

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

CHILLIWACK BRANCH (B.C.)

Sept. 1991



OUR NEXT MEETING



Our next meeting will take the form of an "Anniversary Luncheon", Saturday, Sept. 21 at 12 noon in the Candlewood Room of the A.B.C. Restaurant. It's an anniversary because it's almost one year to the day when we sent our petition requesting a charter to Toronto.

Archie Miller, popular curator of Irving House in New Westminster will be our luncheon speaker. He will come as Captain Irving and will tell how many of our parents and grandparents arrived in Chilliwack by river boat. He is a delightful, witty speaker and we are fortunate that he can be with us. His topic is appropriate because our Loyalist ancestors have been called "the first boat people."

The Vancouver Branch has been invited to attend.

Please come...and bring a family member or friend... but we must have a definite commitment by Sept. 14 as we will be responsible to pay for the number of luncheons we order. Cost of the hot and cold buffet is \$8.75.

We are hoping for a good turn-out to launch our second year, and to greet our newest U.E.'s: PHYLLIS DAHL and ROSE CRAIG.

Please come in costume (Loyalist or pioneer) to add to the occasion.

Our members expressed a wish for something else that would be special...and this is it. Please contact Andrew or Lois

HAPPY LANDINGS

Sept. 21



LUNCHEON
A.B.C.

CHILLIWACK BRANCH

Chartered: Oct. 18, 1990

Number and Location of Loyalist Settlers	
Nova Scotia	20 000
New Brunswick	14 000
Ile St. Jean	600
Cape Breton	400
Lower Canada	1 000
Upper Canada	6 000

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A Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association
of Canada, Incorporated by Parliament, May 27, 1914



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.

Racial Composition of United Empire Loyalists from a Random Selection of 705 Names

Unknown	- 118	Denmark	- 2
Germany	- 162	Ireland	- 69
Scotland	- 133	Netherlands	49
England	- 104	France	- 33
Switzerland	- 4	Wales	- 26
Negro	- 2	Sweden	- 2
		West Indies	- 1



CONGRATULATIONS



"FOR LAND'S SAKE"

The story of Phyllis Dahl's Loyalist ancestor is just incredible. It is well recorded because he was Robert Land, the first settler of Hamilton, Ontario.

Robert Land served as a British scout and became a "wanted man." One night he returned to his Pennsylvania home to find his house burned to the ground and his wife and family presume dead. Warned of a plot against him, he fled to the Niagara area of Ontario.

Meanwhile, his wife, Phoebe, had escaped, and hearing that her husband was dead, she set sail for New Brunswick.

Eleven years later the family was miraculously united in Ontario.

This story becomes part of our Branch history on Sept. 21 when Phyllis Dahl formally receives her certificate.

Phyllis was our first contact after Charter Night and we are happy that her years of research and collecting have now been successful.

With husband Stan, she has lived in Chilliwack for several years and has happy memories of the Land Family Reunion (called "For Land's Sakes") in Hamilton.

FIVE SISTERS



In 1984 the five Hart Sisters enchanted the U.E.L. Convention in Kingston, Ont. One of the sisters was Rose Craig of Chilliwack.

At our Anniversary Luncheon, it will be our pleasure to formally present a U.E.L. certificate to Mrs. Craig. We will also present certificates for her sisters Evelyn Walker of Alberta and Daisy Brocklebank of Penticton. We regret that since 1984 two of the sisters Mildred Van Patten and Florence Tenney, U.E. who inspired the family to attend the convention, have passed away.

Rose Craig is the descendant of Loyalist Barnabus Hart, b. 1757, of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. He settled in Cornwall Township, Ontario and was Rose Craig's 2nd great grandfather.

Rose Hart grew up in Saskatchewan and married Gordon Craig in Alaska. They have lived in Chilliwack many years and are active in church, Golden Kiwanis, and other activities. Rose has made a courageous recovery from a stroke and is still enjoying her music which has brought pleasure to so many.

INTRODUCING OUR MEMBERS

ANDREW WEBB

Most of us know Andrew Webb as our hard-working genealogist, "the man with the ter certificates". He researches other people's stories, but we seldom hear much about his own. That's why we thought you should know more about "that nice man who was representing your group at the Heritage Fair." Someone described him that way....but the following write-up is the way Andrew describes himself. It's so whimsical that we've included it verbatim.

"Your president, Lois Dickinson, asked me to write a thumb-nail story of my life. I always enjoy writing for causes, whatever they may be; but to write my own story is difficult. However, to do so, I must start from the beginning. In High School I was voted the one least likely to succeed!

I was, and still am, a serious type of person. My main interests have been History and Literature. In Math I remained a teacher's nightmare. My Grade Eight teacher explained that Algebra was a simplified way of doing Math. If X is the unknown quantity, it was then, and still is NOW!

I always loved the movies, as they were then, not in this age. I missed seeing the original "Hunchback of Notre Dame" starring Lon Cheney as I chose instead to see Hoot Gibson's Cowboy Movie..the chief regret of my life!

I was always very small and of course took a lot of teasing on this account. I served in the Federal Civil Service in Ottawa in 1938--39, Dept. of Pensions and National Health at the tremendous salary of \$720 a year. When the war was declared in 1939, I heard the bugle call, and listened to the marching drums in the band, and came home to enlist in Saint John, N.B.

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At the time the weight limitation was 135 pounds to join the army. I never weighed that much in my life. They had weights to set the scale, and the recruiting soldier said, "Get on the scale whenever you are ready." I replied, "I am already on the scale," which was pre-set at 135 pounds. My patriotic wish was shattered at that point! Finally, in 1941, they lowered the weight limit to 120 pounds and I was accepted for the R.C.A.M.C. I served overseas in No. 12 Cdn. General Hospital in an administrative capacity until 1946. I joined the RCAF in 1951--52 and was stationed at RCAF Stn., Sea Island, B.C. (the site of Vancouver International Airport) Following my D.N.D. service, I served in the following DND bases: 5 years-CFB Chatham, N.B. as Civilian Personnel Officer; 5 years-Naval Air Station, Shearwater, N.S.; 5 years-HMC Dockyard, Halifax; 3 years-CFB Camp Gagetown, N.B.

Later I served in the Dept. of Manpower, and with the B.C. Civil Service in Vancouver and Burnaby from 1974 to 1981 as Personnel Officer and Payroll Supervisor in the Dept. of Transportation and Highways.

I met my wife Vera in 1945. It happened this way. It was at a dance..the girls went in a circle, the boys the opposite way. When the music stopped, the girl opposite you was your partner! Vera has often said, 46 years later, if the saxophone had played one more note, I was out of her life forever!

Vera is everything that I am not, courageous, afraid of nothing, very handy with her hands, cooking, dressmaking, carpentry, electrician, painter, but only fair in plumbing. All this for 12¢ per year, as our marriage license cost \$5.50 in 1945. I consider Vera the bargain of the century. Would you not agree?

I was too busy raising our family to take an active part in genealogy until about six years ago. Then I found out my family were all N.B. Loyalists.. grandfathers and grandmothers on both sides of my family. My mother was of Huguenot descent.

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Genealogy is an interesting study and Vera said I "wasted" too much time on my research. Just to get even, I entered an application on her family tree, and found that she goes back to Royalty--Prince William of Orange of Holland.

My family were mostly pirates, horse-thieves and such...one even had the initials D.H.Q. after his name. (Drawn, Hanged, and Quartered.)

If one is prepared to dig, work, and pay, then research will bear fruit. even with all its frustrations!

Good Hunting, one and all!

Andrew Webb

Now we see where Andrew gets his methodical ways, and his determination....but as usual, he remains unassuming. It is for us to thank him for all his work...writing to New York and everywhere, and personally collecting certificates from Toronto)



ODE TO ANDREW

"I think that I shall never see
A Finished Genealogy."

From Souvenir Poster

WELCOME

Our newest members are Laura Merson(nee Gorham) whose ancestor, like Phyllis Hill, is Daniel Keith of New Brunswick. He served in the Queen's Rangers, the first recognized Provincial Corps. Ray Aitken and Gladys Van Baaren are descendants of Abel Stafford. Changing regulations from the new Dominion Genealogical Team has resulted in some delays. We have referred our concerns and are awaiting replies.

Take Heart! We have heard of someone who waited a year and a half. And we can always do more research!

CLIPPINGS FROM OUR BRANCH



..Mary Horne and Bill Horne, U.E. are visiting the prairies...and awaiting word that their son and their two granddaughters in Dartmouth, N.S. have applied for U.E.'s.....Mary Van Horne had a splendid time in Dartmouth earlier in the summer when she attended her school re-union. She was a special guest at the Halifax--Dartmouth Branch Dinner honouring King George III....Doreen Todhunter, U.E. and Vona Smith, U.E. (Vancouver) have returned from an extensive trip across Canada and the States to Ontario. Vona was obtaining further material for her book of family history...Several historic places including Valley Forge and Amish communities were visited....Scott Roos, U.E., (our youngest member) a 1991 grad of CSSS, is now attending Capilano College in North Vancouver where he is enrolled in Year 1 of the Bachelor of Music Transfer program....Phyllis Dahl, U.E. is recovering from eye surgery...one of Lois Dickinson's guests this summer was her cousin Frank Rogers, U.E. of the Kawartha, Ont. Branch. ...Frank was one of the 40 people who attended a western re-union for the descendants of Richard Rogers, U.E. of New Brunswick...Vera Webb's Boston Brown Bread was a great hit at the re-union dinner....we'll be glad to see Betty and Art Keller, U.E. back from a summer spent on the prairies and elsewhere....and our sympathy is extended to Gladys Van Baaren and Ray Aitken whose brother Alvin passed away recently.



EVERYONE LOVES A CONTEST

Can someone design a Christmas card or a brochure (representing our branch) to enter in the National Contest? There is also a Membership Contest. With 42 members and six new U.E.'s in 9 months, perhaps we should enter! We know that 3 of our families could round up 30 potential U.E.'s. Remember we didn't exist until Oct.18, 1990.

THANK YOU



Our thanks to Rosemarie Curylo, U.E. for representing us at the National Convention in Toronto in June. She met many people including President Arnold Nethercott, and brought our questions to those concerned.

We have heard that she was "an excellent delegate." and we appreciate her participation. It meant a lot that she took time from her busy schedule to attend on our behalf.

She returned concerned about the Association's financial situation, the "I Care Campaign" and the need for membership growth and continuity. She was pleased (as are we) that the Young Loyalists and Education Committees were re-activated.

YOUNG LOYALISTS

We have been asked by Sherri Snetsinger of Toronto for input into plans to involve Young Loyalists. Do you have any ideas as to how Young Loyalists can participate? What thoughts do you have for furthering education about Loyalists? (In schools and community)



DID YOU KNOW

- That the St. Lawrence Branch covers 1200 miles?
Imagine President Lynne Cook of Morrisburg trying to circulate a newsletter during the postal strike!
- That Phyllis and Stan Dahl are members of the Horse-Shoe section of the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame?
- That Explorer Simon Fraser had Loyalist roots?

"Genealogists never die
They just lose their census."