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SPECIAL 12TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Are we going to the dogs?
That's what one person satirically asked us when there seemed no U.E.L. presence awaiting the Queen – but the Corgies were there!

Chilliwack Branch Leadership Team

President: Shirley Dargatz, U.E.
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The Anniversary Theme

Threads of Heritage –

The symbols for a 12th anniversary are Silk, Linen or Nylon – these symbols applied to us have significance for heritage. Silk became important in earliest times and from 1215 on became the focus of societies from east to west. So our organization provides links from east to west and west to east. We are also reminded that some Loyalist women managed to salvage a silk gown or two and they were able to set aside for a brief time the trials of re-location as they dressed up for Governor Parr's Ball in early Saint John.
Then we've seen the serviceable linen garments recreated today by some Ontario Loyalist descendants. Nylon brought a new strength to the fabric of heritage. Thus today's theme blended the threads of communication, durability, strength and service – all of which we cherish in our heritage and our role today.

Happy Anniversary

Today we celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Chilliwack Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.
Our branch was chartered on October 18th 1990 at an impressive ceremony in the meeting room of the Chilliwack Museum.
It was a most appropriate setting with the photographs of pre-confederation settlers adding their own special aura to the event and with the knowledge that the wife of the first mayor to serve in the splendid building had been of U.E.L. descent.

Dominion President Arnold Nethercott, U.E., of London, Ontario presented our Charter, which is now ceremoniously carried in with our flag at each meeting. Some Seventy people attended the potluck supper, and rejoiced together as O' Canada was sung with new emphasis and a special camaraderie began. Of the 10 charter members, 2 have moved away and 6 are still active.

We celebrate our accomplishments, the membership growth from 10 to almost 100; the continuing camaraderie; the number of certificates; the service at the Dominion level and the community awareness we have created.

Happy 12th to all - and best wishes for the year ahead

A Heritage Dozen

Questions of the Month – some branch history

1. What was the actual date of our Charter? – Check it out at today's meeting.
2. Who was the first member of our branch to receive a certificate? – Ask Mildred Hall, U.E.
3. Who is our youngest member? – ask Judy Scholz, U.E. or Morgan Todhunter, U.E.
4. What member had 11 certificates? – Ask Vera Webb, U.E.
5. What member has a potential for 20 certificates? – Ask Lynne Phillips, U.E.
6. Who is our senior member? – Ask Gladys Van Baaren (SP), U.E.
7. Which members have been Presidents of the Vancouver Branch? – Ask Vona Smith, U.E.
8. Who was our first honorary associate member? – Ask Art Keller, U.E.
9. What important event happened here in 1994? – Ask Laura Merson, U.E.
10. What branch could be considered "our baby", or were we instrumental in organizing? – Ask Doreen Todhunter, U.E.
11. Which member has a loyalist ancestor with the same name as a local church? – Ask Birch Van Horne, U.E.
12. Which family has the most certificates from our branch? Which family is second? – Ask Jean Brown

Calendar Links

Upcoming events –

- Sunday November 11th – the presentation of our wreath at the Chilliwack Cenotaph. (A tradition since 1976)
- Saturday December 7th – 75th Anniversary of the Victoria Branch.
- Sunday December 8th 1PM– Chilliwack Branch Christmas Dinner at Clark's Family Restaurant, 46296 Yale Road in Chilliwack, V2P 2P6. Restaurant phone 604-795-7181 Cost is $15 per person.

  Clark is opening just for us and will provide a special Smorgasbord. Our guest will be Myrna Fox, U.E. President of the Dominion Council of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Myrna is very much looking forward to meeting with us on this happy occasion

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Membership fees for 2003 may be paid at this time. Let's not leave it 'till February or March. Branches are collecting now.

Book of the Month

Sarah's Diary
By Doris E. Wilson, U.E., Grand River Branch

Our thanks to Doris, who came here with the 1994 tour, for this splendid little book which outlines Sarah's flight (with her family) to a new life in the Long Point settlement and the later years when she establishes her own home. It is a welcome addition to any U.E.L. library.

Our Branch Presidents Link

President's report

Having just attended the Dominion Council meeting last weekend (October 20th) in Toronto, I am more excited than ever to be part of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. It is wonderful to have friends of like minds, from Sea to Sea. Also, more than ever, I am convinced of the vital role we, Branches and Council, play in the preservation of our Canadian Loyalist History. It is important work that we all do.

The Regional Vice Presidents and Councillors meeting held on the Friday night preceding the Saturday Dominion Council meeting, is a valuable forum to discuss many topics in an interactive way.

It was truly exciting to hear of all the Queen's Jubilee tour, sightings and celebrations in which so many of our members were involved.

Our President, Myrna Fox, is going to be very busy travelling this year with 5 Regional Conferences, plus Victoria's 75th Anniversary, Chilliwack's Christmas Dinner, and the June Conference in Winnipeg.

Our Centennial in 2014 is an enormous task, which we all need to embrace and support whole-heartedly. A concerted effort will certainly enhance our Loyalist image. Mind you, we were all figuring out how old we would be in 2014. The project committee for this event is already underway. Items now available include; pins, ties and etched glassware just in time for Christmas gifts. These projects will help our coffers as well. The Regional Councillors are designated as the "Promotions Persons" in each region.

A SLOGAN for our Members Badge – do you have an idea?

The Teacher Resource Books for the Prairie Region and the Pacific Region are being worked on and awaiting further input.

As Members Chair of Dominion Council, I have challenged the branches to do their utmost to increase their membership by even just 10%. Our first goal is 2500 – only 107 to go. Remember our goal of 100! We are at 96, only 4 more to go! Let's raise the bar higher for ourselves.

Your Dominion Council of the UELAC is truly a hard working dedicated group of individuals with a wide variety of skills and who have all our best interests in mind.

Our Branch Anniversary (12th) meeting October 27th is our first meeting of the fall season. We are so looking forward to the visit of our Dominion Association President, Myrna Fox, at our Christmas Dinner on December 8th. The previous day, Myrna will be attending the 75th Anniversary of the Victoria Branch.

I was pleased to be asked to speak at the Vancouver Branch meeting in September, and I am looking forward to speaking at the Mayflower meeting on November 17th.

I want to say how much I appreciate the tremendous work and support of our Leadership Team and the constant commitment of our members.

Loyally
Shirley Dargatz, U.E.

Member Links

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Greetings to those we are aware of (Please let us know of errors or if we have missed you).

Feb. 1 Allan Mitchell Feb. 5 William Wagar Feb. 6 Cleo Walters Feb. 12 Vona Smith Feb. 24 Shirley Dargatz Feb. 27 Cecil Ashley	March 4 Percy De Plissey March 7 Mildred Dargatz March 9 Judy Scholz March 19 Al Dawson March 20 Leota Janzen March 20 Linda Todhunter March 25 Jean Brown March 31 Birch Van Horne	April 3 Art and Betty Keller's Anniversary
May 6 Ed Wilson May 9 Joan Hedberg May 21 Dorothy Miller May 22 Alan Reid	June 1 Deleine Perrie June 8 Jerry Brown June 12 Gladys Van Baaren (1908) June 19 Phillip Leith June 20 Lois Dickinson June 21 James Bowman June 25 Irving Reid June 26 Scott Roos	July 12 Maribel Roos July 13 Russ Janzen July 13 Marjory Roberts July 22 Tyler Perrie July 23 Mildred (Evans) Hall July 27 Viola Boyd
August 4 Curtis Perrie August 4 Bea Armstrong August 5 Marion Varcoe August 6 Alice Carter August 6 Mary Van Horne August 7 Betty Keller August 8 Brown's Anniversary August 9 Audrey Maclean August 13 Justin Perrie August 14 Annis Archibald August 22 Bruce Maclean	September 6 Chuck Wagar September 14 Jan Ouellet September 21 Bernie Dagenais 	October 11 Mary Hope October 19 Chris Hay October 17 Marian Reid October 19 Linda Clark October 20 Don Archibald October 26 Paul Rogers October 27 Lynne Phillips October Cleo and Fred Walter's Anniversary

Congratulations to:

Dennis Webb, U.E.

Our new B.C. Councillor Dennis Webb, U.E. of Vernon, founding President of that branch in 1995. Dennis, the son of Vera Webb, U.E. and the late Andrew Webb, U.E. is once again to serve as President of the Thompson-Okanagan Branch. He cares deeply for U.E.L. and shows it by wearing his uniform.

Shirley Dargatz, U.E.

Who is continuing as Regional Vice-President for our Pacific Region and representing the 4 B.C. Branches, and reporting to Dominion President Myrna Fox, U.E. This year Shirley has the added responsibility of Dominion Membership Chair Person, which remind us we've almost met our goal of 100 members – we're at 96, an increase of over 70%

J.D. Margetts, U.E.

"J.D." of Williams Lake B.C. is a year 2002 graduate who was awarded an incredible number of scholarships including the Millennium Scholarship. J.D., the son of John Margetts and Maureen Margetts, U.E., is the grandson of Phyllis Hill, U.E. (deceased) and Art Hill. He has been a much-appreciated member since grade 5. Our special thoughts go with him now at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Appreciations to:

The Web Master

A special note of thanks to Ed Wilson for compiling this News Letter, (by Long Distance & Remote Control), when Lois and Judy were not available. Also to Jean Brown for putting up with Ed's never ending questions (Ed).

Harold Steves

The Tall Ships at Richmond, B.C. – wish we had been there too. How different from those ships we commemorate in our Salute to the Spring Fleet in May and we recognize the contribution of Harold Steves with his N.B. background to this fabulous event.

Featured loyalist

Thomas Turney

Thomas Turney was an unknown Loyalist to us until, discouraged that no link could be found in the Jones name, we took another look at Percy's lengthy family tree researched by his sister Mary, a long time experienced genealogist.

There it was in small print near the bottom of the page: Thomas Turney, U.E.L. and then the name of his daughter Jerusha Ann. We asked George Hayward of Fredericton how we should proceed and once again we were delighted that he would help.

Here then are some facts gleaned from the research of George, Mary Hope, U.E. and our genealogist Mildred Hall, U.E., facts that link Thomas Turney to David Deplissey, the father of Percy and Mary.

Thomas Turney was born circa 1753, possibly in Connecticut with Fairfield Conn. Listed as one place of residence. He became a member of the New York Volunteers and on September 11, 1779, in Lieut. Col. George Turnbulls Co. at Savannah, Georgia he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He also served at Long Island in 1776. In 1784 he came to New Brunswick first settling in Keswick, York County. From 1801 until his death in 1840 he lived at Burton Parish, Sunbury County.

Thomas's wife whom he married circa 1780 was likely Rebecca whose last name is still unknown. The couple had 12 children.

Of interest to us is Jerusha who married Rev. Gideon Estabrooks and thus provided a link for Percy and Mary with another well-known N.B. pioneer family.

Jerusha and Gideon were our member's second great grand parents through their father David Wiley Deplissey, son of Joseph Deplissey and Annie Ida Estabrooks. Their mother was Edith Jones whose great grand father was James A. Jones son of a Loyalist but which one we can't yet prove. That's why the Turney discovery is so exciting. It's always wonderful when here on the west coast a branch member is the first in Canada to receive a certificate in a particular previously undocumented name in U.E.L. files. We believe this distinction pplies to Percy Deplissey, U.E. (Thomas Turney) and his sister Mary Hope, U.E. (Thomas Turney) whose certificates are therefore a double honour.

- Our thanks to Mary for her years of saving clippings and compiling meticulous group sheets.
- Appreciations to George Hayward for his invaluable help.

Who's next? – Remember the old nursery rhyme "11 – 12 dig and delve"? It fits the 12th anniversary of our branch. No certificate yet? Try more "Digging and Delving".

Members & Certificates

Mildred Marie (Stapleton) Dargatz

I was born Mildred Marie Stapleton on March 7, 1930 in Chilliwack General Hospital to George and Eva (Jones) Stapleton. My father's parents were Joseph and Maggie Stapleton who had 3 children. My mother's parents were James and Elizabeth Ann (Doran) Jones who had 12 children.

As I grew up, we would spend one Christmas with the Jones' where there were lots of aunts and uncles and many, many cousins. The other Christmas, we would be at the Stapleton's where, until I was 11, there would just be 6 adults and me. Being an only child, of course, I liked lots of children around!

I started school at Central School and before Grade 1 was finished, we moved to Abbotsford. When I was in Grade 3 we moved back to Chilliwack and in the next few years moved around the area enough that I attended most of the schools in this district including Cheam, Rosedale and East Chilliwack. I ended up in Chilliwack Jr.- Sr. High School and went on to Business College here in Chilliwack.

At this time, March 1949, my parents bought a store and coffee shop in Aspen Grove B.C. and we moved again.

Before we left Chilliwack this time, I had met and started going out with a great fellow by the name of Harold Dargatz. I thought the move would likely put an end to the romance, but he decided to follow me and got a job logging in the area! We were married in the Cheam United Church on September 7, 1949.

Harold and I lived in Olds, Alberta and Spence's Bridge, B.C. before coming back to Chilliwack in 1956 and starting our family.

We've lived in our present home on Coventry Place since 1961 and have raised a family of 3, Joy, Terri and Dale. We have 5 grandchildren and 1 great grand daughter.

Harold, being a carpenter is very handy at keeping our home up to date and he also does very good woodcarvings. I like to tole paint and cross-stitch and enjoy many other crafts.

Thanks to my grandmother, Elizabeth Ann Jones, I am connected to the "Doran's", who were United Empire Loyalists' and so I have been able to get my certificate. I would like to thank Mildred Hall, Lois Dickinson and Vona Smith for the work they did to make this happen.

Percy Deplissey, U.E.

Percy was honoured at our summer luncheon on July 15th when he received his certificate in the name of Thomas Turney, Loyalist to New Brunswick. Percy was born in Gordonsville, near Bristol, Carleton County, New Brunswick. He became a teacher but positions were scarce and in early October 1937 he came to Vancouver. Here too, work was scarce but he went to Kamloops where he worked in sawmills, on cattle ranches and at the Tranquille Hospital. To hear Percy tell of his experiences is most fascinating. He also served as Secretary Treasurer for Dominion Construction Company for 5 years. He upgraded his teaching certificate and taught at Templeton Secondary School in Vancouver for 21 years. Percy is very modest about his achievements but he pioneered some of the special programs for students experiencing difficulties.

His popularity was in evidence earlier this year at Templeton's 75th Anniversary. He loves teaching and now serves as a tutor to some of our young "U.E.L.'ers". Percy was also elected to the Vancouver School Board – another notable accomplishment. On August 19th 1942 he married Jean Hutchison, a nurse. The couple had 2 daughters, Moray, who lives in Alberta, and Jessie, also now a Vancouver teacher who attended the July luncheon with her father.

The Deplissey's retired to Abbotsford where, sadly, Jean passed away in August 1999. It was shortly after that when Percy dropped by our U.E.L. display in Seven Oaks mall, Abbotsford. There he discovered a long lost cousin, a new interest, a former student and many new friends through U.E.L. he has become very special to our branch. He may be a senior member, but he is most enthusiastic and even marched on stage July 1st. He admires our certificate presentation ceremony and at his luncheon said of his sister Mary "I'd like her to go through too". He has a great sense of family. Today is a culmination of that dream – and there's likely more to come. Happy heritage to all.

Vicki Gallinger, U.E.

Vicki Lynne Gallinger (nee Phillips) is the daughter of Lynne Dickinson Phillips, U.E. and the grand daughter of Violet Dickinson and the late Perry Dickinson.

She was born in 1975 in Chilliwack and has lived her entire life here where she completed her high school education. Vicki is attractive and outgoing and, when work permits her to attend, she will add further camaraderie to our branch. Vicki's certificate is in the name of Richard Rogers, of the De Lancey Brigade, who settled in New Brunswick. For Rogers's descendants there is also a link to Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower, (12 generations back from Vicki). Vicki has a very responsible job as a flag person and travels the entire lower mainland and into the interior, often driving the large equipment truck from project to project. She has passed several courses and is often called for difficult jobs.

We wish Vicki all the best in her future activities. Her family includes her Aunt Lois Dickinson, U.E. (her grandfathers sister), her second cousin Scott Roos, U.E., and his mother Maribel Roos, U.E., her father, George Phillips, now resides in Williams Lake B.C.

Mary A. Hope, U.E.

I was born on October 11, 1918 at Bristol in Carleton County, New Brunswick. My father was David Wiley Deplissey and my mother was Edith P. Jones of Gordonville, New Brunswick. They raised six children; Alfred, Marguerite, Belle, Percy, Mary and Carey. I don't recall much of my early years but as we grew older, we found lots of things to occupy our curious minds.

We always had it good and we thought very highly of our teachers. I attended school for eleven years and graduated from "Bristol High" at the age of sixteen in 1935. I became our family historian and from then on we went out into the somewhat unknown world. I was employed by "Banks Inn" for sometime.

We lived on the banks of the St. John River and in the winter we skied and skated. World War 2 came to end all wars. During the war I worked in Hamilton at Aeronox. This plant made condensers for the armoured trucks. While there I met "my husband to be", Joseph Gilbert Dougherty. He worked for Canada Steel. He was a friend of my brother Alfred and his wife Jessie. We were married on September 19, 1942 in Hamilton, Ontario by Rev. Halliday. We spent our honeymoon in Niagara Falls. Janet Anita was our first baby born on June 27, 1943.

My husband Gilbert became ill and died with cancer in May 1948 leaving me with three little girls; Janet Anita, Corrine Margaret and Josephine Gilbretta. We lived at Centerville at that time.

In October 1950 we went to Vancouver and visited my brothers Alfred & Jessie Deplissey and Percy J. Deplissey of Burnaby. Soon after our return to New Brunswick, we returned to Vancouver to live with Alfred and Jessie. I married James Hope on August 21, 1959 and David James Brent Hope was born December 17, 1960. David Hope married Tracey Scherer of Ontario. They have two children, a boy (5) Logan James Craig Hope and a daughter (3) named Shawna Marie. I have 5 grandchildren; Dayna Lynon and Christopher Sean Miles whose parents are Josephine and Phil Miles. Dayna married Frank Friesen on September 21, 2002.

I worked fifteen years at the "family history" centre in Burnaby. While there I did a lot of searching of my own family. I have several family names going back to 1000AD. I found some very interesting people on my "Family Tree'.

The love of my life is quilting; my mother taught me how to sew when I was very young. I made my first two quilts when I was twelve years old. That was my first quilting experience and my oldest daughter, Janet, has them today. As I progressed and entered quilt shows I had many writings in the newspapers. One in particular said, "At the age of twelve Mary was an accomplished quilter". My quilts were always "first prize winners" and I have many blue ribbons and other prizes to prove my skills. As 1992 was Burnaby's Centennial Year I made a centennial quilt and received a Silver Tray for "Woman of the Year". I still live in Burnaby and I enjoy all my relatives.

Heritage Links

Did You Know?

Historically town criers - or *Bellmen* as they were sometimes called - were the original newsmen.

The first town criers were the Spartan Runners in the early Greek Empire and as the Roman Conquest spread through Europe the position increased in importance until it became a position of the court.
As England colonized the world, the position of the town crier spread with it. Before people could read, town criers brought the news to the people, and served as spokesmen for the King.
Law protected town criers. "Don't shoot the messenger" was a very real command; anything that was done to a town crier was deemed to be done to the King and was therefore a treasonable offence.

Usually people of standing in the community were chosen as criers, for they had to be able to write and read the official proclamations. Often they were a husband and wife team with the wife ringing the large hand bell and the husband doing the shouting.
The Town crier would read a proclamation, usually at the door of the local inn, then nail it to the doorpost of the inn. The tradition has resulted in the expression "posting a notice" and the naming of newspapers as "The Post".
The Mayor officially appoints each town crier. The style of uniforms is authentic and date back to the 17th Century. The Town crier's robes are similar to those of the mayor, and uniforms are usually designed, incorporating the colours of the Crier's town. The ceremonial tricorne is adorned with curling feathers, a traditional representation of the quills used by earlier town criers to write their proclamations.
Announcements are always preceded by the traditional "Oyez Oyez Oyez" (which is "listen" in French) and conclude with "God save the Queen"

Heritage Links

The Royal Jubilee Visit – October 4th – 15th 2002

It was evident by the large turnout to our Royal Booth on July 1st and the number of people who stood in line to sign a greeting card for Her Majesty and to share the Jubilee Cake, that in our area there is a great feeling for the Queen. We saw more evidence of this time and time again as the Royal Tour went from place to place. Here is our summary:

Wish we'd been there:

- At Iqaluit, Nunavut to hear the Queens greeting in their native tongue.
- On the beautiful lawns of the B.C. Legislature, the sun reflecting on the statue of Queen Victoria.
- As the Queen dropped the puck at the Vancouver Canucks Hockey game at GM Place, Vancouver
- With the costumed members of the Manitoba Branch U.E.L. – briefly featured on TV.
- In Winnipeg, Manitoba to marvel at the Golden Boy Statue atop the Legislative Building. – We will remember him from conference '97 – arms outstretched beckoning us to welcome youth and build our Heritage. (Your chance will come at convention 2003. Don't miss it; it's another chance in Western Canada to meet with our cross-country U.E.L. family).
- To hear the wonderful rendering of God Save the Queen at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto
- To see her scuffing through the leaves on a lovely fall day in Ottawa.
- To see the 50 representatives of 50 years of Canadian achievement.
- In Moncton (Dieppe), New Brunswick to share another aspect of our Heritage.
- To wave good-bye (we did it at home watching our TV's with a 5 year old waving his Heritage Flag).

Now let's hear your highlights of the Royal Tour.

From the MacLean's of Oct. 14, 2002

"When Queen Elizabeth II last came to Canada in 1997, her royal handlers could boast she had visited every territory and province - but that was before Nunavut. So officials and residents of Iqaluit, the capital of the vast eastern-Artic territory created in 1999, had plenty to occupy her when she stepped off the plane last week for the first stop on her 12-day Golden Jubilee tour of Canada."

Other Links

CHILLIWACK UEL IN ACTION! – The Year in Review – 2002

Recently the UEL was saddened by the loss of Phyllis Hill UE, who passed away late in 2001, and Richard Merson and Robert Armstrong UE, who passed away in 2002. We were pleased to hear of the awards presented to J. D. Margetts UE.

Jan 7	Leadership meeting – at the home of the president
Feb. 11	Leadership meeting – at the home of Doreen Todhunter UE
Feb. 24	"Heritage Wa Hae" at "Promontory Heights Community School – 60 attendees
April 8	Leadership Meeting – Regional Library
May 4	"Roots Around the World" Genealogy Seminar at Abbotsford
May 6	Leadership Meeting – Regional Library
May 10	"Heritage Fair" - Abbotsford
May 25	Attended opening of "Dickens British Museum", Alexander Ave – ribbon cutting ceremony
May 26	Spring Fleet, Queen's Jubilee, certificate presentation - at "Canton Garden Restaurant" – 41 attendees
June 1	UELAC "Queen's Jubilee Display" booth at Alexander St. Fair
June 6-9	UELAC Annual Conference, Waterloo, Ontario
June 15	Spring fleet and Queen's Jubilee at Fishleigh's residence. Held jointly with Vancouver Branch
July 1	Manned, in period dress, a "Queen's Jubilee" Information Booth and distributed relevant items to appreciative participants in the Canada Day Celebration at "Heritage Park"
July 15	"Happy Heritage" - Certificate presentation at the "Savoy Restaurant" Abbotsford – 32 attendees
July 22	Informal gathering to toast Rusty Wilson for her contribution to UEL
September 9	Leadership Meeting – Regional Library

A Tribute Link

Obituary

Robert Melvin Armstrong UE

Bob Armstrong and his wife Bea have been members of Chilliwack Branch from its beginning.

Bea, a descendant of Daniel Keith UEL, received her certificate first, and it was therefore a particularly proud moment in 1998 when Bob was awarded his certificate in the name of John Thornton UEL.

Bob and Bea thus became our first husband and wife team to achieve this heritage honour. It meant a lot to Bob and he never missed a meeting as long as his health permitted. He added to the growing list of Thornton descendants and the family spirit added much to the Branch.

Bob was born in Vancouver on 28 December 1925 but moved at a young age with his parents, Harry and Lillian Armstrong (nee Thornton), to Promontory Heights overlooking Chilliwack. Here he learned his interest in history, knowing that the two Thornton brothers, George Israel (Bob's grandfather) and Edward were the first settlers in 1891 to move to the wilderness now one of the fastest growing regions in Canada. Here too, he learned his love of the outdoors and acquired the skills he taught to the next generation. His home was warm with a hospitality and quiet humour, which extended to our Branch.

Bob graduated from Chilliwack High School, served in the RCAF, and then married Bea Gorham. The couple had two children, Robbie and Cindy. Bob is also survived by grandchildren, great grandchildren and many Thornton cousins.

At his large service, well attended by Community friends, UEL members and his cousins, Shirley Dargatz UE and Clay Thornton gave eulogies. The family, with guitar accompaniment, sang "The Little Green Valley", a fitting tribute to Bob's life long appreciation of his beautiful valley where he will be much missed.

Lois Dickinson U.E.

Our Branch is most appreciative that Bea is continuing on our telephone committee and now attends leadership meetings where we value her input

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Obituary

William Oulton Horne

The Chilliwack Branch of the U.E.L.A.C. has just learned of the passing of an early member of our Branch, Bill Horne. Bill passed away in 100 Mile House on October 14th 2002 at the age of 78.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Bill's wife and family as they mourn his passing

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Miscellaneous Links

George Stanley

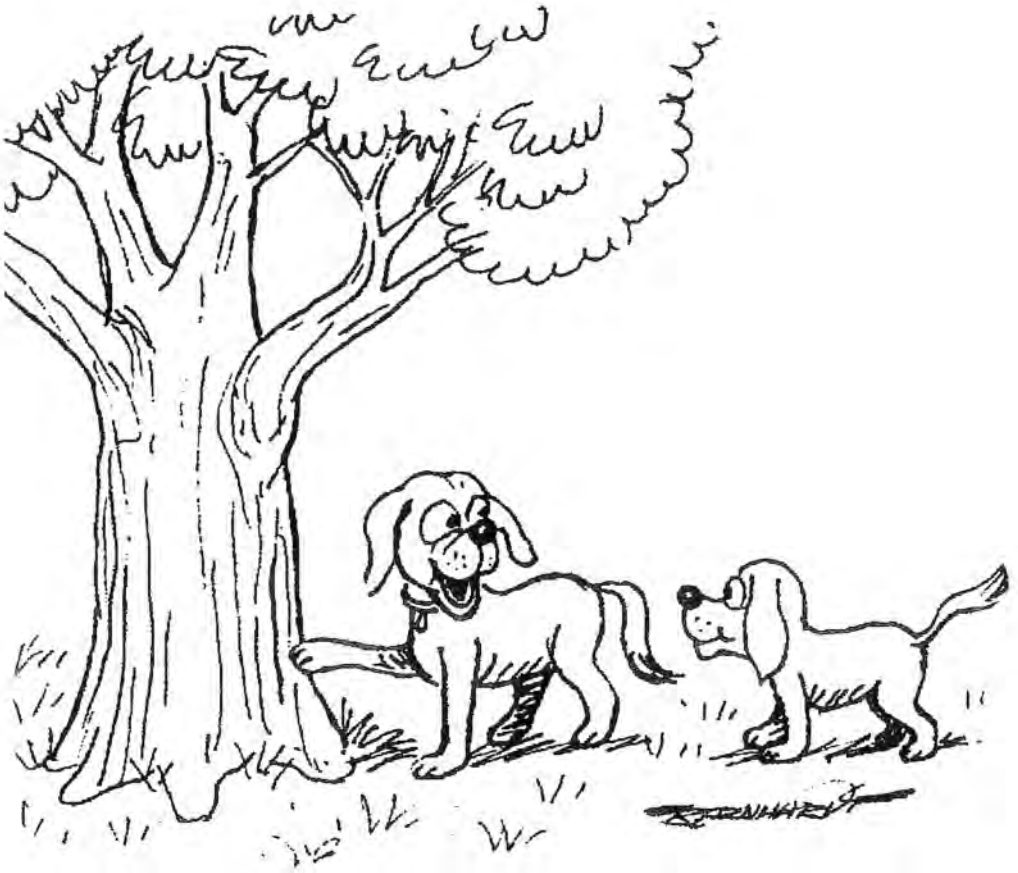
1907 -- September 13 2002

Back in 1983 three of us from B.C. joined the U.E.L. tour led by Doreen and Nelson Macnab to the convention in the Maritimes.

At dinner a distinguished white haired man in a Blue Velvet suit saw the trouble we were having with our first Lobster and came over to assist us. This man was none other than the Hon. George Stanley, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick who later in the evening gave the marvellous address we remember so well. The American Revolution created not one but two countries.

George Stanley who had a 33-year teaching career, including some time at U.B.C., leaves an important legacy to Canadians. Along with the Hon. John Ross Matheson, he was involved with the development of the Canadian Flag. He also authored several books of Canadian history; these include his compilation of the Diaries of Royal Engineer, Lieut. Wilson, circa 1858 – 59, that contain some of the earliest history notes of our area.

We are grateful to George Stanley and to the U.E.L. for another wonderful memory and a link to a great Canadian.



"This is our family tree.
We've used it for generations."

From the Webmaster:

- I am still finding the odd email address for members not previously on our email list. If you have not been receiving email of late let me know. (The last email was the notice of the Christmas Dinner on December 8th)
- If you know of anyone who should be on the list please let me know.
- Our President, Shirley D. should be "on-line by now", welcome to the wired world Shirley.
- Remember to set your clocks BACK this weekend.

Canada Day July 1st 2002

Twelfth Anniversary meeting of the Chilliwack Branch
of the
United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Cooke's Presbyterian Church Hall 27 October 2002

The "Threads of Heritage" regular meeting commenced at 1:30 PM with the President Shirley Dargatz UE presiding. 49 members and guests signed the guest book. The flags were marched in by Alan Reid UE, Jerry Brown UE and Rusty Wilson.

Copies of the "Link-Up" were distributed. Thanks to Webmaster Ed Wilson and Editor Lois Dickinson UE.

A videotape was made by Shaw Cable of the President Shirley Dargatz UE having tea in period dress in the British Museum in Chilliwack. This video was shown on TV during the visit of the Queen to British Columbia.

The President reported on her trip to the Dominion Council Meeting. The Association is looking for a slogan to represent the 100th Anniversary of the UELAC, which will take place in 2014. Branches are asked to start planning projects for that event. UE pins, ties and glasses are currently for sale.

To celebrate your **"special"** day, Mildred Dargatz UE has created a "birthday board". Please check to see if your birthday is recorded on the board. Advise Mildred Dargatz UE if you're not on the list. The Branch wants to recognize your birthday! Good wishes to the October birthday people and to **Cleo and Fred Walters** on their October 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Coming Events:

- Sunday November 11th – presentation of wreath at the Chilliwack Cenotaph
- Saturday December 7th – 75th Anniversary of the Victoria Branch
- Sunday December 8th – 1:00 PM – Christmas Dinner at Clark's Family Restaurant
- Further info. 604-858-6748

Check your "Link-Up" for biographies of the three honourees receiving their certificates at today's meeting and **Percy Deplissey UE**, who received his certificate in July. Shirley Dargatz UE presided over the certificate ceremony. Presentations were made to **Mildred Dargatz UE, Vicki Gallinger UE**, and **Mary Hope UE**. Each received their certificate from Mildred (Evans) Hall UE, a flag from Jerry Brown UE, a symbolic Loyalist rose from Lois Dickinson UE, and a congratulation card from the Branch members presented by Shirley Dargatz UE. Proven Loyalist ancestors are: Thomas Turney, David Doran and Richard Rogers. Congratulations!!!

Tea was served by the Social Committee. Thanks to Jan Ouellet, Alice Carter, Rusty Wilson and Robyn Duncan. Flags marched out by Alan Reid UE, Jerry Brown UE and Rusty Wilson. Meeting adjourned at 3:22 PM.

Tracing the Loyalist in us

The Chilliwack Branch of the United Empire Loyalists of Canada is celebrating the 12th anniversary of its charter.

Always a poet and ever a supporter of positive milestones, **Jean Brown** rewrote the words to *A Few of My Favourite Things* from *The Sound of Music* ... made famous by **Julie Andrews**.

"This," Ms. Brown penned in a note to PFYT, "reflects how the spouse of a Loyalist looking for his or her roots thinks of the quest for 'proofs'."

It took six years for Ms. Brown's husband, Jerry, to collect all his 'proofs'. He can now sign his name **Jerry Wm. Brown, U.E.**

Looking for Loyalist Ancestors
(to the tune of These Are a Few of Our Favourite Things)

"Grandfathers, relatives, his-and-her peoples.
Instead of at nightclubs, we look at church steeples.
We pour over words hoping they have a gist,
Helping confirm that he IS Loyalist.

Anecdotes, narratives, birth dates and places,
Faded dull pictures of old family faces.
Where do we fit in this forgotten scene?
Are they all real, or are we in a dream?

Battlegrounds, monuments, tombstones galore,
We stop for cemeteries and for much more.
They may be sleeping, but we search around,
Ancestors may be entombed in this ground.

When the hands ache, when the pens break, when the eyes grow dim,
Then we remember the great lives they've had, and then we don't feel so bad.

Wrist pains, enthused brains, and great hopes of winnin',
Knowing more now, that we did just beginnin'.
Brown wrinkled packages tied up with strings.
Proofs may be hiding in some of these things.

Yellowing pages and family heirlooms,
Telling what history books call "bust or boom".
Unity, industry, battlefield ground —
Is this a proof we may have just found?

Farmers and soldiers and pioneers too,
Were given honours for what they did do.
They made their descendants of Canada proud.
Their praises we sing, and we sing them out loud.

When your shoes leak, when your bones creak, when you're feeling sad ...
If you find proofs of the Loyalist's life, then you won't feel so bad.

Then we remember the great life we've had ... and now we don't feel soooo baaaaaad."

— Jean Brown