



The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

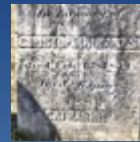
Vancouver Branch

The Pacific Loyalist

December 2020 update for members during the COVID-19 pandemic



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UE Vancouver Branch Virtual **Christmas gathering** -
 Sunday, December 13, 2020
 starting at 2:00 pm via Zoom
 Plan ahead – mark your calendar. Find your
 favourite, oldest or most sentimental Christmas
 ornament to share with the group.




The Vancouver Branch Christmas gathering is a much-loved event. We looked forward to the table full of treats, both savoury and sweet, that members brought each year to the luncheon. This year we will remain safe in our homes and enjoy each other company via a low-calorie Zoom gathering. No business agenda, just fun and the joy of seeing each other. We will have a toast to our Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II followed by a time to share one by one. The special feature of the party will be Carl Stymiest's slides and talk - "My Childhood Christmas Memories in Atlantic Canada." *See you then.*



Once in War

By Kirra Little UE,
Vancouver Branch Poet Laureate

I died one day
When the dawn was new
And the sound of sirens pierced my skull
Straight through
The desperate cries
From a place
Where wounded lay to die
In disarray
As those who can
Run for bunkers against the bullet rain
As the enemy guns them down
We have lost good men that way
Once upon a time
Just yesterday
Beneath the plain
Of wires when earth was wet
And stationed you in place
Like suction cups
With the awful schluk
Of poorly put together boots
The siren split the silence
I heard after Ben was gunned beside me
Eyes cast up in his pale face
Daughter's picture 'gainst his chest
Another broken promise
To my motherless niece
As her father's broken watch ran red
As her hair
On a summers day that tends to sweep
About in the breeze

I died that day
When the sun near set
And they laid him down in the cold and wet
Far from the field in which he fell
Sent back in a box across the isle
It stared me down
Like I was next
To lie beside our mother
In the mucky land of broken hearts
Where my own child lay
Wife having laboured while I was away
To bring a boy to life
That never made it past a day
A fact I was horribly thankful for
Knowing my son would never have to endure

The risk one takes in the horrors of war
And my neice
Who watched her father's coffin lowered
Stood at attention like she had done this before
Veteran at the age of ten
She'd served her time in armies past
But was not prepared to say her last goodbye
To a man she barely knew
Nor witness the guilt her uncle lived through
With his wife who cared for the girl
With the blood red hair
Who fixed her father's watch to start anew

I died one day
When the dawn was new
And age had gripped me
Like it tends to do
Nightmares roared for a decade or two
Until Ben's granddaughter
Learned to walk
With eyes as bright as the sky is blue
And traces of my brothers smile
Oft show in the dimples on her cheeks
From a man she never knew
And never will
Beyond the poppy's at his grave
She'd sit still
And listen to the winds that ghosts do fill
As though he spoke at her
From beneath the earth
To tell of his pride for the little girl
With sunshine hair
Whom he never saw
But in her eyes his laugh was set
And the wind once told me not to fret
As I watched her walk
Beside the man she never met

I died the day
The sun rose late
And a strayed heart string had sealed my fate
Just like my father I never woke
The mist on the field much like the smoke
In the fray of wires I longed to forget
And in my last breath I held one regret
Still wondering after all these years just why
I hadn't been the one to die
That day when the dawn was new
When I saved myself but couldn't save you

First read to the UELAC Chilliwack Branch in November
2018

Discovery

I am you and you are me;
Yet you lay unknown to me
for hundreds of years.

I do not mean to disturb your peace
But somehow I know you are pleased that I have.

I have heard stories of you and others,
but never really knew who or where you were
and how you brought me to this place that I call home.

You have changed my identity and strengthened my pride
to be Canadian and to know my story through yours.

You, through your grandson, my brother,
have introduced me to my family of generations.
In a place where I was alone.
Only to find out that this is also my home

So I trust that you won't mind me disturbing your peace
To say hello and know that you are not forgotten.

G. D. Smith



A simple poem about my Loyalist ancestors

By Greg D. Smith

In later October our Membership chairperson, Glenn Smith UE sent a message to the executive members saying; “I want to share with you a poem that my Brother wrote this morning.” Glenn went on to say that over the course of the past 18 months he has shared his research findings with brother Greg who took a keen interest. Greg lives in the Ottawa area and he has been able to confirm many of Glenn’s findings by visiting cemeteries near where he lives and locating many of their Loyalist ancestor’s burial sites. Greg took the photograph of the headstones.

Shortly before Glenn became a member of the Vancouver Branch he and wife, along with one of his 3 brothers and wife, travelled extensively throughout the Upper Canada area as well as upstate New York. At that time their strong Loyalist ties through their mother’s side of the family were still

unknown to them.

Glenn has since proven his two Hanes ancestors and he and our Branch Genealogist are working on 5 more connections including cousin Colonel John Crysler UEL (1768-1852) and the Hartle Loyalists - which means Linda and Glenn also have a cousin connection!

Greg Smith lives in Russell Township in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, Ontario

He gave permission for his poem to be published. It was his first attempt at storytelling.

Glenn was also willing to share a lovely family photo from 1966 as well as a recent photo of the four brothers.

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Photos clockwise from the top left: Smith Family in 1966 / Glenn with Branch Genealogist, Linda Nygard UE / 5 x Great Grandfather Christopher Hanes UEL (1758-1844) and 5 x Great Grandmother Catharine (Empey) Hanes (1761-1838) Willis Cemetery, Lunenburg, Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry United Counties, Ontario / Brothers - Glenn, Ron, Grant & Greg

Quaker Descendants

Like many others you may feel confused by the terms Quakers, Separatists, Puritans and Mayflower descendants. Vancouver Branch member Janet White UE has done a lot of Quaker and Mayflower genealogy. Her Loyalist ancestors, the John CARL family, were Quakers. John fought with Butler's Rangers. As Janet exclaims: "What on earth was a pacifist doing in a Regiment?" Someone nicely explained to her that he probably worked in the Stores. Lucky for Janet and other researches the Quakers kept wonderful records.



She mentioned in her email messages to the editor that they did not believe in headstones for graves. Names and dates were placed on the headstones in their new Friends Cemetery in Pelham, within the Niagara region near the city of Welland, when they moved bodies from the CARL, MISENER, BALL (UEL) Cemetery in Port Robinson, Ontario to make way for the first Welland Canal.

She said that the only whole stone left in the old Cemetery is a big one, about six feet long...for Barbara BENDER, wife of Leonard MISENER, with info on it about their trip up to Canada from New Jersey with their cattle. Although this old cemetery was on John CARL's land, his and his wife's bodies had to be moved as the new canal cut through his land. Many of the 75 bodies had to be moved.

For further research see: A Quaker Connection to Loyalist Women, by Stephen Davidson <http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/2015/Loyalist-Trails-2015.php?issue=201549#Women>

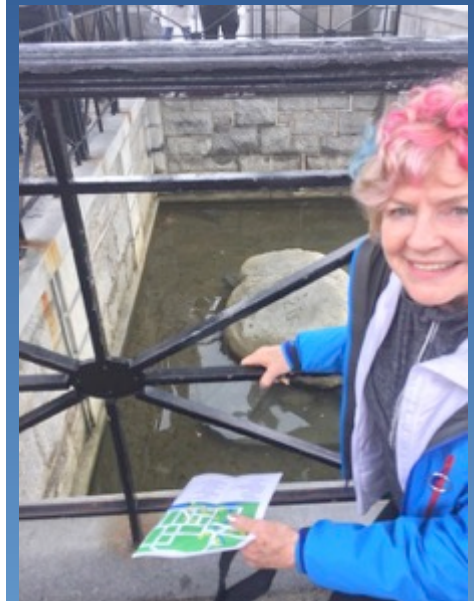
Mayflower Descendants

Janet was in Plymouth in 2019, on a bike trip down the Eastern seaboard, and was VERY touched with the whole atmosphere there. She has found eight people from the MAYFLOWER that managed to survive and become her ancestors. She has proofs for all except one who died at sea... Her MAYFLOWER ancestors are:

1. **John HOWLAND** (born in Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire England); died 23 Feb. 1672/3 in Barnstable Co., Plymouth) who married (25 March 1623 in Plymouth, Barnstable Co.
2. **Elizabeth TILLEY** (born 30 Aug. 1607, Henlow, Bedfordshire, England and died 21 Dec. 1587, Bristol, MASS [now East Providence, Rhode Island.]

Janet White UE

A LOYALIST RESEARCHES BOTH THE MAYFLOWER AND THE QUAKERS



"My John CARL family were Quakers and I was always amazed that he fought with Butler's Rangers. What on earth was a pacifist doing in a Regiment?"

The 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower on Cape Cod was November 11, 2020

Janet's research story continues

3. **John TILLEY** (born bef. 19 Dec 1571, in Henlow, Bedfordshire, England and died between 06 Dec 1620/1621, the first winter, in Plymouth Colony) and

4. **Joan Hurst ROGERS** (Elizabeth's parents) who was born before 13 March 1567/68, in Henlow, Bedfordshire, England and died in the winter between 1620/1621, Plymouth Colony)

5. **Stephen HOPKINS** (30 May 1581 in Upper Clatford, Hampshire, England - Betw. 06 June and 17 July 1644, Plymouth MASS) who married (19 Feb 1617/18 in St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, London, Middlesex, England

6. **Elizabeth FISHER**, born abt. 1585 in England and died between 1639 and 1644. Their daughter was Damaris II HOPKINS (born May 1628 in Plymouth, MASS - and died before Nov. 1669). She married the son of Hester MAHIEU [a French Walloon, born in Canterbury, Kent; died 08 June, 1666 in [Burial Hill], Plymouth who was married 20 Jan 1603, in the French Walloon Church (Protestant) in Leiden, Holland to 7. **Francis COOKE** (with their son, the only three of my ancestors coming from Leiden). **Francis' picture is in the Leiden MAYFLOWER Museum.**

Their son Jacob COOKE, Sr. (born 18 Jan 1647 in South Leiden, Holland - died before Nov. 1669) married (after 10 June 1646 in Plymouth) Damarius II (see above)

8. **Edward Planter DOTY** (14 May 1598 England - 23 August 1655 Plymouth, MASS) married (09 Jan 1634/35) Faith CLARKE (06 Jan 1618, Ipswich, Suffolk, England - 21 Dec 1675 (Winslow Cemetery, Marshfield, Plymouth Co., MASS)

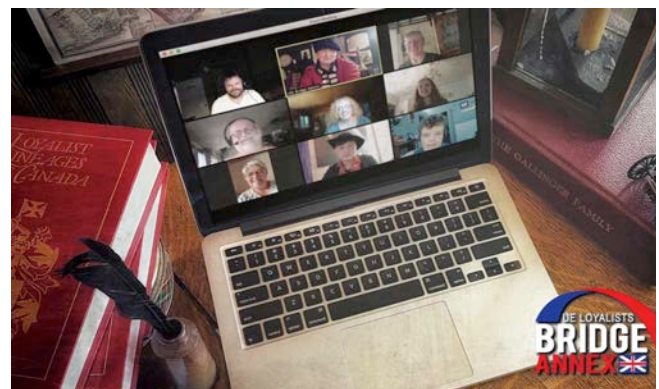
The tree continues to grow for Janet and her family. She would be happy to hear from anyone with Mayflower connections.

Get ready for a memorable
EXPERIENCE in May 2021!



Join the rEvolution has never been a more apt slogan than it is now.

Bridge Annex, the 1st virtual branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC), is proud to announce we will be hosting the first virtual conference in UELAC history!





Retirements from the Scholarship Committee

Vancouver is one of the UELAC branches that have made an annual commitment to scholarship through branch donations. In 2020 these branches also include Assiniboine, Bicentennial, Colonel John Butler (Niagara), Governor Simcoe, Grand River, Kawartha, and New Brunswick.

Vancouver Branch involvement in the UELAC Scholarship program has a long history. In her report to the October 2020 Board of Director's meeting Chair of the Scholarship Committee, **Bonnie Schepers UE** wrote: "This year **Peter Moogk UE**, Vancouver retired as a member of the committee. His insight and experience will be missed. Since 2010 the UELAC scholarship program benefited from his academic expertise and extensive knowledge of Loyalist history. We extend our thanks for Peter's contributions and wish him well."

Bonnie is also retiring as Chair of the scholarship committee effective December 31, 2020. She took on the role of committee chair in 2015 at the end of her term as Dominion President. Five years later we have seen the establishment of a growing scholarship program.

When Bonnie took on leadership of the scholarship committee there was just over \$200 in the scholarship fund. In the past five years we have raised over \$59,000.00 in donations to scholarship and established the **Scholarship Endowment Fund** ensuring future growth. We have also seen a growing rapport with the students supported by UELAC. It is a winning combination for our Association.

The Vancouver Branch extends a sincere thank you to both Bonnie and Peter.



Bonnie Schepers UE, Gerry Brown UE & Peter Moogk UE at the 2015 UELAC Conference in Victoria BC



The Scholarship Committee 2020 Certificate of Appreciation to the Vancouver Branch, arrived on November 20th from the UELAC Head Office.

Congratulations to Vancouver members whose Loyalist certificates were approved in 2020 through the work of our Genealogist.

Tom Babcock UE (3) for Loyalists (1) Jacob Powley; (2)

Francis Powley; (3) Benjamin Babcock

Mary Harris UE (3) for Loyalists (1) Jacob Powley; (2) Francis Powley; (3) Benjamin Babcock

Cheryl Hillis UE for Loyalist Peter Gordon

Bob Leonard UE for Loyalist Jeremiah Storm

Denny Lloyd UE for Loyalist Conrad Sills (Dennis Lachlin Lloyd UE passed away July 29, 2020)

Steve Schweyen UE for Loyalist John McKown

Carl Stymiest UE for Loyalist William Wishart

Christopher Wilcott UE for Loyalist Abner Wolcott

Christine Wright UE for Loyalist John Williston



*Mail arrives from UELAC
Dominion office with UE
certificates! Thank you Linda
Nygard UE.*



Birthday Delight and Dismay

In the classy and unique style we have come to expect from our Branch Hospitality Hosts - Ed and Rose Marie Curylo celebrated Ed's 80th birthday COVID-19 style. Ed had received a copy of the **LOYALISTS AT TABLE 18th Century Cookbook** published in 2020 by the St. Lawrence Branch. That inspired him to start baking - a chocolate birthday cake and sourdough bread - using starter from his brother-in-law who lives in the Chilliwack River Valley.

Rose Marie shared the following with us: "In this "stay home" environment we are now enjoying, the only activity Ed wanted to include on his birthday was to climb the 1,001 Steps in Ocean Park." She added: "when we lived in White Rock we would drive over to Ocean Park and climb the stairs up to 17 times consecutively - we used to be in good shape!"

On his birthday the couple got organized and drove to Ocean Park ready to climb. Rose Marie took a picture of Ed's dismay at the "Closed" sign!