularity of Fort Langley declined. Reasons for this decline were two new Forts created at Yale and Hope. Also, New Westminster became the first capital of the new colony.*



AGM 2008 Jan 15th, 2008



Our new President of the Vancouver Branch
Wendy Cosby, UE

Thank you to **John Anderson, UE** - now our Past President - and his wife **Grace** who opened their home for our Executive meetings and added so much life and color to our branch.



“Cemetery recognized as heritage site; Site also a resting place for United Empire Loyalists” from the Welland Tribune, 24 June, 2007

*Loyalist, John Carl is the ancestor of our members
Janet White UE and Carol Givton*

“On Saturday, the Carl, Misener, Bald Cemetery was officially recognized as a heritage site by the City of Thorold, Heritage Thorold LACAC and the heritage and libraries branch of the provincial Ministry of Culture.”

“John Carl received the Crown land in 1798 and set aside one acre for a cemetery. The descendants of John Carl still own the land today and it is because of their efforts, the site has been cleared of the overgrowth and now recognized as a heritage site.

“John Carl, a United Empire Loyalist from Woodstock, N.Y., came to Niagara during the American Revolution. He received the land for his military service. He married Elizabeth Misener, the daughter of Loyalist Leonard Misener and his wife Barbara and had seven children.”

“The first burial was in 1802 and the last burial in 1862. There are 75 unmarked graves.”

During the 1970s the cemetery fell into disrepair. As headstones fell they were moved to the edge of the cemetery. Many headstones were stolen for use in local building for steps and basement walls.

This site has now been recognized with a plaque from the Col. John Butler Branch, UELAC as a resting place for Loyalists.

**To forget one’s ancestors
Is to be a brook without a source
A tree without a root.**

Chinese Proverb
www.ancestryprinting.com



See Carl for more information. A number of our members will attend this conference.

Colonial Clothing for Sale

Our Branch is pleased to offer Colonial Period outfitting for sale. The clothing was once used in the television series "Hawkeye"

Sample prices below – Boy (B), Ladies (L) Men (M) Native (N)

Blouse	L	\$20
Breeches	M	\$30 abt
Coats/Capes	L	Indiv.
Dickies	M	\$7
Gaitors	M	\$8
HATS/CAPS		
French Grenadier	M	\$15
Workers	M	\$7
Infantry	M	\$25
Tricorn	M	\$25
Cour d' Bois Stocking	M	\$8
Tweed caps	M	\$25
Jackets (Brocade & other)	L	\$30-\$35
Native Dress	L	\$15-\$20
Native Shirt	M	\$20-\$40
Pants	M	\$10-\$45
Pattaloons/Petticoats	L	\$15-\$20
Rifleman's Coat & Frock	M	\$75 \$ \$50
Shawls	L	\$15-\$30
Ruffled Shirts	B	\$20
Wool Shirts	M	\$30-\$35
Ruffled Shirt	M	\$20
Skirts	L	\$15-\$30
Vests & Waistcoats	M	Indiv.

This is only a sample of the clothing that is available. Please contact Carl, Wendy or John for further information.



September 24, 2006

Saint John 225 2008 Dominion Conference UELAC

Saint John, NB July 10-13

Thursday	Pre-Conference Event <i>Tour of King's Landing</i> <i>King's Head Inn-Tea</i>
Friday	Welcoming Reception UELAC AGM (& Lunch) Dinner at Lilly Lake Pav.
Saturday	Conference Seminars Afternoon Bus Tour Conference Banquet
Sunday	Morning Church Service <i>Kingston Peninsula's oldest Church (Est. 1789)</i>



Update on our Honorary Vice President,
Clark Shea

Clark's doctors say he is now out of the woods although he still has the trachea tube in his throat so is unable to talk. Clark is now allowed two or three visitors at one time. Please phone his wife Carol to arrange a time to visit. Clark still has a long road to recovery but this is very good news.

February 19th Meeting Movie

Speaker Dr. Anne Marie Goodfellow
Producer/Filmmaker – Ancestor Simon Girty



Dr. Peter Moogk UE at Langley Mini Conference, May 2006

An Invitation to Contribute Your Story to the Vancouver Branch's 2014 Project

Dr. Peter Moogk UE

The branch project is to publish an anthology of short accounts about *how Loyalist descendants came to British Columbia*. This is a story that only you can tell.

The proposal is to publish a 200 page book, with black-and-white illustrations, that is divided into five time periods:

The era of exploration and fur trade, 1790-1855

The mining frontier period, 1856-1885

The railway age, 1886-1930

A time of economic depression and war, 1931-1948

Recent arrivals, 1949-2000

Each segment will be prefaced by a short essay describing the historical context and the forces which encouraged migration. For the first period, for example, the stories of *Simon Fraser (1776-1862)* and *Peter Skene Ogden (1794-1854)*, who both explored the Oregon Territory, will be told in five to eight pages apiece. Current branch members are invited to submit essays on their family's migration of the same length. At the end of the book, there will be a comprehensive list of notable Loyalist descendants who lived in B.C., such as *Dr. R.W. Carrall, Henry Abbot, Walter N. Sage, and Col. Cecil Merritt VC*.

If you would like to participate in this centennial venture, please contact Peter Moogk UE by e-mail

moogk@interchange.ubc.ca or by mail at 4645 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 1V6

Genealogy Report

**Respectfully submitted by
Carl Stymiest, UE
(from 2008 AGM)**

Over the past year, Wendy Cosby UE and I have enjoyed working together with all of you in helping you prove your Loyalist Ancestor. In 2007, the Vancouver Branch set a precedent in the UELAC by **certifying 81 new loyalist family descendants** compared with 17 certificates in 2006. If it were not for Wendy's expert help and determination to have 75 certificates awarded at our 75th Anniversary in May, our branch today would not be in the UELAC Guinness' Book of Records

New Members (2008) and their Loyalist Ancestors

Mrs. Eileen Sahara	AIKENS, Samuel
Margaret Hay	KELLY, John
Carol Kelly	KELLY, John
Cheryl DeSaulniers	STYMIEST, Benjamin Sr.
Christopher Melanson	STYMIEST, Benjamin Sr.
Lee Melanson	STYMIEST, Benjamin Sr.

Remembrance Day 2007



Ten members of our Branch attended **Remembrance Day Ceremonies** at *Confederation Park in Burnaby*. Four members were from the John Anderson family. Our group marched in the parade alongside veterans, firefighters, police, cubs, brownies, local politicians and many others. **John Anderson, UE and Mary Anne Bethune, UE** laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Vancouver Branch. Later our members went to a local restaurant for lunch. In spite of the rain, a good day with fellow members.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Also the 175th Anniversary of the Act to Abolish Slavery in the British Empire

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Library Dates (Phone Rebecca Fraser UE to confirm)

January 10 & 24; February 14 & 28; March 13 & 27; April 10 & 24; May 22;
June/July/August - CLOSED

Upcoming Events

Mini Conference (<i>Chilliwack host</i>)	May 31
B.C. Confederation Conference (<i>New Westminster</i>)	May 8-11
MultiCultural Days/Simon Fraser's Birthday (<i>New Westminster</i>)	May 17
B.C. Highland Games (<i>Coquitlam</i>)	June 28
2008 UELAC Convention (<i>St. John, B.C.</i>)	July 10-13
Fur Brigade Days (<i>Fort Langley</i>)	Aug 2-4

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Mary Anne Bethune UE; Linda Nygard UE;

If you have any suggestions, or items to submit to our newsletter, please contact us by February 1, June 1, October 1.

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