

WILMA JANET SAVILLE UE

Wilma Janet Saville was born near Windsor, Ontario. During her school years she was awarded a number of scholarships and awards which helped to finance her education. Wilma attended the Library School at the University of Toronto and earned her degree in Library Science after finishing her BA (History) at the University of Windsor. In Windsor she worked for some years as a librarian before devoting her time to her family of her husband and three children.

In 1967 Wilma and her husband, Hugh, moved to Victoria, BC. Hugh was a social worker for the BC government. As well as raising her family, Wilma's activities were many and varied and to name some: she canvassed for the Salvation Army and the Heart and Stroke Foundation; she was a fundraiser for "Run for the Cure"; she was treasurer, member and fundraiser for the School Parents' Auxiliary for about 24 years; she assisted (and still does) in her church and worked for the Cancer Society sewing head coverings and other items for patients; she was a 9-10 Club Soup Kitchen volunteer; and she always involved herself in the community offering care to her neighbours.



Wilma Saville, 2010 Phillip E.M. Leith Award Recipient

Wilma joined the Victoria Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada in the fall of 1982 and has been an active and supportive member of the branch right from the beginning. In 1983 she began assisting the branch genealogist, Gene Aitkens, with the indexing project for the Loyalist Gazette articles for Dominion Office. This project continued until 1996. From 1987 to 1989 Wilma served as treasurer. Wilma was the Victoria registrar for the 1994 Conference in Vancouver. In February 1997 she participated in Loyalist presentations to 135 students at local schools. On 16 February 2005, Wilma took part in an interview on CBC radio about the Loyalists.

Wilma has served the Victoria Branch with distinction as genealogist continuously since 1995 and her enthusiasm in helping others with their Loyalist genealogy has never wavered.

Joan Clement UE
President, Victoria Branch
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