

March Zoom meeting was a success!

Vancouver Branch Zoom meeting on March 16, 2021n was a great success. Thank you to our President Coco Aders-Weremczuk for researching and presenting the YouTube segments by Professor **Carol Ruth Berkin**, an American historian and author specializing in women's role in American colonial history. Together the segments gave us a clear and at times emotional look at the life and times of both our Loyalist women and the women of patriot families. Your Branch executive is thankful that these kinds of online resources are available to us and that we have learned to use and appreciate the features of Zoom Communication so we can stay connected.

April Zoom gathering with guest speaker Jim Benedict.

We will be together with the members of all four Pacific Region branches on **April 17th at 2 pm PDT**. The Zoom link will be sent by email from each branch.

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Exciting news from our Pacific Region Vice President... a UELAC Pacific Region – **all member** - Zoom gathering is planned for Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 2 pm. Guest Speaker will be Jim Benedict from Calgary, AB on **Succession Proofing**. Mark your calendar now and plan to take part.

Succession Proofing- a Succession Plan on what to do with all those records, trees, photographs, etc you collected over the years. Where do they go after we are gone?



UELAC 2021: Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 27	8:30 am	Welcome to UELAC 2021! Expanded 2021 Website content (upload*)
	10:00 am -11:00 am	LIVE Event: Ask a Genealogist: 1-hour open LIVE chat
	11:00 am -12:30 pm	UELAC Genealogists Meeting
	1:30 - 3:00 pm	UELAC Membership Chairs Meeting
	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Taste of New Johnstown: Cooking Demo (upload)
	7:00 - 8:00 pm Registration Required	LIVE Event: Stuart Manson presents <i>Loyalist Cemeteries in Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry</i> ; Q&A to follow
8:30 pm	Legends, Lore & Haunted History (upload/or LIVE event)	
Friday, May 28	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	UELAC Annual General Meeting (AGM)
	8:30 am	Special Content on Military History (upload)
	10:00 am -11:00 am	LIVE Event: Ask a Genealogist: 1-hour open LIVE chat
	3:00 - 4:00 pm Registration Required	LIVE Event: Virtual Tour Q&A onsite! Cornwall & Stormont County (incl: the Lost Villages)
	7:00 - 8:00 pm Registration Required	LIVE Event: Nathan Tidridge presents <i>The Relationship Between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Crown</i> ; Q&A to follow
8:30 pm	LIVE Event: <i>Tales from the Tavern</i> - Join reenactors at the tavern for tall tales and more. Interactive event!	
Saturday, May 29	8:30 am	Special Content on Colonial History (upload)
	11:30 am-12:30 am	LIVE Event: Memorial Project: Honouring John Baker & War of 1812 Veteran Medal Ceremony
	2:00 - 3:00 pm Registration Required	LIVE Event: Virtual Tour Q&A onsite! Glengarry County
	6:00 - 7:00 pm	UELAC Gala & Awards Ceremony
	7:00 - 8:00 pm Registration Required	LIVE Event: Gala Keynote: Tim Comepeau presents <i>The Loyalist's Honour: Political Death and Rebirth in Revolutionary North America</i> ; Q&A to follow
	8:00 pm	An Evening of Merriment: Music (FREE music download with All Access Pass), tavern food & drink recipes, tavern games (upload)
	8:30 pm	Legends, Lore & Haunted History (upload and/or LIVE)
Sunday, May 30	8:30 am	Special Content on Discover Your Loyalist Roots (upload)
	10:00 - 10:30 am	Church Service (upload)
	1:00 - 2:00 pm Registration Required	LIVE Event: <i>In Conversation</i> with Steve Fulton, Past-President Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Intermediate-Advanced Level; Q&A to follow
	7:00 - 8:00 pm Registration Required	LIVE Event: Jennifer DeBruin presents <i>Traitors, Spies & Heroes: Loyalist Espionage during the American Revolution</i> ; Live Q&A to follow
	8:30 pm	Legends, Lore & Haunted History (upload and/or LIVE)

All times listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST) | Schedule Subject to change | *Upload to page stated

The registration fee is very affordable. Type the following into your search bar:

<https://uelbridgeannex.com/conference-registration>

This will also be the time for the UELAC Annual General Meeting on Friday the 28th, Committee Meetings (the Membership and Genealogy Chairs attend these), the Gala Awards Ceremony and the Church Service. These events are member based and you do not need to register for the conference to attend. Watch Loyalist Trails and the your email for further details as we get closer to the date.

What actually is a Spring Fleet or a Fall Fleet?

We use the term casually for a meeting held in May or October or for a larger Pacific Region wide celebration luncheon with a speaker. But why do we use the term? If your Loyalist ancestor and family arrived by ship to the shores of Nova Scotia they arrived in fleets of ships used to evacuate New York in 1783.

The following paragraph is found on the **Admiral Digby Library & Historical Society website**. <http://admiraldigbymuseum.ca/>

“Following the surrender of New York, Admiral Digby allied with Sir Guy Carleton, who demanded that Washington honour his promise, allowing the United Empire Loyalists to leave the county “honourably and without molestation.” The pair blatantly informed President Washington that if his promises were not kept, they would resume hostilities without any further warning. The two also stated that they would not wait for formal permission



from the London authorities.

These two brave commanders saved thousands of Loyalists from a life of misery and possible death that by all accounts, would have been ruthless. President Washington seemed to have taken the commanders very seriously, and the fleet of ships carrying about 1500 Loyalists headed towards Nova Scotia. They arrived in Conway (later renamed “Digby” in 1787) in early June of 1783, with Admiral

Digby commanding the ship *Atalanta*.”

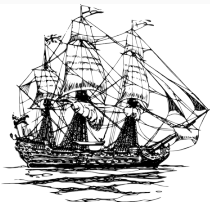
Admiral Robert Digby (20 December 1732 – 25 February 1815)

On February 15, 2021, Nova Scotia Heritage Day, Brian McConnell UE announced publication of his 5th book, entitled "The Loyalists of Digby". Brian is the author of 5 non-fiction books.

If you would like to read more about Digby – the admiral and the town’s Loyalist settlers order a copy of this new book. Reach out to him on Facebook or contact him by email, at novascotia@uelac.org.



If you want to read more about the Loyalist ships a good place to begin is on the UELAC Dominion website. Find the word *Resources* in the menu and then look for the subheading *Migration by Ship*. The table provides basic details on a number of Loyalist ships.



If your Loyalist ancestor sailed to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Quebec do you know the name of the ship?

Period Costume ('pɪərɪəd 'kɒstjuːm)

or period dress

n. The attire typical of a particular period in time

Vancouver Branch members have not had an opportunity to appear at meetings or special events in period attire for some time. Many newer members have asked about period dress. With just two years until the Pacific Regions hosts the UELAC 2023 conference now might be a good time to think about this.

Why do we want to wear period clothing?

You will appreciate this paragraph from Anne Redish UE Genealogist and Acting Secretary of Kingston and District Branch that appeared in a publicity announcement for a talk she delivered in March 2018. She is a former Queen's University instructor of Costume Design and Creation, and Stage Management.

“Using clothing as a gateway, we can learn about the day to day details of their lives. Clothing can tell us about the people, their heritage, their work, and give us information about their crops and industry. If we choose to do our best to dress as they would have, it may help us to imagine what it would be like as a 'Loyalist immigrant or refugee' to be in their 'shoes', or petticoat, or cap!”

How can we help each other find suitable period clothing?

When in-person meetings are again possible we can make time for a clothing exchange. The Branch owns patterns that can be shared and we have a few remaining clothing items purchased years ago from the costume department of a locally produced TV series.

Anne Redish had good advice which was reported in the Spring 2018 Ottawa Loyalist: *“She also emphasized that when planning your period clothing ensemble, consider the time period you want to represent, ie before the exodus to Upper Canada when they had a well established lifestyle, or afterwards when they were starting over with very little. For authenticity, consult primary sources (museum, art work from the period) and try to use materials that would have been available at the time (no spandex!)”*

The question about our mob caps. During our email discussion Anne shared this information:

“The blue UELAC 1981 and 1993 Loyalist Clothing Guide shows the mob caps in error. It was commonly misunderstood to be the same as the Loyalist era cap. Caps of the Loyalist era came in a variety of types, other than mob cap. The images below are more typical. The second image gives a good look at the front, back and sides. The wide decorative ribbon covers the ties at the center back. Older women are shown with the cap tied under the chin more often than young women.”

Perhaps post-pandemic and sewing party to construct headwear that is more period-appropriate would be a fun way to spend a Saturday together.



What is in these boxes?

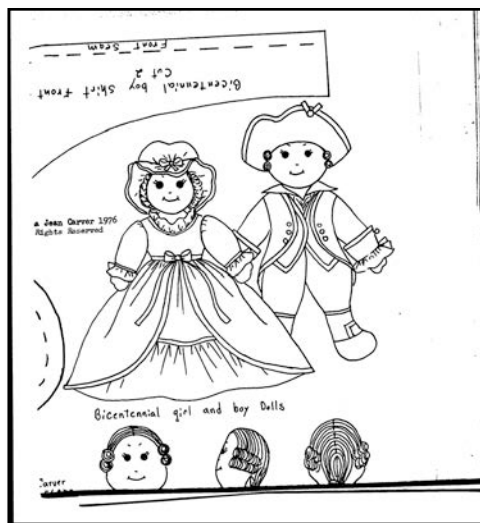


Our Branch mascot, **Young John**, is just as curious and confused as you might be. Two full bankers boxes of period clothing patterns, some Loyalist appropriate and many less so have been in our Storage unit for many years. Over the next few months these boxes will be tidied, sorted and catalogued. Is there is something special you would like to use, please feel free to ask Christine Manzer to have a look. We can safely check the supply using photos and arrange for a curbside visit.

Our Storage unit is carefully monitored and moisture absorbers are always replaced when needed so the patterns are fresh smelling.

Another treasure from our storage:

If you are interested in the doll - the pattern is complete and available to share. It is called a Bicentennial doll. There is a pattern for the body and the clothing for both the boy and girl. This pattern was ordered in 1985 from a company in Minnesota.



Branch members have attended Vancouver City Schools to adjudicate participating classes for 10 years. In 2021 UE members will be online to listen to and question the participants allowing the students and teachers to continue this valuable program.



Bringing Kids Together to make Canadian history come alive.

The BC Heritage Fairs Society (BCHFS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of history of Canada's young people. It is run entirely by volunteers. The province wide organization began in 2003 and each year some 4,000 students participate and 700 volunteers work with the children, their teachers, and community museum staff in Heritage Fair Programs across the province of British Columbia.

The BC Heritage Fairs Society wants all young people to become curious about Canadian history. After all how can we make the future better if we don't learn from the past. We have to ask questions and formulate strategies to understand why the past went the way it did and we have to learn what went wrong so we don't do that again.

The Vancouver Branch of the UELAC has been a proud participant and supporter of the BC Heritage Fairs Program since 2010.

Excerpt from Coco Aders-Weremczuk's report to the members in February 2021

<http://bcheritagefairs.ca/about/>



The Loyalist Rose

Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the coming of the Loyalists

This antique rose, identified as "Maiden's Blush" of the Rosa Alba family, is illustrated in many Renaissance paintings.

It was taken to England from Damascus during the Crusades. In 1773, John Cameron of Clunes and Mary Cameron of Glen Nevis brought the rose with them when they emigrated to Sir William Johnson's estates in the Mohawk Valley of New York.

In 1776, John Cameron joined the King's Royal Regiment of New York. After the Revolution, the family carried the rose with them on their 230-mile trek over the Appalachians to the Cornwall area. It grows today in the Ottawa Valley in the gardens of the descendants of John and Mary Cameron.

Two hundred years later in 1976, Ethel MacLeod, a descendant, registered "The Loyalist Rose" with the International Registration Authority for Roses. She donated it to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada to mark the Bicentennial for the American Revolution and the coming of the Loyalists to Canada.

It is a cupped very double fragrant pale pink rose fading to white, bushy, densely branched blooming well in June.

Source: *Branch President's Manual, UELAC*

It is now 245 years since John Cameron joined the King's Royal Regiment of New York. Learn more at:

<http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Projects/Victoria-Rose-Garden.php>

The first edition of the UELAC Vancouver Branch with the name **The Pacific Loyalist** was issued in the Fall of 2002.

Archived issues of the newsletter from 2002 forward can be found at:
<http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/newsletter.php>

Suggestions, comments and stories are always welcome.

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Photographs taken at Members' Meetings and events by our Branch photographers, as a record of the meetings, may appear in this newsletter. Those who do not want their photos to appear in our publications can let the photographer know.

Please feel free to pass this Newsletter on to your friends and family.

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