



The
United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada

CHILLIWACK BRANCH (B.C.)

November 1992

CHRISTMAS TEA

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Tea on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 1992 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chilliwack Academy of Music at 46066 First Ave. This is a splendid heritage home, not unlike some later Loyalist houses in Fredericton, built in 1911 and will provide a fine setting for our tea. There will be a musical interlude and if certificates arrive in time there will be a presentation ceremony at 2:15 p.m.

We would like to thank the Academy of Music and liaison person Lorna McLaren for this opportunity to be the first "outside group" to meet in the Academy's new quarters as part of their plan to serve the community. And "No, you don't have to sing for your tea - but we do ask that you come in costume

A special invitation is extended to all the members of the Vancouver branch to attend our Christmas Tea if it is at all possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to RAY AITKEN who will be 90 years old on December 3rd Ray has spent considerable time in hospital this autumn following a hip replacement operation. We hope he will be well enough to attend our tea as we would like to

honour him & his vivacious sister Gladys Van Baaren for their contributions to the preservation of history within their own families and within the community. We are still hopeful that there will be some response to their applications in the name of ABEL STAFFORD.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to SHIRLEY ANNE DARGATZ on her early retirement - & best wishes for some time (in the midst of other activities) to research more about Loyalist JOHN THORNTON.

IN MEMORIAM

Since our last issue we have been saddened by the sudden death of ROSE CRAIG, U.E., a valued member of our branch. Rose and her husband GORDON, both seniors, never missed a meeting. We will always remember Rose's delight to be attending with her four sisters, the 1984 Kingston Convention. The five HART sisters were certainly a hit ! And Rose was always a hit with us - bringing goodies to our Charter Night, laughing as Andrew presented her certificate on the CRAIG's on a balcony high over the city of Chilliwack, accepting it formally at our anniversary luncheon, speaking her appreciation as best she could after her stroke, and best of all when everyone had gone, Gordon washing dishes for Vi Dickinson our hostess at the A.G.M. she gave the daffodils to someone else who needed them more! That was Rose. We have started a fund so that we can have her name included in the book of remembrance at the Dominion Office. Our kindest thoughts go to Gordon, sons Terry and Larry, and her remaining sisters

EVELYN WALKER U.E. Alberta, and DAISY BROCKELBANK, U.E.
Okanagan,

A NOTE OF THANKS

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of ANDREW WEBB, U.E. as our branch Genealogist. Andrew, who has 11 U.E.'s to his own credit has been extremely helpful in obtaining certificates for MILDRED HALL, BILL HORNE (and others of his family), PHYLIS DAHL, ROSE CRAIG, PHYLLIS HILL, LAURA MERSON, ART KELLER, DENNIS & ADAM WEBB. He has also been involved in the applications presently awaiting approval from Headquarters.

His concerns about delays and interpretation of by-laws brought forth a call for the Genealogical Conference at the 1991 National Convention. (The Conference is now expected to be an annual event.) Andrew will remain as a consultant (especially N.B.) and a member of our genealogy committee.

Andrew undertook considerable research at his own expense and is still writing for more information for some of our members. He will be happy to visit with any of us, and one might be lucky enough to have one of Vera's freshly baked soft molasses cookies. (from Andrew's mother's recipe). He will also share his extensive non-lending library.

We move a hearty vote of thanks to Andrew and regret that the arduous task of being our first genealogist (amidst delays and non-communication) contributed to his health problems. As someone said, "There's only one Andrew!"

NEW GENEALOGIST

Bill Horne, more formally known as WILLIAM O. HORNE, U.E. is now our Branch Genealogist and he will be assisted by MILDRED HALL, BOB BESSEY, LOIS DICKINSON, and ANDREW WEBB.

With the National Convention in B.C. in 1994, we are most anxious that our members proceed with their U.E. applications and enroll other family members and Loyalist friends.

Bill has been doing genealogy for some twenty years now and thinks nothing of writing some four or five letters a day. "It's a labour of love" he says. He's presently researching his grandmother's story in Newfoundland.

Would you believe ? He heard about the U.E. designation from a contact in Washington, D.C. ? He subsequently contacted the Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society and was led to us. He is an enthusiastic Loyalist, wether donning a costume, or urging his son in Dartmouth, his siter in Florida, or his cousin in Kingston, to "Get your U.E.!!".

Bill served overseas in World War II and it was there he met his wife Mary who was also in the army. They have lived in several places across Canada, including the city of St.Catharines, Ontario. Bill hopes to network with other branch genealogists. He lives in Yarrow but will make arrangements to meet with prospective members. Art Keller, Vice - President, keeps our membership list and is also helpful with genealogy.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations and best wishes to the following who have received their U.E.'s since our last presentation ceremony: DON NEVILLE, MARJORIE ROBERTSON (Bill's relative), DENNIS WEBB and ADAM WEBB (sons of Andrew & Vera).

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Applications have been forwarded from MADELINE BARKER; (DANIEL KEITH), BERNICE ARMSTRONG; (DANIEL KEITH), MAUREEN TODHUNTER; (the first to apply in the name of EZEKIEL SEELEY of New Brunswick) and DOROTHY REID who has submitted dual applications re WILLIAM WHITE and BARNET MANZER, N.B.

Gordon Leonard, U.E. who used to visit his cousins FRED LEARY and HARRY HIPWELL has, with his wife Kay, been most helpful to Dorothy.

At time of writing, MARY VAN HORNE is completing her MICHAEL CARMAN application. Thank you Bob Bessey for advising and typing up her application.

WE DID IT !

We were thrilled to receive an award in last year's membership contest. At the annual banquet a banner and a certificate were presented to our President. Grand River (ontario) and Little Forks (Quebec) were the other branches honoured.

VANCOUVER BRANCH TEA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th at VONA SMITH's home in Coquitlam.

Vona, a long time friend to our members, has invited us to attend. Last year ROSEMARIE & ROSE CURYLO, DOREEN TODHUNTER and LOIS DICKINSON attended and had a most enjoyable time. Let's continue our liaising with the Vancouver branch by sending larger representation this year. To reach VONA SMITH's take the trans Canada right in to the BRUNETTE exit in Coquitlam, take Brunette Ave. to King Edward St. and turn left at the lights. Take King Edward up the hill to Austin Ave. and turn right at the lights. Take Austin out to Mundy and turn right onto Mundy. Down Mundy to GALE AVE. and turn left onto GALE AVE. Vona's house is at 2288 GALE AVE.

FOR SALE

Lovely lapel pins of the Stellar Jay (often confused with the Bluejay), an official B.C. emblem. Price \$ 2.50 enables us to make a bit for our branch. We are the only ones so far selling the pins in Chilliwack, so order now to avoid disappointment. They make great stocking stuffers for Christmas. Contact DOREEN TODHUNTER at 795-3540.

BAKE SALE

Please bring some baking to sell at the Christmas Tea. Cookies, tarts, cakes, bread, candy, etc. This is an idea inherited from Vancouver Branch's "Old Fashioned Baking at Old Fashioned Prices". It's always been a money maker in

Vancouver, and hopefully, will be for us too.

CLIPPINGS FROM OUR BRANCH

Our thanks to the Public Library for a meeting place for our September workshop - Vona still has material and ideas for costumes - Good luck to VERA WEBB researching in the historic Greenwood Cemetery in St. John, N.B. - MARY VAN HORNE has historic items from the CARMAN home - instead now part of Upper Canada Village, Mary is preparing a talk for an up-coming meeting. You wont want to miss it. - Our best wishes to JOAN FISHLEIGH, Vancouver Branch Genealogist, still recovering from whip lash suffered in a "rear end" en route home from our April 26th meeting. - Welcome Mr. & Mrs. ARTHUR SUTTON residents of Chilliwack. Phyllis Sutton, U.E. is the designer of the needlework U.E. emblem and coat of arms. She is professionally trained and the needlework pattern is available from the Vancouver Branch. - It was great to meet DENNIS WEBB and his wife Gail from Vernon. With enthusiastic people like Dennis, perhaps there'll be an Okanagan Branch of the U.E.L. - And, special thanks to Toronto Branch for their grant enabling delegates to attend the Convention. - and to LOIS GARDNER EARLE for her promptness and friendliness - It's too bad business kept ROSEMARIE from the Convention - her mother MARION SUTHERLAND of the Grand River Branch won the costume contest.

" There is a moral & philosophical respect for our ancestors which elevates the character and improves the heart. "

Daniel Webster

December 22, 1820

LOYALIST OF THE MONTH

WILLIAM WHITE, NEW BRUNSWICK

"As you are now, so once was I" That's the beginning of the epitaph for William White in the cemetery at Robertson's Point Grand Lake, New Brunswick. It's an intriguing statement, but it doesn't do justice to the fact William White, a Loyalist lived a much more dangerous life than any of us.

He was born October 28, 1759 in Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, New Jersey. He was not yet twenty years old when he married Deborah Tilton in June 1779. The young couple owned a large property at Garden City, Long Island. Their first child, Edward, was born there and the family expected to live happily ever after.

Then came the Revolution and the White family endured much hardship. William and two brothers Vincent & Philip joined the New Jersey Volunteers, while two other brothers supported the Revolutionaries. William's father, fighting with the British, was killed in South Carolina. Brother Philip, surrendering to a promise of safety, was blinded and killed. Those were cruel times and his commanding officer retaliated by hanging an American. Deborah Whites father was imprisoned and manacled and after five years emerged permanently crippled. (continued on page 9)

This is the story of Dorothy Reid's third great grandparents, William and Deborah White, who came to Saint John at the close of the Revolution. Little Edward died at Christmas 1783 when baby Peter was two months old.

In 1785 the Whites moved near the Kennebecsis River, but flooding forced them to move again to a location on Grand Lake. Life was hard with Deborah working in the fields by day and doing housework by night. In winter she snowshoed across the lake five miles, toboggan and wheat in tow, and returned with flour from the hand mill. And still she devotedly cared for nine children and provided hospitality for travellers.

One daughter, Sarah, married Henry Bridgeman Manzer, the son of Loyalist Barnet Manzer of De Lancey's Brigade.

Dorothy Reid's father Fred Leary was known to many of us. Born in St. John in 1889, he was Sarah White's great grandson. Coming to Chilliwack in 1914, Mr. Leary retained a sense of history and community service. He is believed to have been Canada's longest serving School trustee. He was also instrumental in organizing a Historical Society and Museum. In the 1930's he belonged to the Maritime Province Club which was the forerunner of our present Chilliwack U.E.L. Branch. He was later honored as one of Chilliwack's "Citizen to be Recognized."

The Whites might be described as "long livers" in spite of that last line of the epitaph, "As I am now, so must you one day be." Mrs. Peter White (mother of William) lived to be 102. William and Deborah were just short of 100 and Fred Leary was well over 90.

Dorothy visited New Brunswick two years ago and has

now applied for two certificates. It's a decision her father would have liked !

From sources in New Brunswick:
White Family History, James E. White,
1906, and "Loyalists All"

CONVENTION '93

We were pleased to be part of Western Canada's largest ever delegation. Please consider coming to Convention 93 at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. The welcome mat will be out - you'll make friends - and strengthen our branch. Anyone may attend but we need U.E.'s as delegates. Let's send our five.

JUNE 10 - 13

CONVENTION '94

WHERE ? In B.C. !! For the first time ever.

WHEN ? May 20 - 24 (The Queen's Birthday Weekend)

WHO ? Hosted by Vancouver, Victoria, and Chilliwack
Peter Moogk is Co-ordinator, assisted by Lois Dickinson and a Victoria representative.

WHY ? It's the 80th birthday of the U.E.L. Association established in May 1914. We are hoping for a great celebration from sea to sea.

WHAT ? Practical seminars, notable speaker, accommodation at U.B.C. , River Boat Trip, Salmon Barbeque. (Just a few of the ideas, see your Fall Gazette for details)

HOW ? Can you help ? Ideas, help with committees
(hospitality, baggage, registration, decorating,
etc. etc.) Plan now to help and attend,

IT'S THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME !!

S.O.S.

We have been asked by Robert Kirk of the Dominion Finance Committee to make all members aware of the very serious financial situation of the Association. It has reached the point of crisis and any contribution to the "I CARE" fund is urgently needed.

It is also important to round up family and friends as new members and also to pay lapsed memberships, even ten new members would mean \$100.00 in per capita funds for Dominion Headquarters.

SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR

The President gave an oral report of the 1992 convention in Ottawa and a written report will be circulated at the November 29th meeting.

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