



The Pacific Loyalist

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
Vancouver Branch

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January 2013 Newsletter Outreach and Education

Branch 2014 Project

An opportunity to see your family history in print

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:

Dr. Peter Moogk UE by e-mail moogk@interchange.ubc.ca
or by Mail at
4645 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.
V6R 1V6

Brigade Days & Branch Picnic

Fort Langley, B.C.



A celebration of the history of the Fort during the
1840s and 1850s

Guests and re-enactors leave the Fort and wind through this little, historic town to the edge of the Fraser River to witness the landing of Hudson Bay employees, along with Governor George Simpson and his wife, c1827. There are many historic activities to experience at the Fort. This is also the perfect setting for the Vancouver Branch Annual Picnic.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO THE VANCOUVER BRANCH



October 13th, 2012

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

Members and friends gathered for a luncheon hosted by the Vancouver Branch. Special guests, Dominion President Bob McBride UE and his wife Grietje seemed to enjoy their first trip to the West Coast. Vancouver Branch member Dr. Peter Moogk entertained guests with stories about Sir Isaac Brock - while holding an Isaac Brock action figure. Sir Isaac Brock played an important role in Canada's history during the War of 1812.

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Past Presidents UELAC Vancouver Branch

Carl Stymiest UE	2011-2012
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 (some exceptions)
Bonsor Rec Centre, Metrotown, Burnaby at 7:30 pm

President's Message

Spring/Summer 2012

Greeting from the desk of the Pacific Regional Vice President,

I was elected at the Winnipeg AGM as new Pacific Regional Vice President as Shirley Dargatz UE decided to retire her position of PRVP after so many years of hard work and dedication. There is no way, I will ever replace Shirley or fill her shoes, but I promise to do my level best in this new position with the support of my own branch and the other three branches of the Pacific region.

We are immensely pleased that Shirley was Honoured at the AGM and Gala Banquet in Winnipeg. At the AGM, she was presented a Proclamation by Carl Stymiest UE, UELAC Vancouver Branch President, and Robert Ferguson UE, UELAC Victoria Branch Past President on behalf of the Pacific Region from B.C.'s Lt. Gov. Stephen Point.

By Order in Council #903 from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II it is hereby Declared that BC has Proclaimed that **22 JULY** be known as "**LOYALIST DAY**" and will be celebrated annually by all branches of the Pacific Region. We are especially grateful to Past President, Robert Ferguson UE of Victoria Branch for pursuing this for the Pacific Region. We are now the fourth Province to have a 'Loyalist Day' along with New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

To Celebrate our FIRST "LOYALIST DAY" in BC; you are invited to join the Vancouver Branch for a "Loyalist Day Family Picnic" where we will have a flag ceremony and a reading of the New Proclamation at QUEENS PARK in New Westminster (the first capital of BC when it was a British Colony). If you cannot join us in New Westminster, I suggest that each branch Celebrate in their own way. Please inform me what your Branch will be doing to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment. Details to follow.....

Again our Sweet Shirley was feted at the Gala Banquet when she received the UELAC's most prestigious award, the **Dorchester Volunteer Award** granted to a member of the UELAC. *The UELAC Dorchester Award established October 2007 by Dominion Council exemplifies Volunteer Excellence and Participation, by conferring recognition on*

recipient(s), for their lengthy contribution to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Exclusive to the UELAC membership, this Award salutes the "best in volunteerism" amongst our members within the Association.

In June several Vancouver branch members attended the Manitoba Conference in Winnipeg 07-10 June 2010. What a wonderful time we had with our friends from other Canada UELAC branches.

On June 16, the Vancouver branch celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at a luncheon held in her honour. Our Guest Speaker, Keith Roy, Western Vice President of the Monarchist League of Canada spoke well and his Presentation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and Her New role in technology is certainly pertinent to what the Vancouver Branch is doing by having our own UELAC Vancouver Branch Website, as well as reaching out to the Public through our Webshots Photo Albums; Facebook Website and Twitter account.

To date we have had over 16,000 views to our website, Tweets and comments.

Twitter us: @VncrBranchUELAC

<https://www.facebook.com/vancouverbranch.uelac>

I look forward to visiting each Branch over the next year.

Loyally,

*President, Vancouver Carl Stymiest UE
Branch UELAC
Pacific Regional Vice President UELAC
Because they were Loyalists, we are
Canadians"~W.S.MacNutt*

Check us out at:

<http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/index.php>

Vancouver Branch Meetings

By Linda Nygard UE

Pictures by Linda Nygard UE

Presentation from B.C. Heritage Fairs

September 18th,
2012



Kirra Little UE –
Kirra is a
Vancouver Branch
member and she
was selected as a

participant in the B.C. Heritage Fairs who best represented our Loyalist history. Kirra brought her project to share with members. Kirra's subject was "Loyalists" and her presentation and story board were very well done. After Kirra's presentation, she answered questions from the audience.

Janet White UE presented another student's storyboard along with history of the War of 1812. Unfortunately this student was unable to attend our meeting.

Movie Night

The War of 1812 – Part I

October 16th, 2012

Members enjoyed a movie, popcorn and refreshments after an abbreviated general meeting.



Movie Night

The War of 1812 – Part II

November 20th, 2012

Judith Ueland distributed a handout with many good Internet links to The War of 1812.

Once again members enjoyed a movie, popcorn and refreshments.

AGM & Year in Review

January 15th, 2013

Gwen Dumfries UE is the new President of the Vancouver Branch, taking over from Carl Stymiest UE. Leslie Hammond offered to stand as Vice President. Congratulations to both of you.

Members new to the executive, and appointments, are Judith Ueland who will take over as Treasurer and Linda Watson UE who will assume the duties of Membership Chair. Thank you...

Member Jan Werner UE of Edmonton was a guest at our January meeting. She was visiting her parents, George Baldwin UE and his wife Bobbi.

After our AGM and regular meeting we watched a Slide Show of Vancouver Branch events from 2012 – **A Year in Review.**



Phillip EM Leith Award

Victoria
October 2012

**Pictures by Mary Anne Bethune UE*



Bob Ferguson UE of the Victoria Branch was selected co-recipient of the 2013 Phillip EM Leith Award - along with Gwen Dumfries UE of the Vancouver Branch. Bob was unable to attend the Vancouver Branch 80th Anniversary.

In October, Carl Stymiest UE, Mary Anne Bethune UE, Judy Sholtz UE and Shirley Dagartz UE travelled to Victoria to present Bob with his award.



Remembrance Day

New Westminster Cenotaph
Followed by lunch at a local restaurant

**Pictures by Janet White UE, Carl Stymiest UE*



Digital Land Petitions and Grants – free and online

1. Go to **Archivianet** and search the Upper Canada Land Petitions to get the source information for the grant you want to find.

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/upper-canada-land/index-e.html>

2. Go to "Microform Digitization" Search Help; Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865)

[http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-130-0011-](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-130-0011-e.html?PHPSESSID=de2j79ea0s3qhbom1fe4mnjk27#anc2)

[e.html?PHPSESSID=de2j79ea0s3qhbom1fe4mnjk27#anc2](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-130-0011-e.html?PHPSESSID=de2j79ea0s3qhbom1fe4mnjk27#anc2) Look for your Microfilm in this list. For example, if you want Microfilm C-2027 you will find that there are "5 C-2027". Narrow down your search by finding which of these five holds the record you want. Use the Bundle, Volume and Petition Number to zero in.

3. Go to [http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.02-](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.02-e.php?&q2=29&interval=50&sk=0&PHPSESSID=de2j79ea0s3qhbom1fe4mnjk27)

[e.php?&q2=29&interval=50&sk=0&PHPSESSID=de2j79ea0s3qhbom1fe4mnjk27](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.02-e.php?&q2=29&interval=50&sk=0&PHPSESSID=de2j79ea0s3qhbom1fe4mnjk27)

(LAC Microform Digitization, Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865))

Step 2 should have helped you figure out where in the microfilm your document is. Is it in the first section of C-2027 or towards the end? There are approximately 1100 pages in each of this microfilm. I type in a page number where I think my document might be. Then it is sort of trial and error but I can usually find what I am looking for in a couple minutes as each of the documents is numbered in order.

Vancouver Branch 80th Anniversary

October 13th, 2013



Founders' Luncheon

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

The Vancouver Branch celebrated its 80th Birthday surrounded by friends and family, some who travelled from the other 3 B.C. branches. Also present were our special guests, Dominion President Bob McBride UE and his wife Grietje. This was their first trip to the West Coast.

Dr. Peter Moogk UE entertained the crowd with stories about Sir Isaac Brock. This was in honour of the Bicentennial of the beginning of the War of 1812.



After a lovely lunch of salmon over wild rice, 27 certificates were presented to Vancouver Branch members. Ruth Alsemgeest UE received her first Loyalist certificate for Marmaduke Hutchinson Sr. Gwen Dumfries UE, the new President of the Vancouver Branch, received her first certificate for Loyalist John Ryckman. Family members John Dumfries UE, Dorothy Fenning UE, and Elizabeth Fenning UE also received their

certificates for John Ryckman. Missing were Bryan Burgess UE, Paul Burgess UE, Victoria Del Grasso UE, Dominic Del Grasso UE, Melaina



Del Grasso and Cameron Del Grasso – also recipients of first Loyalist certificates.

George Drake UE, husband of member Linda Drake UE, received his

first two certificates for Loyalists Frederick Praught and John Burhoe.

Sharron King UE proudly accepted her first 4 certificates for Loyalists Rulof Rulofson, Ebenezer Hatheway, James Fowler



and Joseph Canby. Sherry's brother, Michael King, also received his certificates for these four Loyalists at an earlier date.

Linda Watson UE received her first 4 certificates for Loyalists Charles Church, Michael Ogden, Jonathan Ogden, and Thomas Morrell.

Linda's mother, Clara Pearl UE received her first 3 certificates for



Loyalists Michael Ogden, Jonathan Ogden and Thomas Morrell.

Donna Little UE and her children Kiira and Kevin received their first certificates for Loyalist Samuel Aikens.



New President of the Vancouver Branch, Gwen Dumfries UE, was honoured as a *co-recipient of the Phillip EM Leith Award. Gwen is an

important part of our membership and before Branch President, was Membership Chair, Treasurer, Branch "knitter and crocheter", looked after our General Store at meetings and too much more to list here.

Congratulations Gwen. Well deserved. *Bob Ferguson (Victoria) was also a recipient of the Phillip EM Leith Award

**Christmas Luncheon
at the Drakes.**

Good food, good friends, good times...





The Honourable Judith Guichon OBC
Lieutenant Governor of B.C.
Sworn into office on November 2, 2012
<http://www.ltgov.bc.ca/default.htm>

The Piper's Toast



No explanation of "The Piper's Toast" would be complete unless some dissertation on the origins of the Piper and the pipes was provided.



City of Vancouver Proclamation congratulating the Vancouver Branch UELAC on its 80th Anniversary

Bagpipes are a Weapon of War

"The bagpipe is the only musical instrument deemed a weapon of war because it inspired its troops to battle and instilled terror into the enemy. The skirl of the pipes stirs men's and women's souls and its power and influence in battle as in life, is measurable".

The effects of the pipes on friend or foe are legendary crossing all cultural, geographic, economic and historical barriers. An examination of the origins and development of the pipes, their use among the ancient Celts and in modern warfare and life reveal their true and enduring significance.

The origins and history of the pipes is interesting as the world has known the pipes in one form or another for more than 5,000 years. Bagpipes were invented when people found they could make music by blowing into a hollow reed and eventually the idea of harnessing a bag for a reservoir of air evolved. References to pipes are made in the Pharonic literature of Ancient Egypt, the Ancient Holy Land Scriptures. During the days of the Roman Empire there are numerous references to the pipes being played and in fact it is widely believed that Nero himself played the pipes and that Rome fell to the sound of the pipes, not the fiddle as previously thought. It is quite probable that the Romans brought the pipes to Scotland during their invasions.

For more information search www.rcmpvetspei.ca/resources/.../The%20Piper's%20Toast.doc

In Memory of members...

Joyce Tiplady UE

Nov 23 1930 – Jan 15 2013

Joyce was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan but lived most of her life in Kerrisdale and West Point Gray, Vancouver.



She led an active social life and belonged to many varied groups including the Red Cross Water Safety and Royal Life Saving Societies, where she was an instructor. She belonged to the YWCA, the New Leaf Club, to the BC Genealogical Society, and the Dunbar United

Church. At one time in her life she was a Fuller Brush saleswoman and Joyce's son, David commented that she took a long time to make her rounds as a lot of her time was spent chatting with everyone. Joyce was a stamp collector, lawn bowler, bowler and she loved ballroom dancing and tap dancing. She was an avid gardener and a voracious reader. She had many, many friends, young and old, new and lifelong. Joyce was a woman who loved life and plunged in and enjoyed all that life offered her. She loved to travel. Joyce was fiercely independent and encouraged her children to be so.

Live life on your own terms.

At Joyce's service her UE Certificate and a picture with Carl were displayed.

Mary Anne Bethune UE

Margaret Joyce Tiplady UE received her long sought after UE certificate on 04 June 2005 at the Gala Banquet of the Annual Conference in Regina, SK. Joyce, who has lived most of her life in Vancouver, BC, was born in Moosejaw, SK. It was a thrill to see Joyce's surprise when Doug Grant UE, UELAC President, called Joyce to the podium to receive her certificate and Loyalist pin [Loyalist Ancestor: Arthur Orser UE] from Vancouver Branch Genealogist and Pacific Regional Councillor, Carl Stymiest UE.

(The Loyalist Gazette September 22, 2005)

Carl Stymiest UE

Duncan Cameron UE

Apr 19 1927 – 20 Jan 2013

Duncan was born in Stormont County, Ontario, the same place that his Loyalist ancestors – the McGregors, Munroes and Camerons - settled 225 years ago.



Below is Carl Stymiest UE's account of Duncan's service

I just returned from the Celebration of Life for Duncan followed by a wonderful reception after. The service was great with the sharing of the Slide presentation that is on

the Memorial site, as well as different people telling stories and relating events in which they had known Duncan.

I was so impressed with his eulogy and they not only mentioned his love of the Vancouver Branch UELAC and his great pride in receiving his certificate for Hugh McGregor several years ago, but also had his UE Certificate and Tricorn hat with his pin on it on the Altar Table. The Pastor had everyone close their eyes and picture a time or place when we were with Duncan. Immediately, my image was that of him receiving his certificate and Wendy and I presenting his Tricorn and pin. George Baldwin and wife, Bobbie were also present and George's image was that of Duncan phoning each month to relay that the meeting was happening and what the program was. George said he could not get a word in "edgewise" until Duncan finished his message; then the conversation began.

When the Pastor was going over the photos and items on the table, he did not quite know what the "hat" was called, so he asked. Not missing a chance to educate the masses I stood up and said that it was Duncan's TRICORN which he received with his "UE" certificate, something that he was very proud of achieving.

Web Sites that I Enjoy

Mary Anne Bethune UE

Historical Clothing and Accessories

<http://americanduchess.blogspot.ca/>

This is a delightful site which I have no idea of how I came across. I was probably looking at shoes for my UE outfit! There was Lauren, with a site focusing on "Historical Costume from the 16th to the 20th Century". Lauren is thoroughly enmeshed in re-enactment clothing and accessories and has provided an excellent source of ideas, links and shoes.

I confess that I've bought shoes from the "Duchess", not 1 pair, but 3 pair. Two of the pairs I've bought are the "Kensington" leather 1770 -1790 shoe, one red pair and one black pair. They are very comfortable and they have garnered many compliments. I have a pair of her buckles to fasten them. I have yet to succumb to the clocked silk stockings.

Lauren has created a site which will give you no end of ideas for the clothing of the Loyalist lady, her hairdos, corsets, undergarments, dresses and accessories. Read the site and weep, turn green with envy, but above all, enjoy!

The Social Security Death Master File

<http://sscmf.info>

An ominous name for an informative file. All the information is public information. You can look through this by calendar year from 1800 onwards, earlier Gregorian calendars provided for research convenience. You can also sort by name. This is an American site but I've found information about Canadians, depending of place of birth or residence, and also information about possible ancestors from other countries. There is a free link to information such as birth announcements, the father's occupation, addresses and who the informant was. Further links may necessitate joining other sites, but on this site you never know who you might find.

2013 Vancouver Branch Executive, UELAC

President	Gwen Dumfries UE
Vice President	Leslie Hammond
Treasurer	Judith Ueland
Secretary	Diane Faris UE
Past President	Carl Stymiest UE

Appointed	
Genealogists	Linda Nygard UE, Lynne Charles UE
Membership	Linda Watson UE
Archivist	Carl Stymiest UE (liason with City of Vancouver Archives)

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY MEETING "Black History Month" 19 February 2013 (7:30)
Wayde Compton speaker <http://www.waydecompton.com>

St. Patrick's Day Parade 17 March 2013
Followed by lunch at a local restaurant

NO MARCH MEETING

APRIL MEETING "Peter Warren Dease" 16 April 2013
Warren Bell UE speaker
http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/dease_pw.shtml

B.C. Heritage School Fairs April/May

NO MAY MEETING

Multicultural Festival, New Westminster Quay 19 May 2013

Spring Fleet at Chilliwack 4 May 2013
Dominion President Bob McBride UE will present certificates

UELAC Conference (Burlington, ON) 30 May – 2 June 2013

JUNE MEETING TBA

B.C. Highland Games, Coquitlam 23 June 2013

B.C. Loyalist Day 21 July 2013
Queen's Park, New Westminster (Shelter #2) 11:00 – 2:00

Brigade Days, For Langley 5 August 2013
Summer Branch Picnic

NEWSLETTER

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

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