

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

CHILLIWACK BRANCH (B.C.)

May 1991



OUR NEXT MEETING

SUN, JUNE 9

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Two to 4:30

at CHARTERRE

45360 Hodgins Ave.

It's a "Drop In" "Come and Go" Reception in a restored heritage house. We'll have old fashioned individual strawberry shortcakes, Loyalist costumes, friendly visiting. Iris and Lorne Gehman are the new owners of this historic home. It was built for Isaac Kipp in 1886. Mr. Kipp, one of our original settlers was the descendant of Isaac Kipp 1, a late Loyalist to Ontario from New York. Iris and Lorne with daughter Shannon whom we met again at the Heritage Fair are researching possible Loyalist roots. We wish them well in their Bed and Breakfast venture and thank them for hosting this "heritage experience."

This is likely our last meeting before fall and takes the place of the luncheon we had considered. Please do come...at intervals during the afternoon. Celebrate our second U.E. Bill Horne's certificate will be formally presented.



Donations would be appreciated.



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NEWSLETTER PURPOSE

- To introduce our members to one another
- To provide a communication link between meetings
- To provide local Branch information
- To provide information from our Dominion Officers
- To exchange news with other branches
- To provide genealogical assistance where possible
- To provide vignettes of our Loyalist heritage
- and its continuing importance in Canadian history

PUBLICATION TIMES

At intervals as required for purposes above, and more regularly as the Branch develops

Your ideas and information and your help with mailing and other newsletter work would be appreciated.

SENATOR EUGENE FORSEY: A TRIBUTE

"It behooves us all to try to understand our nation better, and to honour his memory by working to keep it together as he did."

Ivan K. Mitchell in the Ottawa Loyalist.
Senator Forsey 1904--1991 was a documented member of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, Ottawa.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Our Newest U.E.

WILLIAM HORNE

Descendant of

CHAMBERS BLAKENEY



To Our First U.E.

MILDRED EVANS HALL

Descendant of

WILLIAM CASEY

BILL HORNE

Bill is the second of our members to receive the U.E. distinction and we congratulate him that after ten years of research, his quest has been successful. His Loyalist ancestor Chambers Blakeney settled in Ship Harbour, Nova Scotia. Bill himself was born in Springhill but has lived in several parts of Canada.

He was one of our first new contacts after Charter Night and we appreciate his enthusiastic interest and help. Already he is planning to frame his certificate and is awaiting our new charter which he and Jerry Brown will frame.

Bill's wife Mary is also one of our new friends and she says she doesn't mind a bit if Bill decides to go after more certificates!

Bill is retired from Abbotsford District and lives in Yarrow. He and Mary enjoy the outdoors and visiting with family.

MILDRED HALL: OUR FIRST U.E.

Mildred was born in Chilliwack, a descendant of the pioneer Evans family for whom Evans Road is named. She first began researching Genealogy with the late Casey Wells and has compiled much pioneer data for our archives. She Claimed her U.E. in the name of Loyalist **WILLIAM CASEY**

He came to Adolphustown Ontario and his granddaughter Jane Wells, became Mrs. Charles Evans, Mildred's great grandmother who came here as a young widow in 1871. Mildred has always been a great help to us and we are happy that she has achieved this honour.

"THE NATIONAL"



CONVENTION 91

This weekend (May 31--June 1) Rosemarie Curylo, U.E. and her husband Ed will be attending the Dominion Convention in Toronto. She will be in good company..her mother is the delegate from the Grand River Ontario Branch. Then there are the others in the B.C. delegation who include John Orr, Victoria, Regional Vice-President; John Graham, Vancouver President, Rebecca Fraser, Vice-Pres., Vancouver; and Peter Moogk a past president of Vancouver. Peter was nominated to fill a Councillor's position and we hope he was successful.

Your president phoned greetings and regrets to Arnold Nethercott, Dominion President. We supported the appointment of three genealogists to speed certification, and endorsed re-activating the Education Committee and the Young Loyalists.

CONVENTION 92

In Ottawa....the 125th Anniversary of Confederation

"I CARE"

As you read your Loyalist Gazette and other reports, from the Dominion Office, you will see numerous references to the "I Care" Appeal.

In recent years there have been extraordinary demands on U.E. L. funds. To offset the resulting financial problems and to assure the future of our organization, the "I Care" Appeal was initiated last year and will continue for some time.

Several branches held special projects to raise funds and individual members contributed a total of twenty-seven thousand dollars. No donation is considered too small and there is opportunity to make bequests, or to have names entered in a special Book of Remembrance.

We include this information here, because we feel that while we are a new branch with limited funds; our members should be aware of what is happening nationally.

Further information is available from your executive.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Elizabeth Richardson, Dominion Historian/Archivist announces a leather bound Book of Remembrance to be presented at the convention. Upon a memorial donation, members may have inscribed the names of loved ones. More information will be available after the convention.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Loyalist Families of the Grand River Ontario Branch
100 chapters with genealogical charts, maps, stories, photographs, etc.

To be Launched June 16 at Brantford $\frac{45}{5}$ dollars &
5 dollars post.

Loyalist Lineages of Canada, Vol. II, the sequel to Loyalist Lineages 1783--1983, a 1600 page compilation of the genealogies obtained from documented applications for membership in the association.

Published by Toronto Branch. To be Launched at Convention. 125 dollars and
5 dollars postage

The Kingston Branch also has a series of new research materials including a genealogical file named U.E. Loyalist Links of Frontenac County which traces Loyalist settlers from 1784--1984.

Contact Russ Waller, 114 Robert Wallace Drive,
Kingston, Ont. K7M 1Y2

MEMBERSHIP CONTESTS

(as reported Dominion Membership Chairman Vera Vanderlip)

- Number of new members
- A Branch Brochure (pamphlet or booklet)
- Greeting cards, original design, comic or more serious type,



GO AFTER YOUR U.E.

WHERE ARE WE?

An excellent new book lists approximately 800 holidays and special occasions observed in Canada, but alas, there is no mention of The United Empire Loyalists. We know there are Loyalist Days in Saint John, N.B. and we will never forget the re-enactment on July 1, 1983 of the Loyalist landing in Shelburne, N.S. but shouldn't we be considering a National Day to honour our Loyalist heritage? Perhaps a good beginning would be to have a special time of celebration in our own homes.

MEMBER NEWS



Vera Webb (who is a professional seamstress) no longer needs to wear that voluminous 1867 nightgown at costume functions. She's created a delightful Loyalist costume of her own and a new mob cap for Doreen Todhunter....Happy square dancing to Art and Betty Keller who are making the most of summer...Best Wishes to Gordon Craig, Helen Ferguson, and Olive Kipp who have not been as well as usual....Happy Holiday to Mary Van Horne as she celebrates a school reunion in Dartmouth (she left there in 1936) where she also hopes to take our greetings to Edward Morrissey, Halifax--Dartmouth Branch and Eastern Region Vice-President.....and Congratulations to Scott Roos, our flag bearer on Charter Night, who is graduating from Chilliwack Senior Secondary.and Mary

Lockwood has heard that her late husband Ted and Arnold Nethercott who share a Loyalist ancestor would have been 3rd cousins once removed. Networking pays!

WELCOME

We welcome our newest member Jack Embree who joined after the Heritage Fair. He is one of the lucky ones with a printed Family History. Our membership is now 39 with a 40th membership pending.

MEMBERSHIPS

Branch memberships for 1991 are \$ 27.50 (including dues to the Dominion Organization and two Gazettes)

FAMILY REUNIONS

That Gazette re a Nelles Family Reunion in Ontario this summer was news to Keith Nelles of Cottonwood Cleaners, but he was delighted to hear of it. He has Loyalist ancestry as we heard some years ago from his mother. (following the Convention in Kingston)



"A Bleak New Land"

TO THE NEXT GENERATION

Here's an idea for you. Could we have a mass U. E. Family Reunion in the fall? Who would have the most descendants present?

Would it be the Keith Family? Quite a few descendants of N. B. Loyalist Daniel Keith reside in Chilliwack. Just check that 539 page Keith History which Phyllis Hill and Laura Merson have shown us.

Or would it be the Evans, Kipps, Reeces, Ryders, or Wells?

Let's hear your thoughts about this. Wouldn't Thanksgiving weekend be an appropriate time to celebrate our family heritage?

AFTER THE CHARTER

For the Record, here is a summary of our activities since Charter Night on October 18..... three Loyalist genealogy workshops, two meetings, assisting with a Seniors' Program at First Baptist Church, providing material for a secondary school library, liaising with the School District re help with Loyalist studies, donating a gift subscription of the Gazette to the Public Library, and our participation in the two day Heritage Fair sponsored by the Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society.... our thanks to all who participated. We made 22 new contacts in the two days.

...we also consulted with Vancouver re Citizen's Forum submission.

BRANCHING OUT: NEWS OF OTHER BRANCHES

The Ottawa Loyalist contains an interesting account of the Palatine Migration, the largest (though not the first German immigration to Canada: 470 of the 2800 Palatines died on the long and frightful voyage in 1710. Later Palatines settled in Pennsylvania and became known as the Pennsylvania Dutch. Samuel Shoemaker the mayor of Philadelphia was one of the many Palatine Loyalists.

From the Cataraqui (Kingston) Loyalist Town Crier we learn that their March meeting featured a talk on the Hessian soldiers who fought alongside the British and Loyalist forces, settled in Nova Scotia, P.E.I., and Prince Edward County, Ont.

APPRECIATIONS

..To Joan Fishleigh, Vancouver Genealogist and her predecessor Vona Smith for conducting our workshops..to Doug Reich of First Baptist Church for the use of church facilities for workshops.... to Andrew Webb for his research help....and to Doreen Todhunter for the gift of a gavel. The gavel is in memory of her mother and the brass band encircling the wood is inscribed MAE PATULLO POWELL, U.E. Mrs. Powell was a descendant of Loyalist Robert Campbell of Grantham Tp., Lincoln Cty., Ont.

Thanks also to Vancouver Branch for the invitation to the May Luncheon. Rosemarie Curylo, her friend Peggy Shelford and Doreen Todhunter attended.

FAMOUS CANADIANS OF LOYALIST DESCENT

SAMUEL CUNARD , 1787--1865, Originator of the Cunard Steamship Line which in more recent times launched the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth

EGERTON RYERSON, 1803--1882, Organizer of the Ontario Public School System which became the model for other provinces

