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HERITAGE WA HAE

Heritage Week Meeting
Sunday February 24
1:30 p.m.
Promontory Heights Community School
5379 Teskey Rd.

Theme: Heritage Wa Hae"

HAPPY HERITAGE
TO ALL!

Today's theme: "Heritage Wa Hae"This is an adaption from the famous lines of Robbie Burns "Scots wa hae." The poem goes on to relate the sacrifices in battle which the Scots endured. As we meet at the close of this Heritage Week we can certainly say "Heritage wa Hae". Heritage we have! Our focus today is on Scottish ancestry of whom there are many in our Branch.

Our Ethnic Roots

It's also Multicultural Week in B.C. and time once again to remind people that Loyalists were of many ethinic backgrounds. They weren't all British. Some lesser known Loyalist origins are found in an excellent reference *Coming Canadians* by Jean Burnet. These are some of her findings:

We're Not All British

One of the outstanding Polish families in Canada traces its ancestry back to Auguste France-Globensky, a surgeon in a Hessian regiment. He came in 1776, married a French girl and settled in St. Eustache, Quebec. (Burnet, Jean p. 20 *Coming Canadian*) Several hundred Italian soldiers were also part of Revolutionary forces. They settled in Quebec and were joined by other Italians. The Donegani brothers began a hotel business in Montreal. John died in Italy in 1809 but his son, William, became the first Italian doctor in Canada.

One Loyalist name of Spanish origin is Bastedo. They were Spanish Protestants who fled first to Holland then Great Britain, then the American colonies, and finally as Loyalists to Upper Canada.

Black History Week

Best wishes to those who have been observing Black History Month during February.

We commend this book to you along with two of our favourites *A Loyalist Mosaic* and *The Loyalists of the New Settlement, a Study in Multiculturalism* prepared by Bi-Centennial Branch, U.E.L.

Our Guests Today

Sons of Scotland,representatives of the Sons of Scotland who entertained us so well last year. Our thanks to Ken and Beryl Wilson for continuing to keep in contact with us.

A Special Dancer

Susannah Bowman, U.E. of Tsawwassen. Susannah is the granddaughter of Doreen Todhunter, U.E., C.M.H. We look forward to her long awaited performance.

Bagpipes

Our thanks to Graeme Pratt, distinguished young piper who is with us today.

EDUCATION LINK

A Scottish Treat
Recipe of the Month
Bannock

Did you know? While bannock now is often associated with our native people it was originally Scottish. According to one older Oxford Dictionary, bannock is a Scotch and New England home-made loaf, unleavened, flat and round or oval. In Gaelic, it's bannock perh and in French it's panicium. (panis bread)

Another dictionary tells us that bannock is a kind of oatmeal or barley cake baked on a griddle.

No doubt it was this version which inspired the ditty quoted in a delightful book *Hieland Foodie* by Clarissa Dickson. The Highlanders (lads with their bannocks of barley) were said never to give up a (bruylie) fight.

They were saluted with the line "*Here's to the Heiland Man's bannocks of barley.*"

And here's to those early explorers, perhaps even MacKenzie and Fraser (whose fathers were U.E.L.) who brought bannock to the native people.

Now there are 14 kinds of bannock listed on the internet in a fascinating section of over 15 pages from Michael Blackstock, Aboriginal Affairs Manager, Kamloops Forest Region with recipes for bannock everywhere from Shuswap to P.E.I.

Our recipe comes from the indomitable Doreen Todhunter who obtained it a few years ago while on a visit to Fort Niagara and Fort George.

She reminds us that Fort Niagara near Youngstown, N.Y. was originally British. (Butler was stationed there) and Fort York is in Canada. Doreen's recipe is contained in a wonderful little book T*he King's Bread 2nd Rising: Cooking at Niagara 1726 - 1815.* She obtained this book as a souvenir of her trip.

Bannock

2 lb. flour, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tbsp. melted lard, 1/2 pint warm water.

Mix ingredients and knead thoroughly. Divide dough in two, baking one half at a time. Press each half into a greased pan. The dough should touch the sides of the pan and should be about 1/2 inch thick. Prop the pan up so that it is perpendicular to the coals of the fire. Bake until the center is done, about 15-30 minutes. While baking, turn the pan 3 or 4 times and baste with lard. Dip in hot grease or lard when eating.

Bannock is actually a Scottish dish for oat cake. For true Scottish bannock add one-half pound of oatmeal to the flour.

Other Guid Foodie: SOS

We remember oatmeal cookie sandwiches - oatmeal rectangles joined with plain white icing. In our Mother's cookbook the recipe was headed Lizzie Darling's Oatmeal Cookies. (Darling by name and Darling by nature.") Can anyone help with this recipe? The cookbook was lost at an Education presentation at a local school. Does Ron Fleming perchance have a copy of this receipe? Lizzie Darling was his aunt.

A Loyalist Dancer

Our special guest today is 14 year old Susannah Joy Bowman U.E. who will perform Scottish and other dances. This is the first time we have had a dancer with us and we are most happy to welcome Susannah because of our long time friendship with her and her family and because we believe she is the only U.E. dancer in our area. She holds her certificate, received in 1989, (when she was four) in the name of Sergeant Robert Campbell, Butler's Rangers.

Susannah is accompanied today by her mother Judy Todhunter Rosmus U.E.; her brother James Bowman, U.E. (Frederick Smith) now 16; (and thrilled to be driving with his mother to Chilliwack) and her sister Christina Bowman, U.E. (Robert Campbell) celebrating her 13th birthday. (Feb. 23) Other family members with us are her cousin Morgan Todhunter, U.E.; Morgan's mother Linda Todhunter, U.E., and of course her grandmother Doreen Todhunter, U.E., C.M.H.

This family has documented three Loyalist ancestors Robert Campbell, Frederick Smith, Butler's Rangers and Jacob Beam. Susannah is named for Susan Haight (another Loyalist name) who married Richard Griffin (believed U.E.L.)

Judy Todhunter, U.E. began this research while she was very young.

Susannah made her own costume with the exception of the authentic sailor hat. A gift from her grandmother.

Susannah began highland dancing in grade 2. She started competing in May of 1998. She quickly advanced to the intermediate level and will participate in the Scottish dance World Championships in Vancouver this summer as a premiere dancer.

In the fall of 1999 Susannah joined the White Spot Pipe Band as a dancer. She has participated in many events and parades such as the White Rock Candlelight parade and the Coquitlam May Day parade and the July 1st celebrations at Fort Langley. Susannah also dances at many Robbie Burns concerts.

Susannah has won numerous medals and trophies including the Beginners Aggregate Award at the Bellingham Highland games and the Novice Aggregate Award at the Fraser Valley Highland Games.

Susannah's Dance Program

The Sailors Hornpipe

Accompanied by the hornpipe, rather than the bagpipes, this dance is common to many parts of the British Isles. It imitates life onboard of a British Navy Ship and was commonly danced by seafaring men.

Flora MacDonald's Fancy

This is danced in honour of Flora MacDonald, who helped Bonnie Prince Charlie escape to the Isle of Sky.

Wilt Thou go to the Barracks Johnny?

This is a recruiting dance. A recruiting officer would go into a village with a dancer as entertainment, or to attract people to his temporary recruiting station.

The Highland Fling

A wild dance of triumph following victory in battle. It is inspired by the capers of the stag, the dancers upraised arms and hands representing the animal's antlers.

The Sword Dance

There is no Highland Dance older or better known. The original Ghillie Callum was a Celtic prince who mortally wounded one of MacBeth's chiefs at the Battle of Dunsinane in 1504. He took the chief's sword, crossed his own over it on the ground before him, and danced in exultation over them both.

The Seann Tribhas

Pronounced 'shawn trews' in Gaelic, in English it translates to 'old trousers'. After the 1747 English victory at the battle of Culloden, the Scots were banned the wearing of the kilt or even the tartan. This dance is in celebration of the end of the Act of Proscription in 1783 when the Scots were allowed to wear their tartans and kilts once again.

Calendar Links

Upcoming Dates

Sat. March 9 - Shirley Dargatz U.E. at Dominion Council meeting in Toronto.

Sat. March 23 - British Columbia Genealogy Fayre 2000, 9 - 4 p.m. Edmonds Community centre, 7282 Kingsway. Registration $20. Program available today. For the first time we'll have a display. We hope for good representation and volunteers are needed.

Mar. 31 - Easter.

April 7 - Daylight Saving Time begins

Sat. May 4 - Abbotsford Seminar Market Place. Rick Hansen School; Abbotsford. "Roots Around the World"

May 18 - Victoria's 75th Anniversary.

May 25 - Our celebration of the Spring Fleet at Doreen's beside the Luck-a-Kuk.

June 6 - 9 U.E.L.A.C. Annual Conference, Waterloo, Ont. See Fall *Gazette*

Raffle Time

See Barb Wilson, U.E. The items are lovely and tickets are only $2 each or 3 for $5.

MEMBER LINKS

New Applicants...

Irving Reid has applied for his certificate in the name of Jeremiah Lapp, U.E.L. Irving, who was born in Saskatchewan, is the son of Lawrence Irving Reid and his wife Edna Gertrude Lapp. Irving's application is very exciting because his wife Marian (nee Brown) and his son Alan have their certificates honouring James Brown, U.E.L. of Nova Scotia. Irving has been a tremendous support for some time and we really look forward to his receiving soon his inheritance of history. Jeremiah Lapp was a Pennsylvania Loyalist who served in several areas including Florida. His son Samuel lived in Ernesttown.

More of his story will be featured in an upcoming issue.

Mildred Dargatz

Chair of our telephone committee, Mildred Dargatz also expects that her application will soon go forward. Mildred was born in Chilliwack. Her mother Eva Jones Stapleton was the daughter of James Jones and his wife Elizabeth Ann Doran who were pioneer settlers of our Cheam community. Their fine home is still standing on Reeves Road. Mildred is a descendant of David Doran, who at age 14, was a messenger for the British. The family came as Loyalists to Upper Canada and resided in various places including Matilda Township and Meaford in Grey County.

The new applications highlight again the importance of family contacts.

Marian Reid, U.E. is a cousin of Jeremiah (Jerry) Brown, U.E. and Mildred Dargatz is the sister-in-law of Shirley Dargatz, U.E. Mildred is Mrs. Harold Dargatz. Much Doran research was done by Vona Smith, U.E. in obtaining a certificate for her late husband Gib. Vona is past president of Vancouver Branch, their former long time genealogist, and who has been also an encouraging member of our Branch since its inception. More Doran information in a future issue.

CORRESPONDENCE LINKS

Marj Bessey of Guelph continues to send greetings to us. She hopes she'll see us while we're in Ontario for Conference or that she'll come out before too long. We still miss Bob.

DOMINION COUNCIL REPORT

Teleconference: February 9, 2002

Modern technology continues to amaze me when nine of us on the Dominion Council Executive and on the telephone line are able to hold an across Canada meeting. It all works amazingly well!

I want to reassure all of you that you have a conscientious group of volunteers who spend countless hours looking after the business of our U.E.L.A.C.

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Financially, we are managing to run our affairs on the membership fees with no increase in sight at the moment. What we need to do, is foster more memberships. Chilliwack has done just that.
The following items are being worked on:

* The Branch President's Manual
* The Conference Manual
* The Logo
* The Bernice Flett Scholarship Fund
* The Queen's Jubilee
* Review of "old minutes"
* By-Laws
* Loyalist Burials
* Education Resources
* Vision and Mission Statements
* Young Loyalists
* Honorary Officers
* Public Relations
* Nominations
* Memberships

Don't forget the Conference 2002 in Waterloo - June 6 - 9.

Shirley Dargatz, U.E.
Pacific Region Vice President

NATIONAL LINKS

Certificate Progress

Thanks to Genealogist Mildred Hall, U.E. our Branch is doing well in the granting of certificates. Of 29 Branches, we stand 9th. We've received 28 certificates in the past two years, averaging at least one a month. This is a very commendable record considering our distance from Loyalist sites and settlements, difficulties of contacting some genealogical sources, the size and potential of our catchment area, the relative newness of our Branch and the comparative size of our membership.
This makes us in the top ten Branches for certificates. It certainly indicates that the Branch appreciates our history and the continuity it gives us in this most western province.
Congratulations Mildred and those who have applied.

NET WORKING LINKS

A special note of thanks to our "Communicators" Art and Ed. You're doing a great job keeping us in touch. It's a service that's much appreciated by us and extends to other Branches. And so we thank Joan Lucas, U.E. of Kawartha Branch for her genealogy help which brought our missing proof within 24 hours. We also were pleased that our Christmas material was helpful to Bob McBride, U.E. of Kawartha Branch. We hope to use some of his next year and the paper quizzes are terrific.
Thanks to those Branches sending us newsletters - Col. John Butler (Niagara), Toronto, Bicentennial, Vancouver, Thompson-Okanagan, Edmonton, Hamilton, London, Kawartha. We'd like others please!

Other Certificate Potential

Today we welcome several family members who are eligible for certificates. These include the following:

Paul Rogers

Paul Rogers, with his wife Carol and son Steven recently moved here from Dawson Creek and Fort St. John. Paul is newly retired. Carol is a nurse at Valleyhaven and Steven is in Grade 10 at Chilliwack Senior Secondary. Paul is the son of the late Gifford and Ada Rogers of Vancouver and hence is a descendant of Loyalist Richard Rogers of the De Lancy Regiment who settled in N.B. His uncle Earl Rogers U.E. was President of Fredericton Branch, his uncle Frank Rogers, U.E. has just retired as Treasurer of Kawartha Branch and his aunt Eva Shuler U.E. was Vice President of Vancouver Branch. Paul is Lois Dickinson's second cousin.

Vicki Lynne Gallinger (nee Phillips) is another new family member. She is the daughter of Lynne Phillips, U.E., and the granddaughter of another of our valued associate members Vi Dickinson.
She is Lois Dickinson's "grandniece" and yes, Mildred, I have the right terminology. As you've said so many times "*If you're of the generation of a grandparent, you're a great aunt and she's a grand niece*".
Costumes anyone? At least Vicki has asked the question and she's more used to boots and hard hat at her flagging job on busy roads.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Our Chilliwack Branch is off to an excellent start in 2002 with 90 members! Special thanks to "all of you"!
I am extremely proud to be part of this dynamic branch of ours! I am constantly in awe of the wonderful folks who comprise our association both locally, provincially and nationally. Your involvement is much greater than our immediate Branch. You are all doing "good things" for Canada by your membership in our U.E.L.A.C.
Please convey to myself and/or individuals of our Leadership Team any ideas or comments that you may have. This is your association and we want to hear from you.
I would like to urge each of you to "write your story" so that we all may know each other better and appreciate each others lives and contributions.
Do consider coming to the Conference in Waterloo.You will experience history first hand, see the Dominion perspective, and get to know some wonderful folks from all across Canada.

Let's make 2002 a GREAT YEAR!
Loyally, Shirley Dargatz, U.E.
President, Chilliwack Branch

Special thanks to phoners:
Ruth Thomson, Mildred Dargatz, Alice Carter, Jacqueline Kennedy, Barb Wilson, Bea Armstrong, Lois Dickinson, Doreen Todhunter. They keep our members informed of our meetings and activities. And to Webmaster Ed Wilson and email secretary Art Keller for keeping us informed and up-to-date on all things Loyalist!

CONFERENCE 2002

Waterloo, Ontario, June 4 - 7. Hosted by Grand River Branch. See Fall *Gazette*
The welcome mat will certainly be out at this conference. It's a very friendly group - the first ones who made us welcome at our first Conference ten years ago not long after our chartering.
Since then, they've helped us in so many ways - setting up Thompson-Okanagan Branch; education and membership. They have happy memories of visiting here via the bus tour from Calgary for Convention `94 and we'll have happy memories of Grand River for sure.
There's nothing like seeing the Grand River for yourself - marvelling at the magnificent Indian Cultural Centre - feeling the awe of Molly Brant's Chapel - Alexander Graham Bell and the first telephone and much more.
Of special interest to us are the Mennonite farmers, the people and the transportation. It's all just a splendid experience.
Please plan to join us - we'd like once again to have a full complement of delegates as we did in Edmonton. Four plus the president. Let us know soon so we can plan arrangements.
As someone said recently, "*You don't really know the full scope of U.E.L.A.C. until you attend a conference!*"

B.C. LINKS

Happy Anniversary Victoria
Victoria Branch celebrates 75 years on May 18. It is one of the oldest Branches in the west and even across Canada. It has a distinguished history with special projects during the war years and preparation of the Index to the Gazette in more recent years.
Congratulations to Victoria Branch and appreciations for their help and the good times we've had together.

Vancouver Branch
Vancouver has met consistently for 70 years with an anniversary in October.
Congratulations and Best Wishes to everyone there. They were our parent Branch and are very special to us.

Weather Links

Forget the groundhog! Did this come from colonial times? "*When there is enough blue sky to patch a Dutchman's britches, expect clearing weather.*"

Old Farmer's Almanac
Gardening Calendar

Happy Birthday to all February Honourees. Those we know are Jan. 30 - Barb Wilson, Vicki Gallinger Feb. 5, Vona Smith Feb. 12, Tim Thornton, Feb. 17, Christina Bowman, Feb. 23; Shirley Dargatz, Feb. 24.
Please fill in a birthday slip today for our future reference.

For the Record
From last *Link Up*: a misprint. Violet Dickinson's late husband was Perry, not Percy - he always used the initials S.P.D. - for his two grandfathers Samuel Rogers & Perry Dickinson. Sorry Vi. Must have been the "varmints" (his name for certain 'siblings')

Missing Links???

Check out the Abbotsford Genealogy Seminar May 4. Speaker Sandra Devlin of Saint John genealogist and journalist whose columns and queries are in 17 newspapers. Go for it Shirley Dumma!

Meet our Members

Questions of the Month

1. How many of our members have Scottish ancestry?

2. How many can you name?

3. What was the ethnic origin of your Loyalist ancestor?

4. What ethnic group formed the largest group of Loyalists?

5. What distinguished U.E.L. member, a retired judge of Scottish ancestry was a chief negotiator in parliament for Canada's flag? He is Honorary President of the U.E.L. Association of Canada?

Associate Member of the Month Jan Ouellet

Introduction...
In our last issue we began a new feature "Associate Member of the Month" to acknowledge Associate Members and the service they provide. This idea has been acknowledged by other Branches - some of whom commented on Jean Brown's great article.
Continuing our series we now present Jan Ouellet. It was a few years back when we were meeting in the Senior Rec. Centre on College St., that we first met Jan. She dropped in because she'd read a notice in the paper - she knew about Loyalists from her time in Shelburne, N.S., and she wanted to know if non-Loyalists could attend. We said "yes" and are we glad we did! Jan is our busy Social Convenor and has travelled to three conferences. Since then we've been well entertained in her home and have enjoyed meeting her husband Rene and Duke, her Dalmatian.
Here is Jan's account including some Scottish ancestry appropriate for today.

Tannahill Family
My Scottish grandparents, John Parkhill Tannahill and Etheletta Goudie McGown were married in Paisley Abbey on January 4, 1910. My mother, Ethel Elizabeth McGown Tannahill was born on St. Patrick's Day 1911 at Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Before coming to Canada, my grandfather and his brother operated a shop on Paisley High Street. Grandfather Tannahill belonged to a Paisley group of poets. He had several poems and songs published in Scotland.
In May 1921, my grandparents immigrated to a Soldiers Settlement at Arvilla/Busby, Alberta. They named their farm "Craigielie". As pioneers in an unfriendly environment, they endured many hardships - severe weather, grass and forest fires, draught, poor quality farm land to be cleared and cultivated and as a result of World War I conditions, poor and declining health.
In 1931, my grandmother passed away at the early age of 51. She is buried in Beechmont Cemetery in Edmonton. My grandfather worked in Edmonton to financially keep the farm operational.
The residents of the Soldiers Settlement, were a close-knit community and concerned about each other's welfare. To this day, the grandchildren of the original settlers are in contact with one another. In most circumstances, it took three generations to become established.
After a life of hard work and sacrifices my grandfather passed away in 1960.
My mother Ethel attended high school and Normal School in Edmonton. My mother and father Lloyd Henry Krisher were married in November 1939 in Edmonton. They had four children: Janice Muriel, Lloyd Bruce, John Stuart William and Marguerite Elizabeth Lillian. Mom taught school in Alberta and British Columbia. My mother loved to travel. She made fifteen trips across Canada to visit Nova Scotia. She visited Europe three times and visited her family in Scotland on four occasions. She passed away in 1996 at 84 years of age.
I was born on September 14, 1948 at Edmonton, Alberta. My early schooling was at the Arvilla School and I graduated from Prince Charles Secondary School at Creston, B.C. In 1966, I was very fortunate to attend a Girl Guide - Girl Scout exchange in New Mexico and North Carolina. At that time, Eve Wright was the Girl Guide Commissioner in Creston. I spent the summer of 1968 touring England and Europe (thirteenth class) travelling on a Euro Rail pass and staying at youth hostels. Upon returning to Canada, I decided there were two ways to see the world; have money or join the military. My basic training at CFB Cornwallis was in the spring of 1969. Following basic training I attended the basic radar plotting course at CFB Halifax. Our Oceanographic Operator training was at the US Naval School in Key West, Florida.

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I was posted to CFS Shelburne at Government Point, 10 miles from the beautiful Loyalist town of Shelburne. On July 3, 1971 Rene and I were married at St. Marks Church, Shelburne. The following year, we moved to our first home in Colby Village, near Dartmouth. While Rene spent his time away at sea, I had postings to CFB Halifax and CFB Shearwater. I made many temporary duty trips: Bermuda (twice) CFS Pleasantville St John's, Charlottetown, Victoria, Borden, Kingston, Quebec City and working at the Olympics in Montreal in 1976. In 1982, we bought a lovely country cottage at East Dover, six miles from Peggy's Cove. During the time in Nova Scotia, I made many trips home to British Columbia. Mom and I had nice holidays to Great Britain, Europe and the States. In 1985, we were posted to Ottawa and bought a house in Orleans. Before we were properly unpacked I was away to Norway. While at National Defence Headquarters, I was fortunate to travel to Ireland, Europe, the Mediterranean, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Mauritius and Central America. We had nice holidays in the East and West Coast of Canada, the U.S., Bermuda and the United Kingdom. In the late 1993, I was posted to the Officer Candidate School at CFB Chilliwack. I left the military in February 1997 after 28 years of service. After attending the University College of the Fraser Valley, I am now employed at Revenue Canada in Surrey and looking forward to my next trip.

My Grandfather, John Parkhill Tannahill had interesting ancestry.
TANNAHILL - It is recorded in the Kilmarnock records dating back to 1547, that several Tannahill families lived in the Kilarnock Ayrshire area. Tannahill farm is located across the lane from Rowallan Old Castle. By trade the Tannahill family were weavers, engineers and military.
In the mid 1700's, James Tannahill left Kilmarnock for Paisley to work in the textile trade. He married Janet Pollock. Their son Robert was born on June 3, 1774.
ROBERT TANNAHILL - The Paisley Poet laureate of Scotland was a contemporary of Robert Burns.
The Paisley weavers were a remarkable class of men - intelligent and observant, devoted to politics, strongly or widely radical, great talkers when gathered at the close-mouth or public houses, guardians of the church, reformers of the state, proud patrons of learning but overall good fathers, good churchmen and good citizens.
Robert Tannahill's poetical works were published and have been adapted to many songs. *Farewell to Nova Scotia* is taken from Tannahill's poem, *The Soldier's Adieu to Scotland.*
The Paisley Charity ACCORD, has published "*The Tannahill Songbook*" with selections of Tannahills traditional Scottish music. The first Burns Society dinner was hosted by Robert Tannahill, at Tannahill Cottage on Castle Street in Paisley. To this day, the Tannahill-MacDonald Society meet monthly at the thatched roof Tannahill cottage. The Tannahill Weavers, a popular Scottish musical group are named in honour of Robert Tannahill. Robert Tannahill's statue is located in the gardens at the magnificent Paisley Abbey. On each visit to Paisley, I have visited the statue and Abbey. A bust of Robert Tannahill is located at the Wallace National Monument at Stirling, Scotland.
Another remarkable ancestor of my grandfather's was his name sake and great uncle John Parkhill. John Parkhill was a man of considerable ability. Being a member of the Paisley District Radicals, he had to flee to America after the rebellion of 1820. After a few years, he returned to Scotland and became a beadle of the High Kirk. John Parkhill was author of several books, including "*Ten Years Experience of a Betheral's Life*" "*Arthur Sneddon*", and a short "*History of Paisley*".

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My Grandmother Goudie McGowan's family were weavers, coopers, ship builders and Royal Navy by trade. Her Great Grandfather, James Goudie, Sr. designed and engineered the construction of the British Naval fleet on Lake Ontario for the War of 1812. His son James, Goudie, custom designed the first Trans Atlantic steam vessel, "The Royal William" on a contract awarded to Saxton Campbell and George Black for the Quebec and Halifax Steam Navigation Company in 1830. James Goudie had served his apprenticeship in a shipyard at Greenock, Scotland. His master had built four steamers to cross the very rough Irish Channel between Ireland and Scotland. This experience proved to be invaluable to Goudie in designing an ocean going ship.

Editor's Note: It's a Small World
There was an early Tannahill family in Chilliwack, one of whom if we remember correctly, was a nurse.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Note: Our heading "In Remembrance" is "borrowed" from the Bi-Centennial Branch Newsletter, Editor Joy Bell Tweney. Our thanks to Margaret Lewis U.E. and other friends there who may not know the pleasure their newsletter brings.

"Billie" Halcrow, U.E.

Billie was really Wilma Jean Halcrow (nee Freeman) but we knew her as Billie.
It was a glorious moment at the Edmonton Conference in 1999 when Billie Halcrow received her certificate as she had wished, in her own home town. She had awaited that moment for some time and we all felt great joy. She looked particularly regal in her period gown and afterward in her room we enjoyed a happy little reception complete with balloons and toasts. We were then very saddened to learn of her passing on Feb. 11 in White Rock where she had gone last summer because of ill health.
Billie was born in Edmonton on May 5, 1920 - the descendant of Loyalist Jonathan Matthews of Butlers Rangers.
In 1944 at Winnipeg she married James Y. Halcrow (J.Y.) who following the war, taught school in Penticton. In 1955 the Halcrows came to Chilliwack where Jim was Principal of Chilliwack Senior Secondary until retirement and Billie was his gracious help meet and hostess. J.Y. died in 1984. Billie remained in Retired Teachers and participated in other activities including U.E.L. Her obituary describes her well. *Billie delighted in the diversity and richness of our world, travelling to many different destinations and cultures. She enjoyed and valued the relationships with family and friends, she loved to dance, in life and with life.* This was also true in our case. We knew she would be a supportive member when she turned up at the library for our first "Ships on Sticks" Parade. Her sister from Edmonton was with her. "*We can't march - but we can applaud*" and they did. We will miss Billie and send our condolences to her daughter Eleanor (Doug) her son Dale (Valerie) presently principal of C.S.S.S. - her grandchildren and sisters.

Princess Margaret
August 21, 1930 - February 9, 2002

She was really Princess Margaret Rose (reminded our Dominion Historian Elizabeth Richardson, U.E.) Margaret for Scotland, her mother's home, and Rose for England, her father's legacy. And then we remembered the two little princesses and their dollhouse, the pictures we so painstakingly cut out to hang on our walls, or paste (often with home-made paste of flour and water) in our royal family scrapbooks. Some U.E.L. members still have those scrapbooks or the black and white buttons (pins) that were our souvenirs of the Coronation of King George VI.
Now Princess Margaret is gone and our thoughts are with her mother, her sister and others of the family - royal they may be, but there are also a grieving family.
Our memories remain and we treasure one of unexpectedly seeing the Princess in 1958 on her first visit to B.C. It was on a street near U.B.C. and everyone was rushing to the curb "The Princess is coming they called" and then came the limousine, with Margaret, almost fairy-like - our pictures come to life - a beautiful girl in a pink dress - and the rose like complexion - happily waving to us. We hadn't expected to see her - but now, we're especially glad we did.
Memories and Links - still important.

A Loyal Legacy
Phyllis Hill, U.E. certainly had a loyal legacy from each side of her family. It was well known that her grandfather pioneer Jacob Zink believed in "going to the top" In October 1906 he wrote from Sumas (Greendale) to King Edward VII regarding concerns re the local dyking project - it's cost and voting procedures.
Here are excerpts from his letter (By courtesy of Chilliwack Archives)

To His Most Excellent Majesty King Edward VII

My dear King
Pardon me if I omit some of the forms addressing you and hear graciously the request of they servant pleading for a big number of faithful subjects.
O protect your subjects for mercy's sake. We are not opposed to build a dyke but we want cheaper interest and the Government lands not to be given to an American Company which can buy a majority of farms in their favour.
I made above statements and am responsible for them and I consider it Your Majesty's duty to investigate the matter and where statements prove true to help your subjects which cannot help themselves.
Please read the book of Esther in the Bible and do like that King and save your people This is the prayer of your most humble servant. Jacob Zink, P.O. Sardis, B.C. Canada, North America

He made certain statements and says he should be punished if they are wrong but begs for help in these words.

Spring Gazette
Obituary
Phyllis Hill, UE
Chilliwack, BC

Phyllis Hill, U.E. was a member of Chilliwack Branch since its inception in 1990 and the Branch is extremely saddened to report her sudden passing on Dec. 30, 2001.
Phyllis will be remembered as the attractive dark haired lady in authentic period costume – (cream with sprigs of pink and blue) who ran forward, hand outstretched, to greet the travelers as two U.E.L. tour buses arrived in Chilliwack for the commencement of Convention '94 the first in B.C.
It was also Phyllis who once said, "Every U.E.L. meeting is a happening and I wouldn't miss one unless I was sick or traveling." And she never did. She and her husband Art were always there. Phyllis arrived with a warm smile, a contagious sense of anticipation and the question "What's the theme today?" This kind of support was Phyllis' special characteristic and the word "supportive" was the theme of a tribute to her at a service of remembrance attended by a large, overflow crowd.
Phyllis Alma Elise Zink (named for her two grandmothers) was born in Chilliwack Sept. 10, 1924 of two pioneer families in Sumas (Greendale) – the first area of Chilliwack to be settled. She developed a sense of heritage which was to serve the Chilliwack Branch well. Upon graduation from Chilliwack High School, she took teacher training in Vancouver.
Soon after, she met a young soldier Arthur Hill who was one of the first to arrive at the newly established Chilliwack Army Base. Art and Phyllis were married Feb. 14, 1945. Theirs was a continuing love story and a togetherness that was admired by all.
The couple had one daughter Maureen, now also a teacher who married John Margetts of Williams Lake where they live with their son John Dennis (J.D.) now in Grade 12.
In 1992 Phyllis Hill, U.E. obtained her certificate in the name of Loyalist Daniel Keith, a Queens Ranger from Mass., who came to New Brunswick in 1783 and later settled in Havestock. It is believed that Phyllis is the first of his descendants to obtain a certificate. She believed this heritage should be shared by family members and in 1993 certificates were presented to Maureen Margetts, U.E. and J.D. Margetts, U.E. (then 10 years old). Who have continued their interest as corresponding members and education consultants for the Branch. J.D., in period dress uniform was the doorman for Convention '94. Phyllis also obtained certificates for her sister and her cousin. She served as Sunshine Secretary, Telephoner, Hostess and with news items for our Link Up. She was an advisor and encourager. She treasured memories of a trip to New Brunswick when she met many of those listed in the Keith Disbraw book. She appreciated as well that Keith Wilson Road in Chilliwack was named for her Grandfather James Keith who came here about 1890 and that her other grandfather Jacob Zink once wrote informally to Queen Victoria seeking help for flooding problems affecting "your far flung subjects in this new land".
We will miss Phyllis immeasurably; as a life-long friend, a Branch member, and community worker, but we continue to be supportive of one another, her legacy will remain.
Our appreciation and sympathy will continue for Art, Maureen, John, and J.D. and other relatives.

Lois Dickinson

At Phyllis' Service, Lois told of how they had known each other since they met at a radio spelling bee in Grade 8 and struggled with words like asthma, diphtheria and diarrhea. She closed with an appropriate quotation "Continue in the things you have learned - knowing of whom you have learned them."

Floral Tributes: For the services of Billie & Phyllis, Shirley made a wreath of red, white and blue carnations centered with an 8 1/2 x 11 photo of each lady in period costume. These pictures reflected the happy times we have had together in U.E.L.

Keeping in Touch

Maureen Margetts, U.E., daughter of Art and Phyllis Hill, U.E. expresses appreciation to us - she's back teaching. John and J.D. U.E. are busy and Art is doing quite well. We'll continue to keep in touch.

Answers to Questions

1. Approximately 30

2. See list. Add other names

3. That's up to you ' twill be good table conversation.

4. Germans

5. Hon. John Ross Matheson, U.E.

Quotes of Note

At Phyllis Hill's service

- "*For Phyllis everyone was U.E.L. or wannabees*"
- "*Phyllis certainly knew how to attract a crowd.*"

"*I really had a good time. They are such nice people.*" Jimmy Merkley, Abbotsford, on receiving pictures of him with Colin Van Horne, U.E.

Certificates Presentation

Brrr! It was certainly a unique presentation on the morning of Dec. 27, 2001 on the heritage balcony of the Chilliwack Museum when Phillip Van Horne and his son Colin Van Horne received their certificates. Representative members bundled up and climbed the historic steps but they still felt the below zero temperatures and the penetrating cold wind. Undaunted, they spoke of the Loyalists' hardships and proceeded with the presentation.

President Shirley Dargatz, U.E., assisted by Vice President Jerry Brown, U.E., Art Keller, U.E., email co-ordinator and Lois Dickinson, U.E., past President made the presentations. Also assisting were Bircham Van Horne, U.E. and his wife Mary Van Horne, U.E., the parents and grandparents of Phillip and his son Colin.

Phillip Van Horne, U.E. and Colin Van Horne, U.E. who were on their Christmas visit from Calgary were pleased to personally receive their certificates which had previously been given to the senior Van Hornes' as part of the President' tour.

The Museum is a designated National Heritage site and was the scene in 1994 of the Proclamation for U.E.L. week in B.C. as introduction to Conference 1994.

Happy Hockey

Did you know hockey is from the French word Hoquet (shepherd's crook)?
There is a record of a game of sorts going back to the 11th century. In Colonial times, New York Dutch and New Englanders played a primitive form of hockey.
On Christmas day, 1855, Royal Canadian Rifles at Kingston Barracks cleared away snow and played with a lacrosse ball and field sticks said to be from Halifax.

BRANCH NEWS

We did it! Well - Almost!

We challenged ourselves to achieve 100 members in 2002 for our Chilliwack Branch. At the time of this writing we have 90! I know we will have 10 more in the next short while.

In 2001, we had 61 members with 2 families. This year we have eleven (11) families.

You see, if you take out a family membership at $70, you can count all the people living at that address. Even more importantly, if you plan to get certificates for your children and/or grandchildren, this is a much lesser amount of money to pay.

WE CAN DO IT! YES WE CAN!

Remember what we are about. Preserving our own history as well as an important part of this history of our great country - CANADA!

Special thanks to Vera Webb, U.E. for collecting our fees.

Loyally, Shirley Dargatz, U.E.

POEM

We are honoured to present the following poem by Edith Whitney Lambert. It's from a plaid covered booklet *Poems of New Brunswick and Other Verses.*

This little volume was given by the author to her great nephew David Whitney and his bride on their wedding day, in 1987. His aunt, now elderly, is in poor health, but her poems remain evidence of her wonderful spirit - tributes to poetry to family and friends - to her Loyalist ancestors and the city of Fredericton (written when she was in grade 5)

Dave is a friendly caring clerk in the town Safeway. We became friends when your editor dared to wear period dress for grocery shopping!

Dave gave us permission to use the poem, but we ask that it not be re-copied without further permission.

Ode to the Loyalists

Two hundred years have passed away,
Generations come and gone
Since the Loyalists' voyage ended,
In the Harbour of Saint John.

They gazed at the mighty forests,
They heard the wild birds calls
And watched entranced the ebb and flow,
Of the great Reversing Falls.

The quiet harbour beckoned them,
No further need they roam -
For in those wooded hills above,
Each man would carve a home.

A home to house his family,
Where they could laugh and sing -
And live together peacefully,
True subjects of the King!

No matter what'er the hardships,
How rough and hard the work
They'd stick together one and all,
No task they'd every shirk!

They tilled the soil and planted crops,
They fished and hunted game
They thanked the Lord for simple food,
And blessed it in His name.

They built a church to worship in -
They built a schoolhouse too -
And now 'tis clear those Loyalists,
Built better than they knew.

Their mark remains forever here -
Two hundred years have gone
And yet their loyalty remains,
The pride of old Saint John.

Long may the Loyalist stock preserve,
Their heritage supreme,
God bless the City of Saint John,
God save our Gracious Queen.

Note: As we recall, these Whitneys are descendants of Loyalist Samuel Whitney of N.B. as is Joan Bruce from Abbotsford.