

The Loyalists, Pioneers and Settlers of the West, the fourth in the series of resource books developed by the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, has consumed several years of research in its development. The material has been gathered not for any specific grade level but as a general information package about the United Empire Loyalists and their pattern of settlement. In fact, much of this edition makes use of material presented earlier to assist with the teaching of the Loyalist heritage in the classrooms of Ontario, the Maritimes and Quebec.

We are truly indebted to Dr. Michael Payne of Edmonton, who contributed the results of his research in his papers delivered at UELAC Annual Banquets, both Edmonton and Winnipeg. His work included here as the "Foreword" clearly establishes the fact that it was the Loyalists and their descendants who established the historical base which continues to contribute to the settlement and growth of Western Canada to this day.

From the start of this century, Margaret Carter UE (Manitoba Branch), Prairie Regional Vice President UELAC, with assistance from Lorna MacKenzie UE (Regina Branch), and Audrey Wirtzfeld UE (Calgary Branch) and Linda McDowell (Manitoba Public School Curriculum Supervisor) researched material about Loyalists' descendants that illustrates their westward migration, their lives and the contributions they made to the growth of Canada. Lois Dickinson UE (Chilliwack Branch) and Ivy Trumpour UE (Edmonton Branch) supplied the material for British Columbia. Shirley Dargatz UE (Chilliwack Branch), Pacific Regional Vice President UELAC, has also contributed greatly to the formation of this resource.

Not just individuals or families who achieved prominence in the 19th and 20th centuries were selected to expand on the theme developed by Dr. Payne. The stories of those whose rural and urban toil illustrates the trials, tribulations and successes of life in early Western Canada deserve our attention. However, little research has been done on the many minority groups of Loyalists, the Jews, the Aborigines, the Blacks and the Quakers who in succeeding generations have made their homes in the west. This research will continue as this teacher's resource is just a beginning to the vast unwritten history of our country.

Last, but by no means least, we are indebted to all who have contributed their family histories. Without their assistance, this resource would not have been possible. The work of Mary Perfect from Manitoba who spent an entire summer editing this material is greatly appreciated.

Although every care has been taken to ensure accuracy, errors may be found as we continue to discover our history.

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