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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

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A Message from the President

Welcome Spring!

We were all thrilled with the attendance at our Heritage Week Celebration on February 16, 2013! New members and guests swelled our numbers considerably! Themes included: "Heritage Homes and Neighbourhoods, as well as Black History Month.

Our next event is the Pacific Region Conference on May 4th.

This event is approaching quickly and I would like to encourage Chilliwack Branch members to make a supreme effort to attend.

Please see page 2 for information and print out page 5 for registration and directions to the University of the Fraser Valley located at the former Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack.

Our special guests will be UELAC President, Robert McBride UE and First Lady, Greitje McBride UE, as well as folks from the B.C Branches; Thompson-Okanagan, Vancouver and Victoria.

Our venue, the new "Aboriginal Gathering Place" (an adjunct to the UFV Library building) is a unique design. It is thanks to Marlene Dance and her connection as an Elder College Genealogy Teacher, that we are able to hold this Spring Fleet Celebration at this facility.

There is still time to register for the 2013 Conference - "At the Head of the Lake" – hosted by the Hamilton Branch. (May 30 – June 2).

Also, just a quick reminder to those in our Branch who are still planning to renew your 2013 Membership - please send your dues into our Treasurer.

I am so looking forward to seeing a goodly number of you at our Pacific Regional Conference!

Loyally,

Shirley Dargatz UE



Saturday, May 4, 2013 - Pacific Regional Conference
Celebrate the Arrival of the Fleet!
Aboriginal Gathering Place @ new UFV campus in Sardis
45190 Caen Ave., Chilliwack. BC
Gathering Time 10:00 am

UELAC President & Guest speaker Bob McBride UE & wife Greitje UE to attend.



Catered lunch, Certificate presentations, displays,
Raffle Draws and Door Prizes.
Invitations have been extended to Thompson/Okanagan,
Vancouver and Victoria Branches.
Tickets Adults \$25
Children \$20
Please wear period dress.
Parking is included in the cost.
But please carpool were possible.
Print out page 5 and mail the bottom half as directed.
Then save the top half with the driving directions.

PACIFIC REGION EVENTS: CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

May 30/ June 2, 2013 - Annual Conference in Hamilton, Ontario
2014 - Annual Conference will be in Toronto, Ontario
2015 Annual Conference is scheduled for VICTORIA, BC



THE GENEALOGY PRAYER.



Genealogy is my pastime - I shall not stray.
It maketh me to lie down and examine half
buried tombstones,
It leadeth me into still courthouses,
It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me into the paths of census records
And ships passenger lists
For my surnames sake.
Yet though I wade through the shadows
Of research libraries & microfilm readers,
I shall fear no discouragement,
For a strong urge is with me.
The curiosity and motivation they comfort me.
It demandeth preparation of storage space
For the acquisition of countless documents.
It anointeth my head with burning midnight oil.
My family group sheets runneth over.
Surely birth, marriage & death dates
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I shall dwell in the house of a
family history seeker forever.

Amen (Author unknown)

War of 1812 in New Brunswick

From Don Doherty, Web Manager for the New Brunswick Genealogy Society

Check out the new eight links which have been added about "The War of 1812" under the Military category on the "Links" page of the website. (You don't need to be a member to access a good deal of the information on this site)

Very little action occurred in the New England States and the Maritime Provinces of Canada during this war. The people in the area, who were closely tied by family and trade, were not interested in participating in the conflict.

The population in the Maritimes depended on New England for food and the merchants there were happy to comply much to the dismay of the US federal government.

For this reason a state of neutrality existed along the land border of Maine and New Brunswick.

Military activity in the area was mostly contained to coastal communities and to privateering activities. The British did capture and hold onto a number of Maine coastal communities during the war which were returned after hostilities ceased. New Brunswick's involvement was mostly related to the raising of the 104th Regiment of Foot who undertook the now famous Winter March starting on February 16th 1813 from Fredericton to Kingston Ontario. The regiment was involved in a number of important battles in the Canada's and many of the men returned to settle in New Brunswick. Despite the limited hostilities, there are plenty of records for genealogists to pour through in search of their family who lived in New Brunswick, Maine and Nova Scotia.

Were your ancestors listed among the register of enemy aliens in the United States or were they casualties of war in the Canada's? Perhaps they were issued a "letter of marque" to engage in privateering or maybe they were ordinary seamen who were issued a "seaman's protection certificate" by the United States government.

The new links contain information that just may help you break down your own brick wall.
So take some time to check them out.

Calendar of Events for 2013

Clip off and save on your calendar



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall, Vedder Rd., Chilliwack, BC.
Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served.

Members are reminded to bring contributions to the food table.

Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch.

Note any changes to these times below.

For 2013

May 4th, 2013 - Celebrate the arrival of the Fleet at the Aboriginal Gathering Place @ UFV Campus.

June 22nd - Strawberry Tea @ Carman United Church Hall

July 1st - Canada Day

July 22nd - BC Loyalist Day

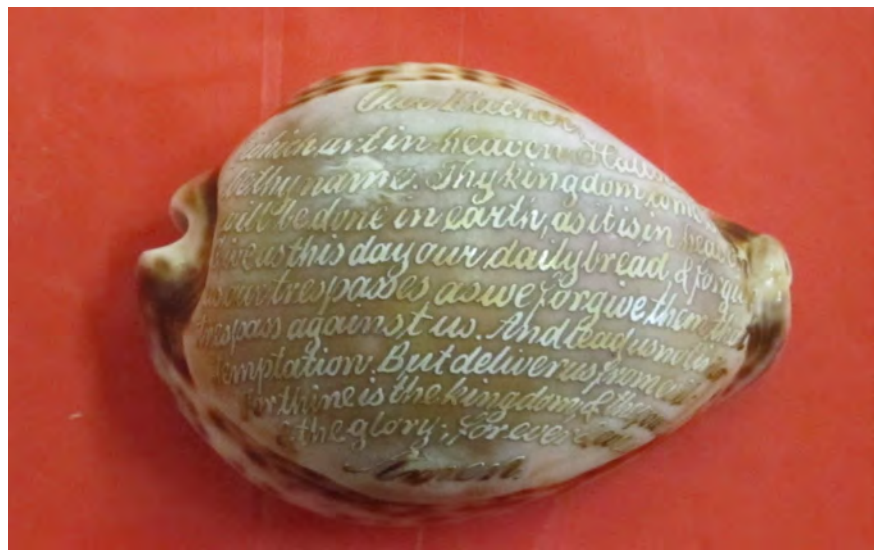
August - Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days

September - Fall UEL Kick-off (date to be announced)

Send information to be included in the next publication to: wmdance@telus.net



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A cherished family memento

Oronhyatekha was Canada's first native doctor. He was born on the Six Nations reserve in southern Ont. in 1841 and in 1878 he entered the Independent Order of Foresters, a mutual insurance company and became its CEO within 3 years. He refused to give up his native identity and insisted on being addressed as Oronhyatekha ["Burning Sky"]. The shell was a gift from Queen Victoria with the Lord's prayer carved on it. You can clearly read it in this picture. On meeting the Prince of Wales (about 1868) he addressed him as an equal. My grandfather was the Government

representative for the Mohawk reservation in Deseronto ON. Oronhyatekha's widow gave the shell to my grandfather as a gift following O's death. Submitted by Cleo Walters
Google "Oronhyatekha" for a wealth of information on this interesting First Nations Canadian.

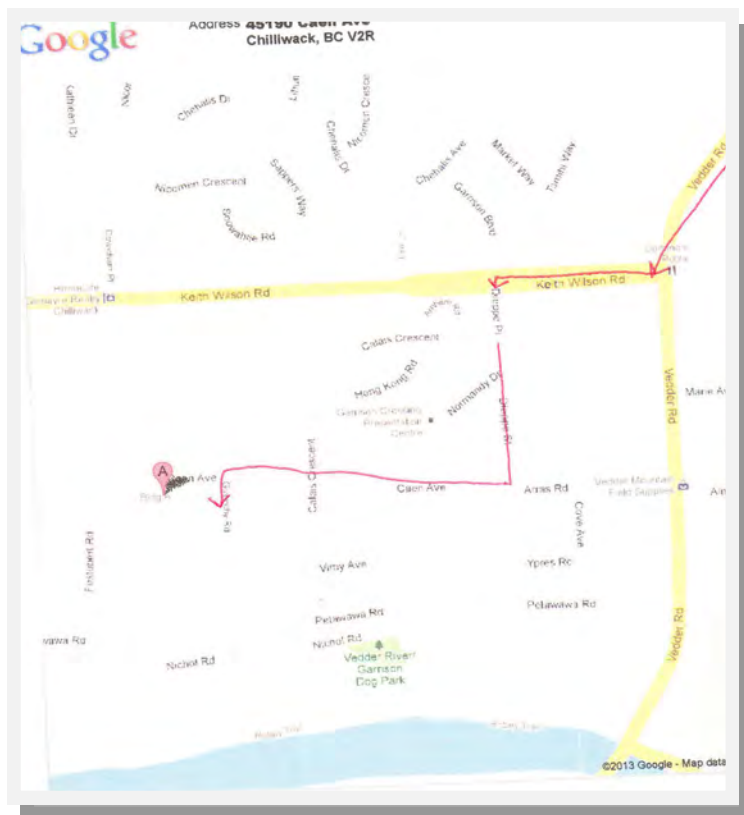
Our "Good Neighbour" Gathering Feb. 16th



L-r clockwise
Judy & Margaret
setting up registration table. New member Betty & husband Roman. Next Amber & Caleb a prospective new member in a few years. Shirley's birthday cake (don't believe the number of candles); Jan and a great array of food for the event.

We never go hungry at these events, do we?

PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE
MAY 4TH, 2013
@ 45190 Caen Ave., Chilliwack, BC



Please Google map the address above to get the best directions from your starting point.

The campus is located 12.7 km south of Hwy 1 on the old Armed forces base.
 Take the Vedder Rd exit #119 from the freeway. Proceed south on Vedder Rd.
 Turn right off Vedder Rd onto Keith Wilson Rd. Turn left onto Dieppe Rd.
 Proceed to the 3 way stop sign then turn right onto Caen Ave. Proceed west along Caen and there will be signs for your left into Gievenchy Rd and the campus.
 Members will direct you to park and give you the all day parking pass.

Follow red line (arrow) on map at right.



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Please return this portion with your cheque and send to:



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**Please email me to advise that you have sent your cheque thru the mail
 and I will email back your tickets.**

Print out your ticket and bring to the event for check-in at Registration.

Your name and email please: _____

Adult: _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Child: _____ x 20.00 = _____

Cheque Total: _____

IMPORTANT: DEADLINE IS APRIL 27TH - AS WE HAVE TO BOOK NUMBERS WITH THE CATERER!