



The Pacific Loyalist

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
Vancouver Branch

Summer
2011

July 2011 Newsletter Outreach and Education

Branch 2014 Project An Invitation to Contribute Your Story

Dr. Peter Moogk UE

The 2014 Branch Project aims to produce a 200 page book, discussing the role which descendants of Loyalists played in the growth and development of British Columbia from the time of its early explorers and into the Twentieth century.

You can assist with this project by telling Peter what motivated your Loyalist descended ancestor(s) to make British Columbia their home and when they arrived in B.C.

Contributions should be between 5 and 8 double-spaced type-written pages and can begin with a brief identification of the Loyalist ancestor, followed by a summary of the generations leading up to the migration to British Columbia.

SEND YOUR STORIES TO:

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Spring Fleet 2011

Carman United Church, Chilliwack, B.C.



Phillip E M Leith Memorial Award 2011

Judy Scholz UE, Chilliwack Branch
Audrey Viken UE, Vancouver Branch

with Shirley Dargatz UE, Pacific Region Vice President

*See Page 3 for story and additional pictures

St. Patrick's Day Parade Vancouver, B.C.



Past Presidents

UELAC Vancouver Branch

Dr. Warren Bell UE	2010
Ms Wendy Cosby UE	2008, 2009
Mr. John Anderson UE	2006, 2007
Ms Mary Anne Bethune UE	2004, 2005
Mr. Douglas Jackson UE	2002, 2003
Mrs. Vona Smith UE	2000, 2001
Dr. Gerry Brown UE	1998, 1999
Mr. Richard Mackey UE	1995, 1996, 1997
Mrs. Rebecca Fraser UE	1992, 1993, 1994
Mr. John Graham UE	1991
Mrs. Audrey P. Shane UE	1989, 1990
Dr. Peter Moogk UE	1986, 1987, 1988
Mrs. Doreen Todhunter UE CMH	1984, 1985

MEETINGS third Tuesday of each month – September to June
Bonsor Rec Centre, Metrotown, Burnaby at 7:30 pm
LIBRARY – Phone 604 321-1802 to arrange a time for your visit

Vancouver Branch meetings – February, March, April, June

by Marvin Millis UE
Pictures by Linda Nygard UE

When attending the 2011 UEL Spring Fleet gathering at Chilliwack, Barbara Andrew, Prairie Region Councillor asked “What subjects are presented at meetings?” The following covers some presentations made at recent Vancouver branch meetings.

February 15th Black History Month

Our Guest speaker for Black History Month in Canada, **Jean-Claude Ndungutse**, came to us through the Speakers Bureau of Passages to Canada, one of the Historical-Dominion Institutes' flagship educational programs. As his given name suggests, he is fluent in French and English.

Jean Claude Ndungutse is a grandson of Bishop Sebunguri, a bishop of the Anglican Church in Rwanda. He came to Canada as a student refugee, sponsored by a group at SFU. That was at time when he was stranded in Kenya - unable to return home on account of the war and genocide at that time. Now, many years later, he lives and works in Vancouver. Jean-Claude gave a fascinating talk about the make-up and diversity of the Black community in Canada. He shared with us his sense of optimism as a recent Canadian citizen, and mentioned some of his personal experiences of coming to Canada as a refugee.



Photo: **Jean-Claude Ndungutse** – Black History speaker

March 15th Irish Ancestral Research

Our speaker on the subject of Irish records research was **Eunice Robinson** – a long time researcher on Irish ancestry with the B.C. Genealogical Society. Her talk “*Not Everything Was Burned!*” was given in a most enthusiastic and

extemporaneous manner. Eunice (on the right in photo) has made several trips to Salt Lake City and to Ireland for personal research purposes.



April 19th Treasures and Troves

John Anderson UE, a past President of the Vancouver Branch, took centre stage following our general meeting and coffee break. Having experience as a former Antiques dealer, John was there to comment on various items which members brought along for “show-and-tell” and possible evaluation.

Items ranged from a very old, corroded knife to a silver serving tray with lid. In between these extremes were silver spoons, an egg-cup, spoons and egg-holding bowl set and a ceramic Toby jug and liquor “kit”.

In appreciation, John was presented with a DVD set (22 episodes) of the 1994 TV series “*Hawkeye*” which was filmed near Vancouver. The stories are based on novels by James Fenimore Cooper – the era of Britain’s “French-Indian War” (ca. 1755).

It was from the costume inventory of Cannell Studios that several period costume items became available for purchase by Vancouver branch members. *A purple outfit which actress Lynda Carter wore in some episodes is now owned by Rebecca Fraser UE. Another costume worn by Ms. Carter now belongs to Mary Anne Bethune UE.*



John Anderson UE, standing.

June 21 Angelica Angeles, Regional Winner, B.C. Heritage Fairs

**see Page 5 for more on Angelica*

Following Angelica’s presentation, certificates were presented to members **Robyn Kendall UE**, and her mother **Barbara Wood UE**. Their Loyalist ancestors were Jacob Anguish and his son Henry Anguish, both with Butler’s Rangers. Congratulations, Robyn and Barbara.

And congratulations to Robyn on her May marriage...



Also congratulations to one of the Vancouver Branch genealogists, **Lynne Charles UE**. Lynne received certificates for Major Hooper and David Murray. Both were Loyalists and also the sons of Loyalists who settled in PEI. These are Lynne’s 5th and 6th proven Loyalists.

Congratulations Lynne

**Lynne was not able to attend the June meeting.*

Pacific Regional Mini-Conference & Spring Fleet "SAILabtrations" Chilliwack, BC - Saturday May 7th, 2011

by **Marvin Millis UE**
Pictures by Linda Nygard UE

Carman United Church, Chilliwack, was the venue for the UELAC Chilliwack and Vancouver Branch's 2011 Spring Fleet celebration. Members from the Chilliwack, Vancouver and Victoria branches were present for this Regional Mini-Conference.

Barbara Andrew UE, UELAC Prairie Regional Councillor was the Guest Speaker. Aided by a PowerPoint presentation, Barbara asked a number of thought provoking questions with reference to Membership which the audience became interactive participants.

Some of the questions were: Why do people join; then either stay with or leave the Association? How often does your local branch hold meetings, and what subjects and programs are presented at meetings? How does the local branch conduct Outreach & Education events? Barbara Andrew UE was suitably thanked by **Pacific Regional Councillor, Mary Anne Bethune UE**.

The afternoon program began with a skit "Flee to the Ship" (a.k.a. "Dressing a Loyalist"). The re-enactors were: **Mary Anne Bethune UE** -- wife of Loyalist, Rev. John Bethune, a military Chaplain; **Gwen Dumfries** - the Lady's servant, 'Gwennie'; and **Carl Stymiest UE** - the Commander and narrator.

The situation: With Rebel forces attacking, and approaching the Bethune residence, Lady Bethune is awakened by her panicky servant, who then must assist her Mistress in dressing in her best outfit and making everything in readiness before fleeing to the nearby ship.

Nominations for Pacific Regional Vice President and for Pacific Regional Councillor were the next item on the Program. Nominations and elections were conducted by Carl Stymiest UE, President UELAC Vancouver Branch. As no new nominations came forth, **Shirley Dargatz UE** and **Mary Anne Bethune UE** were re-elected by acclamation as Pacific Regional Vice President and Pacific Regional Councillor, respectively.

UE Certificates were presented to:
- **Al Kennedy UE** of Chilliwack Branch - his 4th certificate: Ancestor - John Lutz, Loyalist.

- **Phyllis Cosby UE** of Vancouver Branch received her certificate as a descendant of Rebecca Haines and her first husband Jeremiah Johnson through their daughter Nancy Ann.



Flee to the ship...



Next, the UELAC Vancouver Branch Phillip E. M. Leith UE Memorial Award for 2011 was presented. This year's recipients were: Audrey Viken UE of Vancouver Branch, and Judy Scholz UE of the Chilliwack Branch.



Leith Award Photo:
Judy Scholz UE; Audrey Viken UE; Carl Stymiest UE

Finally, before the retiring of the Colours, Shirley Dargatz UE invited Barbara Andrew UE to the podium to thank her for her visitation and presentation.



Vancouver Branch's Simon Fraser Day Outreach: A Retrospective

**Simon Fraser was a Loyalist descendant*

by Marvin Millis UE

Pictures by Linda Nygard UE

In early May of 2002 our then Vancouver Branch president, **Doug Jackson**, had a meeting with noted New Westminster historian, Archie Miller. Mr. Miller had for some years been conducting an annual birthday celebration for Simon Fraser on the Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend. Knowing of this event, Doug, being well read on BC history, arranged to have a Loyalist group gather next to the bust of Simon Fraser. This initial presence provided the UELAC Vancouver Branch with an opportunity to participate in what has since become a local annual Outreach event in the month of May.

The following year (2003) a surprise was in store for us: the Downtown New Westminster Business Improvement Society began sponsoring what has since **become known as "Multicultural Day"**. Thus we found ourselves situated amongst a variety of other cultural venues. We arranged to have our table display right next to the bust monument of Simon Fraser, on the Quay-side, overlooking the river which bears his name. Since then we have been able to hold that prime location!

In 2004 I was asked by Doug Jackson to accompany him to the organizing sessions for the Multicultural Day event. A local community newspaper representative said that some small-sized free advertising spaces were available in the paper's four-page promotional insert - just enough room to accommodate a group's 'home' country flag and a brief representative statement. For our Loyalist representation I came up with a three line slogan:

"United Empire Loyalists"

"Canada's first Multicultural Society"

"Promoting Canadian History"

This was accompanied by an image of the Loyalist Flag. In following years our ad spot used an image of a uniformed Loyalist soldier, accompanied by suitable promotional text.

Each year this Outreach event has given our members, and occasionally some members from Chilliwack Branch, an opportunity to explain to the curious what it is that we represent.

Our presence there has sometimes led to new members joining the Association. In 2007, Gwen Dumfries, Vancouver Branch's current Membership Chairperson and Treasurer, joined the branch upon visiting our display.

This year one lady mentioned having Loyalist ancestry. She took an information pamphlet, and, hopefully, will make further contact with us. Also, one lady asking for information mentioned that she is a Schoolteacher. She took a pamphlet with the intention of using this information in her classroom.

In addition to providing visitors to our display with a brief history lesson, there is also an opportunity for them to have a photo-op session with one or more of our members who are wearing period clothing. Occasionally tourists from other countries visit with us; but whether local or from elsewhere, those most fascinated by our clothing are the kids.

One might say that we are, in a way, at-home Ambassadors of our own country.

Pictures from Multicultural Festival 2011



B.C. Heritage Fairs



About Heritage Fairs

A heritage fair is a showcase of history projects created by students. Students create their projects on some aspect of Canadian history and present their projects to other students, adults and the general public.

Fairs can be small, like a classroom-based fair or large like a school-based fair. There are also city or regional fairs and in British Columbia there is a Provincial Heritage Fair. In the past, there were Canada-wide National Heritage Fairs. Canada's National History Society is exploring the possibility of recreating the National Heritage Fair program.

This is from the site, B.C. Heritage Fairs
<http://bcheritagefairs.ca/>

June 21st Regular Meeting

Our guest speaker was Angelica Angeles, Regional Winner in the B.C. Heritage Fairs.



Angelica is a 12 year old student at an elementary school in Burnaby. Her project – “The United Empire Loyalists, Their arrival changed the course of Canadian history” was excellent, both the visuals and oral presentation.

Accompanied by her mother, father, and sister, Angelica spoke with confidence and was well informed about her subject. Angelica will now compete at the B.C. finals in the Heritage Fair at Victoria later this summer. We wish her well.

**Below is a letter that Carl received from Angelica's mother in reply to his letter of thanks*

Dear Mr. Carl,

I'm sorry for the late reply, been busy this week because my mom landed last Wednesday.

You are Welcome. We really appreciate the warm welcome you have shown us. All the people there were very accommodating and very kind to us. I never thought that Angelica will learn and delivered her topic accurately. We are always here to guide and support her and her sister Alyana. God is so good the He find a way for Angelica to come out from her shell, by giving her the interest and courage to compete in the B.C Heritage Fair having the United Empire Loyalist of Canada as her topic.

She's enjoying the book prizes you gave her. The night that she got it, when we got home, she immediately scan & read the books, staring on the pages and we can see the joy in her face.

Now we are preparing her for her trip to Victoria. We got the hat from Ms. Janet and we told Angelica to wear it and the pin on the day of their exhibit/ presentation.

Thank you so much Mr. Carl for your kindness and to Ms. Janet also. Your group will always be in our hearts and we will share what we have learned about UELAC to our friends and family. We are looking forward for the copy of the newsletter and will share with you also Angelica's photos after the Provincial Fair.



Vancouver visit of Bonnie Schepers UE

On March 26, 2011 - the end of a four-day VIA Rail trip from Toronto to Vancouver - Albert and Bonnie Schepers met up with their daughter and son-in-law, Laura & Daniel Brandes of Victoria, at the Joey Restaurant on Burrard near Robson. The luncheon had been pre arranged by Carl Stymiest, Vancouver branch President. For some it was a chance to become acquainted for the first time.

On hand to greet them, representing Chilliwack branch, were Shirley Dargatz - Pacific Region Vice President UELAC, and Margaret Strocel.

Representing Vancouver branch were Mary Anne Bethune, Wendy Cosby, Diane Faris, Marvin Millis, and Carl Stymiest.

As Bonnie was slated to become (and now is) the UELAC Dominion Sr. Vice President as of the June 2011 Conference at Brockville, this was an opportunity to give her a warm Vancouver welcome.

For the past four years previous, Bonnie, who is with Bicentennial Branch, had been serving as Vice President of the Central West Region, Ontario.

Bonnie is now also the UELAC Grants Committee Chair. In that capacity she has been pleased to announce that Vancouver Branch UELAC has been awarded a small grant of \$375.00 in support of our BC Heritage Fairs involvement.

Bonnie's ancestor, Francis Daniel Pastorious, was the founder of Germantown, PA in 1683. His great-grandson, Abraham Pastorious, is Bonnie's Loyalist ancestor. He first settled at Montreal prior to receiving land in Rawdon township. In Germany the family surname had originally been Schäffers (meaning 'shepherd') but had become Latinized ('pastor' also means shepherd). Bonnie's husband's surname, also signifies 'shepherd'.



Bonnie's arrival on Burrard Street

An opportunity to tell your story...



STORIES TOLD ABOUT NEW BRUNSWICK LOYALISTS

BY THEIR DESCENDANTS

SUBMISSIONS REQUESTED

FOR BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF NEW BRUNSWICK LOYALISTS

FOR

LOYALISTS ALL

VOLUME TWO

LOYALISTS ALL, published by the New Brunswick Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association, is a collection of biographical sketches of New Brunswick Loyalists, with lines of descent to the contributing author. The first volume of 56 Loyalist Ancestors, was compiled and edited by Gail Bonsall Pipes in 1985, and is still available from the New Brunswick Branch. It provides a unique and invaluable contribution to the resources for Loyalist genealogical and family history data available for 21st century research.

One volume cannot begin to include the tens of thousands of Loyalist families who fled the ashes of the American Revolution, and found refuge in the Province of New Brunswick, and to that end, a second volume is being organized. With descendants of the Loyalists now spread across Canada, the United States, and beyond, many more of their stories need to be recorded, in a drive to keep them alive for Their Ever-Expanding, Ever-Connected, Ever-Proud, and Ever-Curious Descendants.

If you have genealogical and biographical data related to your Loyalist Ancestor who settled in New Brunswick, please consider submitting their story, and your line of descent, for inclusion in Volume 2 of Loyalists All, by contacting the editor. An example of the format of the story will be provided, as well as information on those Loyalist Ancestors covered in the first volume. In the case of more than one descendant offering their Ancestor's story, those 'cousins' will be asked to combine their work into one narrative, with multiple lines of descent. If you are not a writer, an interview can be arranged to record your Loyalist story.

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Interesting Web Sites

The **Vancouver Archives** has digitized many of their historic Vancouver pictures and documents

<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/archives/>

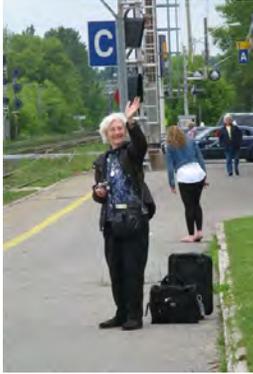
The **Federated Search Engine** is an excellent place to look for Canadian genealogical information. This search tool leads to genealogy and family history databases hosted by federal, provincial or territorial archives centres and libraries or by other partners.

<http://recherche-c.voicimafamille.info/ecis.jsp>

UELAC Annual Conference – Saturday Tour

By Diane Faris, Secretary UELAC Vancouver Branch

**Roberta Fraser UE and I were roommates
These are pictures of their adventures...*



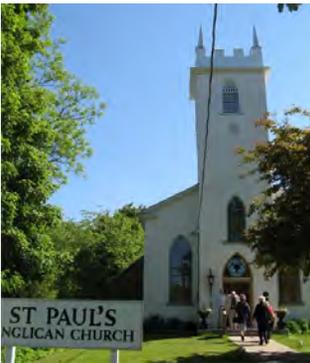
It was hard to choose which tour to go on the Saturday of the UELAC Conference in Brockville, ON, but Rebecca and I opted for the **Old Stones tour.**

Our first stop was the Wiltse Pioneer Cemetery, a 2014 Project of the Col.

Edward Jessup Branch. Burial took place here from about 1795 to 1867 and several prominent Loyalists are buried there. Over time, the cemetery had become neglected and overgrown.



As a 2014 Project, members of the Branch, locals, and Wiltse descendants worked to restore the cemetery.



Our next stop was the 200-year-old St. Paul's Anglican Church, believed to be the oldest continuously used church in Ontario.

From there, it was on to a tour of the Old Delta Mill, A National Heritage Site built in 1810. It was originally owned by Able Stevens, a Loyalist from Vermont.

After a delicious lunch at the Delta United Church, we continued our Old Stones theme with a stop at the Lynchhurst Stone Bridge, built in 1857.

Our final stop was at the Jones Falls Lock Station, which was build on land that originally belonged to one of Rebecca Fraser's Loyalist

ancestors. The lock is part of the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At the lock, we were treated to a tour and a blacksmith demonstration.



For me, that tour and the dinner cruise through the Thousand Islands that followed Saturday evening were the highlights of the Conference.

When in Ottawa, I stayed at the Carleton County Jail which is now a hostel. It was an amazing place to stay and a real eye-opener. I had a private room – they call it solitary confinement. It was two cells that had the wall between removed and it was still the smallest room I have ever stayed in. The cells were the width of a single bed.



Left:
Shirley Dargatz UE at the conference
Picture by Gerry Brown UE

B.C. Highland Games, Coquitlam

SATURDAY 25 JUNE saw the UELAC Vancouver Branch dawned in their period clothing; umbrellas in hand setting up for the day at Percy Perry Stadium in Coquitlam for the annual BC Highland Games. This was the 8th year for the branches participation. Although the rain showers were heavy at first, we managed to put up our canopy and settle in for the day.

Throughout the day there were periods of showers but that did not dampen the UELAC Spirit. Many attendees who came for the events stopped by our display booth; many interested in the Loyalist Heritage; some of whom could attest that they were descendants of a loyalist. We did have several interested people sign up for information regarding our meetings and events.

A special thanks to Mary Anne Bethune UE, Gwen Dumfries, Audrey Viken UE, and Warren Bell UE for being there to present our history and Loyalist heritage. Getting the word out to the public is a vital part of our branch's vision.

One of the great events of the day, of course, is to be present with the 78th Fraser Highlanders (our display booths side-by-side) and to witness the firing of the old cannon.

- by Carl Stymiest UE, President UELAC Vancouver Branch



78th Highlander – Loyalist Friends



78th Highlanders



Carl and The McRae Cousins

Mark your calendar

UELAC Vancouver Branch
80th Anniversary & War of 1812
Bicentennial Celebrations

Saturday **13 October 2012**

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

**Guests: UELAC Dominion
President, Robert McBride UE
and his wife Grietje McBride UE**

2011 Vancouver Branch Executive, UELAC

President	<i>Carl Stymiest UE</i>
Vice President	_____
Treasurer	<i>Gwen Dumfries</i>
Secretary	<i>Diane Faris UE</i>
Past President	<i>Dr. Warren Bell UE</i>
Genealogist	<i>Linda Nygard UE</i>
Assistant Genealogist	<i>Lynne Charles UE</i>
Membership	<i>Gwen Dumfries</i>

LIBRARY DATES (Phone Wendy at 604 321-1802 to arrange for a time)

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September meeting Guest TBA	September 20 th 2011
October meeting Guest TBA	October 18 th 2011
Family History Center	October (Date TBA)
Remembrance Day (Cenotaph location TBA)	November 11 th , 2011
November meeting Guest TBA	November 15 th 2011
December <i>Christmas Social</i>	December (Date TBA)

Fur Brigade Days Picnic, Fort Langley, B.C.”

August 1st 2011

**Dress in your finest Loyalist period clothing and watch the arrival of the brigades on the banks of the Fraser River – Monday 1:00 – with free concert*

NEWSLETTER

Mary Anne Bethune UE; Linda Nygard UE; Marvin Millis UE;

If you have any suggestions, or items to submit to our newsletter, please contact us

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