

## Vancouver Branch installs a new Executive at a well attended Zoom AGM on February 16, 2021

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*Membership:* Glenn Smith, UE

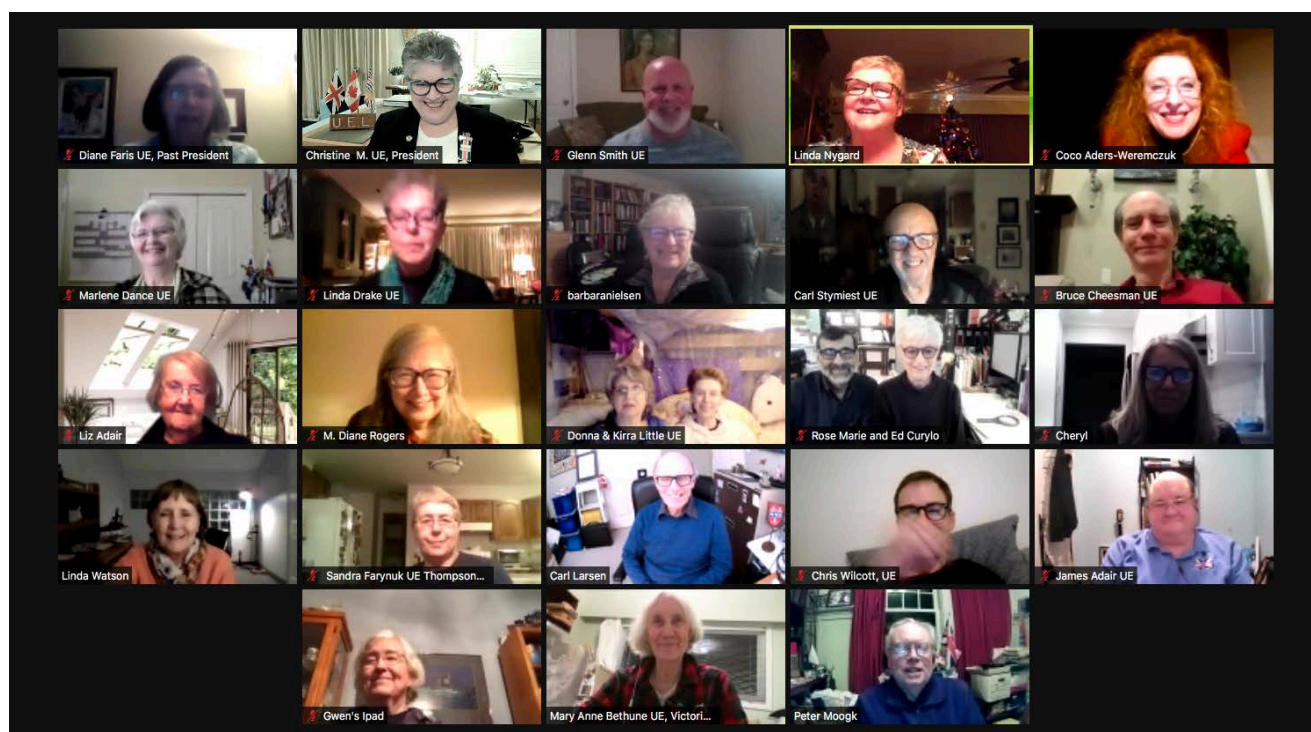
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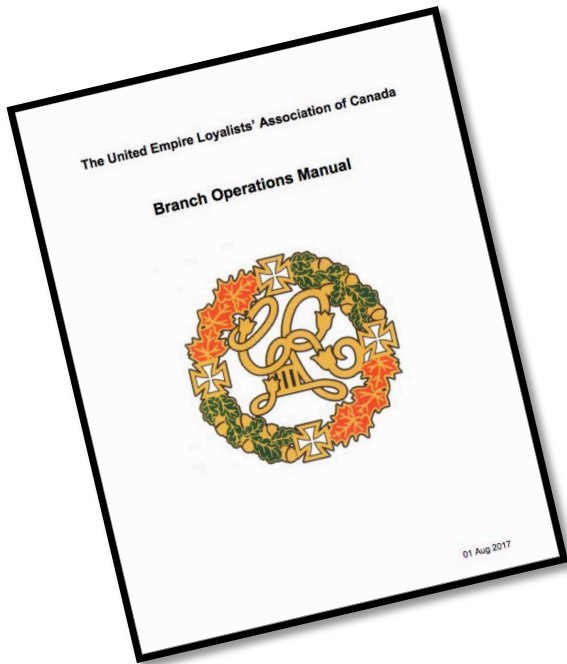
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Do you wonder how the President and the rest of the Executive know what to do and what traditions play a role in our meetings and events?

The **Branch Operations Manual** is a working document. There will always be new policies and procedures as well as amendments to the older guidelines that will be placed in this e-manual.

Originally developed in 2002, the Branch President's Manual was adapted and reformatted for the electronic medium in 2010. The latest version was completed in April 2017



Each member of our Branch Executive is given access to a password protected website called UELAC Executive Information where this manual is found. In addition - new information is being added to UELAC.ca where the CiviCRM database of members is located.

Some of the proven or researching Loyalist ancestors represented by the Executive members include John BURLEY, Henry & Basnet DELL, John & James APPLEBY, Adam & Johannes HARTLE, Christopher J. & Joseph HANES, CRYSLER, CRYDERMAN, John MANZER, Daniel PARENT, Amber WILCOTT.

Our Branch is fortunate because our Genealogist Linda Nygard UE keeps up our classic membership list with the names of each of our Loyalist ancestors.



Photo on the right: Dundurn Park, United Empire Loyalists' marker, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

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## mast•head mǎst'hěd"

*n.* The title of a newspaper or periodical as it appears across the first page, front cover, or title page.

The Vancouver Branch is very fortunate to have been gifted a new newsletter masthead courtesy of our member Susan Sullivan and her graphic designer at FMS Creative. Some of you will also know Susan as a graphic genealogist at [Family Ancestrees](#).



**Pacific Loyalist editor, Christine Manzer and Susan conducted this Q&A interview early in 2021.**

**PL:** Your Loyalist is Benjamin Baker who settled in Ontario. As you were growing up were you aware of your Loyalist heritage? Did family members talk about it? If not, how did you make this discovery?

**SS:** I did not even know what a Loyalist was growing up! I knew that my great grandmother Lucy Buchanan died in childbirth of my grandfather. In 2010, when I started my family history, I found out that Lucy was named for her grandmother Lucy Baker. Thru trying to research Lucy Baker I found her burial place and also a tombstone of her parents James Baker and Margaret Gallinger. I was thrilled to see such on old stone. I did continue to research on the pedigree of both James and Margaret and found that they belong to a great group of settlers referred to as United Empire Loyalists. Still, though I had no understanding of what that meant.

I attend the Maple Ridge Family History group and met Chris Hay who brought in his official Loyalist certificate one evening and I thought to my myself that maybe it was something to know more about.

Loyalists have been slowly growing on me. I have read the Loyalist Trilogy and prequel by Elaine Cougler, Liberty's Exiles by Maya Jananoff, David McCullough's 1776, and New York, the Novel, by Edward Rutherfurd. These are all great stories that have given me insights to the American Revolution and all its conflicts.

Also in 2018 I came to conclusion about who my father's biological parents were. I discovered that my father's Paternal grandmother was a descendant of another Loyalist, Daniel Anson Buck. Daniel and his father Samuel fought under General Burgoyne and landed in Sorel, Quebec. The Buck family hailed from Connecticut by way of Vermont.

**PL:** Have you been able to learn as much as you want about Benjamin Baker? Is there anything you could share with our readers especially those who also have Loyalists who settled in Stormont County, Ontario?

**SS:** I wish I knew more about Benjamin Baker. I knew he was born in Connecticut and his father died when he was young and his mother not long after. There is a very slim paper trail. His guardian was his father's brother who also died young. Eventually Benjamin turns up in Albany New York. He is a manufacturer of alkaline salts and has a business partner who remained American. My understanding is that he did not take up arms. He did give up his business and property. He was a prisoner before moving his family to Canada and the Stormont area. \*\*

I eventually hope to meet other descendants of Benjamin Baker and share what we know about him and his Loyalist stories.

As a schoolgirl I went to **Upper Canada Village**. I returned there a few years ago and was excited to soak up all the exhibits and workings of the site. There is a beautiful area where tombstones from flooded cemeteries were placed into a wall. It was researching that I came to understand how many farms were submerged when the St Lawrence Seaway was expanded.

**PL:** Since first seeing your Family Ancestrees at a Finding Your Roots seminar in Surrey a few years ago I have been interested in how this idea developed for you. Tell us a bit about what Family Ancestrees is and how UE members can reach you if interested in this special kind of “tree”.

**SS:** My retirement business “Family Ancestrees” designs art to commemorate your ancestry. This has developed a few ways. First it was posters, then DIY charts were added and more recently I’ve been designing books for people. Everything I do is custom and uses research that you provide. This year I am offering services to bring your idea to creation – whatever it is you are dreaming of.

In 2019 I was asked to make a presentation at “Finding Your Roots” and it was a great exercise for me. I started with a poem idea that I had heard about “Where I am from” and combined it with photos. The bottom left features Loyalists. I love this and would be very happy to create something special like this to anyone that wants to create these memories. My ultimate mission is to get family historians research out of computers and boxes and into ART for display in their home. Commemorate their Ancestors... they made us who we are.

This Spring I decided to spend a week or two devoted to researching my Loyalist Pedigree. I started with using one of my 8 -generation DIY charts and started to plow through online books. I spent a day at the **BCGS library** poking around in the **Loyalist section** to see what I might find there. I chose Lucy Baker as my “Gateway Loyalist Descendant” and plotted out the family as I was digging. I still have work to do as I have reached some dead ends that require a deeper dive.

**\*\*** The upcoming UELAC Dominion conference will feature Stormont, Ontario that Susan mentions.

See page 5 for information about this unique virtual conference and meetings.

**UELAC Vancouver Branch honours Loyalist women!**  
International Women’s Day is March 8<sup>th</sup>.  
- <http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/>

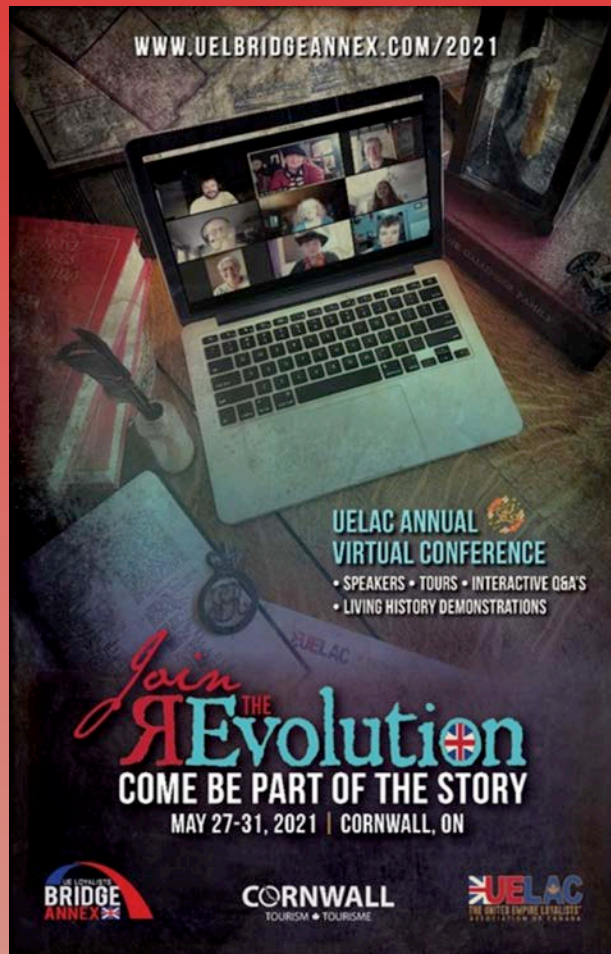
*A memorial in Hamilton, Ontario recognizes the hardships endured by the United Empire Loyalists.*



**Grace Growden Galloway (1727-1782)**  
was the wife of loyalist Joseph Galloway.

**Branch Zoom Meeting.**  
Tuesday March 16, 2021 7 pm  
Our new President, Coco, has plans for a special recording we will enjoy. Watch your email and the Facebook page called **UELAC Vancouver Branch for details.**  
Below is an example of a recent posting by our new 2nd VP, Chris Wilcott UE.





Have you always wanted to go to the Dominion conference but the cost of airfare and hotel accommodation was out of reach? Then 2021 is the year to attend! Bridge Annex, the 1st virtual branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC), is proud to be hosting the first virtual conference in UELAC history! **Save the dates – May 27–31, 2021**

The registration fee is very affordable. <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.

A note from Sue Hines, UELAC President: “The AGM it will be a pre-registration only, as it was last year so we can avoid any Zoom crashing. There will be a link on the members’ only site with the AGM package that people will have to click and register by the date on the site in order to be admitted.”

**If you have a Loyalist ancestor from Ontario’s United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry you will not want to miss this virtual conference.**



## A Wonderful gift to the UELAC Archives in historic George Brown House in Toronto.

Carl Stymiest UE, Pacific Regional Vice President UELAC, is the Archivist for the Vancouver Branch and he is the UELAC Dominion Archivist. With quick thinking and action he was able to purchase the pure silver coin commemorating Black History: The Black Loyalists - Only 5500 were minted.

It is Carl's plan to donate this beautiful coin, in its display case as seen in the photo above, to the Dominion Archives. Thank you Carl for your thoughtfulness.

The \$20 pure silver coin dated 2021 shows the "coat of arms" of the Black Loyalist Heritage Society, which has a number of symbols including a ship's wheel to represent bringing settlers to their new home. The Black Loyalist Heritage Society Armorial Bearings are also shown on this card obtained from the museum in Birchtown near Shelburne Nova Scotia in 2014.



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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