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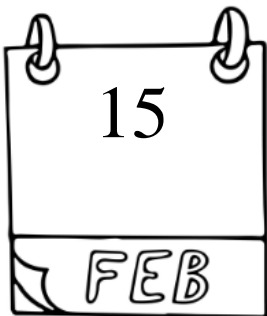
THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS'  
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

January 2022



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Did the  
Prince of  
Wales  
came to  
New  
Brunswick  
in 1860  
and fish in  
this lake?  
Find out  
more on  
page 6.



Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Vancouver Branch Annual General Meeting Zoom meeting Tuesday evening February 15, 2022 via Zoom.

See full notice of the meeting on page 3.

Watch for the Zoom links to be shared via email closer to each date. Note: A paid-up member for 2022 is entitled to vote at the meeting. Please renew soon if you haven't already done so.

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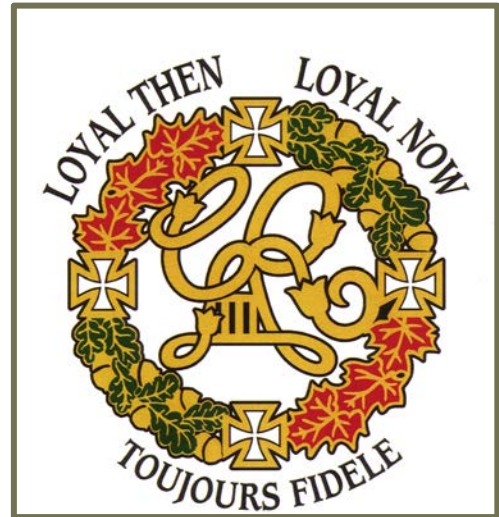
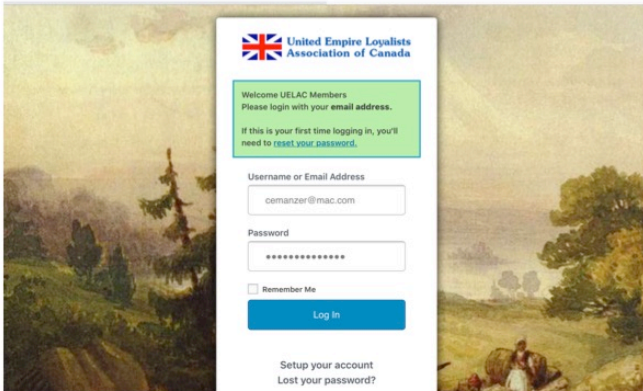
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Important message from  
Glenn Smith UE,  
Membership Chairperson.  
Online 2022 renewals  
are well underway.  
Cheques will be accepted  
from Canadian residents  
if necessary.  
For US members, please renew online  
(no cheques will be accepted).

*Thank you for  
renewing your  
Vancouver Branch  
membership. Your  
support is much  
appreciated at this  
time as the Covid-19  
pandemic continues*

UELAC's membership database often called Civi  
or CiviCRM. Find this at [uelac.ca](http://uelac.ca)



- *Log in at [uelac.ca](http://uelac.ca)*
- *Go to the Members section*
- *Near the top, follow the link in the "Renewing Your Membership" line to Membership Renewals*
- *Read the page*
- *Follow the link at the bottom to "Your UELAC.ca Account" (or at top right corner "My Account")*
- *Then go to "Member Dashboard"*
- *For the membership you wish to renew click on "Renew Now"*
- *The membership and payment page will show (Note: After November 1, 2021 your current full year membership will be "pre-selected").*

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**  
**6:30 pm: Zoom sign in and optional pre-meeting visit.**  
**7:00 pm: Call to Order.**  
**Tuesday February 15, 2022**

**VANCOUVER BRANCH United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada**

As a valued Member of the Vancouver Branch we want you to know about our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Branch abides by the Societies Act, which is the governance framework for all not-for-profit societies in British Columbia. You are receiving this notice as part of our duty to provide Members with 21-day advance notice of our AGM.

Notice is hereby given that the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Branch UELAC will be held online via Zoom Video Communications on Tuesday February 15, 2022 with Zoom sign-in starting at 6:30 and the call to order at 7:00 pm for the following purposes:

1. To receive the reports of the directors and the accounts up to 31 December 2021
2. Confirmation of Executive Directors for the 2nd of their two- year terms and/or voting of any changes if needed. Christine E. Manzer UE (Nominations Committee Chair)
3. To appoint or confirmed committee chairs and facilitators as follows:
  - Genealogist:
  - Membership:
  - Heritage Fair:
  - Newsletter, Webmaster Liaison, and Visuals:
  - Social Media:
  - Archivist:
  - Membership List:
  - Coffee/Hospitality:
  - Leith Award:
  - Branch Poet Laureate:

By order of the Executive  
Dated 25 January 2022.

Secretary  
Linda Drake UE

**Note: All are welcome. Paid- up members for 2022 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.**

Agenda and Zoom link will be forwarded closer to February 15, 2022

# On the Trail of My New Brunswick Loyalists by Carl Stymiest UE

UELAC Vancouver Branch Archivist  
UELAC Dominion Vice President



## *Summer 2021 Journey to New Brunswick Yields a New Loyalist - JAMES TAIT*

While visiting my sister in Miramichi, Northumberland Co., New Brunswick, Canada this past summer, we were chatting about our maternal lineage and new possible loyalist ancestors. My sisters, brother and I are descended from loyalists, both through our paternal and maternal lines and some are ancestors to both our father, Carlyle William Stymiest (1910-1994) and mother, Bessie Winona (TAIT) Stymiest (1912-1980). One example is Loyalist Sgt Philip Hierlihy UEL of the Hierlihy Corps and the Prince of Wales Regiment. Philip Hierlihy is my 4<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather through my father's lineage and my 3<sup>rd</sup> Great-grandfather through my mother's line.

To date, we have located nineteen New Brunswick/Nova Scotia loyalist ancestors and with research have proven twelve to date. However, one maternal loyalist ancestor, James Tait UEL and his wife Janet have eluded our research until now. The only information we had to date was the following.

- That he was born in Scotland, came to Virginia, and served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment during the American Revolution.
- That he had settled in the Sunbury County area on New Brunswick.
- That he had sailed to England to make a Loyalist Claim for Losses in 1784.

But then, Eureka! While searching other New Brunswick loyalists, a new source to where James might be buried surfaced. The information was tucked away in another loyalist's relevant documents, namely, the **WILLIAM JOSEPH HERON** family. The source is a book, authored by Isabel Louise Hill: *The Old Burying Ground, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Vol. III, 1992*. This book is still available from *Google Books* online and is a true legacy of Isabel Louise Hill (1901-1996) devotion to history. She was a devoted librarian, historian, and author of numerous books on the United Empire Loyalists and other founding families of central New Brunswick, Canada.

**Note:** Related documents regarding the Heron and Tait family connection:

*“William H. Heron died 22nd December 1868 in the 70th year of his age. A native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland. Also, his wife Janet, died 17th April 1869 aged 83 years; a brother, J. W. Heron died July 26, 1875, aged 46 year; M.C. Heron died April 29, 1884, aged 64 years. Native of Scotland.*

Among the source documented papers, *“LIEUTENANT HERON, 74th Regiment, returns his sincere thanks to the inhabitants of Fredericton and its vicinity for their kind exertions in endeavouring to extricate him from his perilous situation, when lost in the woods during the 25th, 26th, and part of the 27th ultimo, and assures them he shall remember their good wishes with gratitude as long as he lives.” Barracks. Monday Morning, 30th Nov. 1818.*

Source: *New Brunswick Royal Gazette, 1 December 1818*





*Illustration above found on a Pinterest site.*

*Photo on cover page found at : <https://northrphomes.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/lake.jpg>*

During 1824, the Heron's had a farm at Heron Lake. The farm was a showplace in its day, and when the Prince of Wales came to New Brunswick in 1860, he was taken to Heron Lake for fishing. After the family had died or left the vicinity, the farm was maintained as a summer hotel for some years. It was renamed the **Killarney House**; **Hérons Road** leading to the farm and **Hérons Lake** was also renamed **Killarney**."

Another very pertinent document dated September 13, 1886, stated that, "**Elizabeth Savage claims for herself, JANET TAIT, and her husband Loyalist JAMES TAIT and their children the right of interment in a lot in the Burial Ground formerly owned by the late William Heron, situate in the New Part of Ground near the corner of George and Allen Streets. Marked by Monument to the late William Joseph Heron. The above claimer thinks the lot was purchased by the late William Heron about twenty years ago.**"

Following my visit to my sister's home in Miramichi, New Brunswick, the next portion of my journey was to travel to Fredericton, York Co. for a visit with other relatives. During my stay in Fredericton, I arranged and appointment at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick on the University of New Brunswick Campus.

Following my wonderful 'finds' in the archives, I made printed copies and saved the original documents to my USB memory device. Knowing where the loyalist Burial Cemetery was in downtown Fredericton, I decided to take a drive back into the downtown core of the city.

Arriving shortly thereafter, I parked the car just outside the back gate to the cemetery and decided to walk the rows in the hopes I might stumble upon. Fortunately, there were some men working in the cemetery in



The 1.6-acre property has plenty of toppled headstones, broken monuments, and rusting fences. It has been subject to extensive damage and vandalism over the years, and the city said, “it has fallen into disrepair.”

I approached the team of restorers, working in the cemetery and asked them where I might obtain a map of the cemetery plots/graves. “It’s your lucky day, Sir,” he said.

He approached the tailgate of his truck and produced before my very eyes; a full map of the Old Loyalist Burial Grounds which was established in 1784.

He asked if I had a plot number and I replied, “yes,” I told him, “Plot #29”.

*Source: 6 June 2010 Categories Old Burying Ground, Section N, Volume IV, Heron, Savage, Tait*

He immediately directed me to Plot #29 on the map and then pointed me in the right direction to the Heron/Savage/Tait gravesite. It was exactly where the source above mentioned; on the corner of George and Allen Streets, the southwest corner of the burial grounds.

From the PANB, I received a copy of James’ Memorial, including his several references, attesting to his loyalty...

### **Memorial of James Tait UEL.**

"He carried little or no property with him. No appearance of troubles in Virginia for a Year & - after he arrived which was in March 1774. He joined the British Army under Gen Arnold in 1781 & continued with the Army till he was made Prisoner at the Surrender of York Town. Says during his Continuance in the Country he rendered every Assistance in his power to British Prisoners. He was employed in Lord Cornwallis’s Army as an Assistant in the Quartermaster Department from the time he joined the Army till its Surrender (sic) the Army. He addressed him & expressed his uneasiness at remaining in the Country & a wish to join the British Troops. Upon Col Dundas mentioning this his inclination to Gen Arnold the Gen expressed a wish that he should remain in the Country & make Drawings of the different roads Passes &c which Mr Tait agreed to do expressing a Desire to be of every service in his power to the British Troops. (?) Exertions &c. Col Dundas says that the Paper which he produces contains as far as falls within his knowledge a very fair Account of his Conduct.

He came to England in 1783 & applied to the Treasury where he got an Allowance of 20 £ a Year which he has received from Jan? 1783 & now continues to receive it. Says that Lord Dunmore advised him to stay in the Country & to conform to their Government to a certain Degree. He says he was sent for by a Magistrate in 1776 & 1777 to take an Oath, but he did not do it.

However, he obtained a Certificate that he did. And he says he was obliged to declare in all public Companies that he had taken the Oath. Since sooner or at any time. He never signed any Association paper. Says if he had been obliged to take the Oath or leave the Country, he thinks he should have left the Country.



Does not think that any Man could have stayed in the Province at that time without taking an Oath or getting such a Certificate as he did. Didn't swear till 1778 or 1779. Always swore Oath but that he had not in fact taken the Oath & believes he said true.

1. Knew another instance of the same kind. Says Mr Tait assisted him to make his Escape & was of use to many other Loyalists.
2. He came to Lord Dunmore immediately. He afterwards became a Surveyor & received 600 from the Assembly to make Salt. He offered to join Lord Dunmore at the beginning of the War, but he advised him to remain there. Thinks he was of more use by staying as he did. Was very active in protecting Prisoners etc.

In another Source, E UNIVERSITY PRESS- the notes of Mr. Daniel Parker Coke, M.P., One of the Commissioners During That Period; Edited by Hugh Edward Egerton, BEIT Professor of Colonial History in the University of Oxford; Oxford, Printed for the Members of the Roxburghe Club, MDCCCXV5, says

"...that in Virginia for a Year & - after he arrived which was in March 1774. He joined the British Army under Gen. Arnold in 1781 & continued with the Army until he was made Prisoner at the Surrender of York Town. Says during his Continuance in the Country he rendered every Assistance in his power to British Prisoners. He was employed in Lord Cornwallis's Army as an Assistant in the Quar Master Genl 3 Department from the time he join'd the Army till its Surrender. Col. Dundas informs the Board that when the Claim\* joined the Army he address'd him & express'd his uneasiness at remaining in the Country & a wish to join the British Troops. Upon Col. Dundas mentioning this his inclination to Gen. Arnold the Gen. expressed a wish that he should remain in the Country & make Drawings of the different roads Passes &c which Mr Tait agreed to do expressing a Desire to be of every service in his power to the British Troops. He accordingly did remain in the Country & Col. Dundas says that he particularly conformed to the Instructions which were given to him. Produces a Paper containing a particular Acct of all his Exertions &c. Col. Dundas says that the Paper which he produces contains as far as falls within his knowledge a very fair Acct of his Conduct. He came to Engd in 1783 & applied to the Treasury where he got an Allowance of 20 a Year which he has rec'd from Jan 1783 & now continues to receive it. Says that Lord Dunmore advised him to stay in the Country & to conform to their Gov\* to a certain Degree.

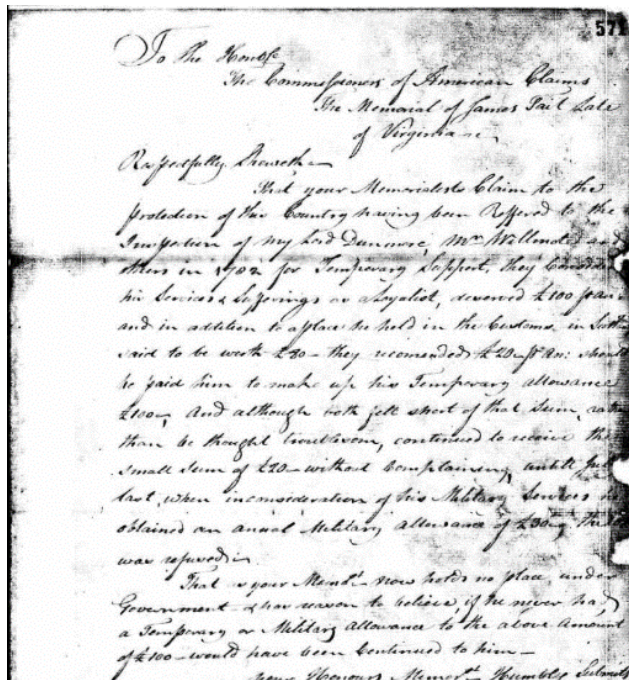


Photo on the left: Stone for Heron, Savage and Tait families.

To the right: Memorial of James Tait UEL page 1 of 3

He says he was sent for by a Magistrate in 1776 & 1777 to take an Oath, but he did not do it. However, he obtained a Certificate that he did. And he says he was obliged to declare in all public Companies that he had taken the Oath. From the time that Lord Dunmore left him being asked whether he could have join'd the British Troops sooner He says he could have left the Province sooner or at any time. He never sign'd any Association paper. Says if he had been obliged to take the Oath or leave the Country, he thinks he should have left the Country. Does not think that any Man could have staid (sic) in the Province at that time without taking an Oath or getting such a Certificate as he did. t a Prisoner on Parole & communid (sic) what was going on. \* told him of his having obtain'd a Certificate of his taking the Oath but that he had not in fact taken the Oath & believes he said true. Knew another instance of the same kind. Says Tait assisted him to make his Escape & was of use to many other Loyalists. y of 100 a Yr. Thinks it must have been in 1772. He came to Lord Dunmore immediately. He afterwards became a Surveyor & rec'd 600 from the Assembly to make Salt. He offer'd to join Lord Dunmore at the beginning of the War but he advised him to remain there. Thinks he was of more use by staying as he did. Was very active in protecting Prisoners &c.e Losses and Services of American Loyalists 1783 to 1785, Being the Notes of Mr. Daniel Parker Coke, M.P. One of the Commissioners During that Period'' edited by Hugh Edward Egerton (1915).

1782 Aug 14 .Lowry, John Certification by James Tait, QMGS Line, that he prevailed on Lowry to carry a letter from Benedict Arnold to Cornwallis at Halifax, N.S. Also, certification by Arnold.

*Source: #5. Public Record Office, AO.13/1, London, England Audit Office Claims', American Loyalists, Series II. Supplies furnished to the Army and Navy. Examinations, etc.*

“James Tait was a Virginian refugee who appeared before the loyalist compensation board when it convened in London in April of 1785. In his testimony before the commissioners, he recounted how he had drawn road maps for the royal army as he had expressed "a desire to be of every service in his power to the British troops". However, were it not for the testimonies of three witnesses, posterity would not know of how Tait had come to the aid of British prisoners of war and fellow Loyalists.”

Source: “Loyalist Trails,” 2020-10: March 8, 2020; Hazardous Assistance: Stories of the Loyalist Underground (Part 1 of 4), © Stephen Davidson, UE

Overall, I was pleased with my visit and my research ‘finds’ knowing that upon my return to Vancouver, I would have to start another UE Certificate Application. But wait!!! I am still working on my UEL Loyalist Duncan MacRae/McGraw, father of my already proven loyalist, Neil MacRae/McRae/McGraw of Nashwaak and Miramichi New Brunswick.

And the research goes on and on and on. My only prayer is that someone in my family will take-up the research torch in the future, as I am sure there are countless other ancestors and loyalist to find.

Oh, Yes! The Ties That Bind!

*Carl*

Carl - happy and relaxed during his 2021 visit with cousins in the Maramichi, NB.





## Report from Linda Nygard UE, Branch Genealogist.



Congratulations to those Vancouver Branch members who received their certificates in 2021

- Cheryl Hillis UE (2 certificates)
- Tom Babcock UE (3 certificates) (delayed from 2020 - lost in the mail twice)
- Christine Williston Wright UE (waiting for in-person presentation from 2020)
- Carl Stymiest UE (waiting for in-person presentation from 2020)
- Glenn Smith UE (4 certificates)
- Brett Wilson UE
- Christian Wilson UE
- Sophia Wilson UE
- Nancy Fetterly Johnson UE (2 certificates)

A number of members are in final stages of their applications. Some are just missing a final proof. I keep busy with the following member's challenges: Doug McCallum UE, Glenn Smith UE, Carl Stymiest UE, Larry Peters UE, Glenn Johnson, Catherine Roberti, and others.

Two new members, Richard Cosby and Brad Cunningham, are also actively working on their applications.

Janet White UE's two youngest grandchildren, Mason and Hayley, will be getting UE certificates in 2022 joining their older & siblings and cousins. Janet is a good example of teaching the younger generation about their UE heritage.

Wishing you a happy 2022  
Linda Nygard UE

The Pacific Loyalist is your newsletter. Suggestions, comments and stories are always welcome.

Please contact the current editor - Christine Manzer - cemanzer@mac.com

Photographs taken at meetings and events by our Branch photographers may appear in this newsletter.

Those who do not want their photos used should let the photographer know.

### Vancouver Branch Executive February 2021 – February 2022

*President & Director: Coco Aders-Weremczuk*

*1st Vice President & Director: [vacant]*

*2nd Vice President & Director: Christopher Wilcott, UE*

*Past President: Christine Manzer, UE*

*Treasurer & Director: M. Diane Rogers*

*Secretary & Director: Linda Drake, UE*

*Genealogist: Linda Nygard, UE*

