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A Message from our Branch President

It is Monday morning, June 1st, 2015, the day after our four day UELAC 2015 Conference "Loyalists Come West" in Victoria, BC. As I contemplate my experience at this wonderful event, I want to give kudos to the Pacific Region Planning Committee and helpers who so tirelessly dedicated themselves these past two and a half years to this important project. A finer group of individuals would be hard to find. Co-Captains of this "Leader Ship", Carl Stymiest UE, Aurelie Stirling UE and Bob Ferguson UE, were amazing helmsmen who guided us through some rough waters and brought us safely to port at the Coast Harbour Hotel and Marina, the venue where our Conference was held.

Loyalists and Guests from Sea to Sea made the trek by ships (BC Ferries), air-planes, buses, cars, vans, - some even took a horse and carriage to the Church Service at James Bay United Church on Sunday. We were ecstatic that so many of our Loyal Guests and Friends gifted the Conference with their presence.

If you have never been to one of our UELAC Conferences, you may not be aware of the camaraderie that exists between individuals and the Association as a whole. In my case, going to these conferences across our vast domain for the past twenty-one years, I have a host of precious friends who I excitedly look forward to seeing each year. When we refer to "The Family of United Empire Loyalists", it is poignantly true! Folks started arriving even before the first day of the Conference. What joy it is to be greeted by familiar smiles and warm hugs! The circle remains unbroken. The friendships are everlasting.

With early registrations beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday morning, May 28, we were off and sailing. The Genealogists' workshop started at 1:00pm, then Membership at 3:15. Donning our finery or Period Dress, we set off to Government House to meet with Her Honour, The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lt. Governor of BC. There we were feted with a plethora of delectable refreshments. Friday morning workshops led into afternoon tours. Then, once again, we dressed appropriately in the evening to have a "Loyalist Fare" dinner. The AGM and Dominion Council meetings took precedence on Saturday Morning and early afternoon. Then it was time to "dress-up" again for the evening Gala. A piper led in the way, followed by the Colour Party and the Head Table contingent. Entertainment by "The Greater Victoria Police Chorus" was fantastic! Special recognition and gifts of appreciation



were presented to worthy individuals. The recipient of The Dorchester Award this year went to Carl Stymiest UE. James Bay United Church was our Place of Worship for the Sunday Service. A Service honouring our Loyalist Ancestors and giving praise to Our Creator. We bid a "Fond Farewell" to each other and then went our separate ways.

Loyally yours,
Shirley Dargatz

**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2014

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BIRTH		Entry No. 212
Registration district Westminster	Administrative area City of Westminster	
Sub-district Westminster	City of Westminster	
1. Date and place of birth Second May 2015 St Mary's Hospital Praed Street Westminster	CHILD	
2. Name and surname Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana of Cambridge	3. Sex Female	
4. Name and surname His Royal Highness Prince William Arthur Philip Louis Duke of Cambridge	FATHER	
5. Place of birth Paddington Westminster	6. Occupation Prince of the United Kingdom	
7. Name and surname Catherine Elizabeth	MOTHER Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge	
8(a) Place of birth Reading	8. (b) Occupation Princess of the United Kingdom	
9. (a) Maiden surname MIDDLETON	9. (b) Surname at marriage if different from maiden surname —	
10. Usual address (if different from place of child's birth) Kensington Palace London W8 4PU		
11. Name and surname (if not the mother or father) —	INFORMANT	12. Qualification father
13. Usual address (if different from that in 10 above) —		
14. I certify that the particulars entered above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief		
Signature of informant <i>William</i>		
15. Date of registration Fifth May 2015	16. Signature of registrar Deputy Registrar	
17. Name given after registration, and surname		

Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte
Elizabeth Diana of Cambridge
Born @ 7:06 am on May 4, 2015
The second child for William and Kate
and a sister for George.



I thought you might enjoy seeing the birth registration. Note the occupation of the father and mother. Also note how William is listed and then how Catherine is listed. The details have been recorded by the Deputy Registrar, but William has signed the document.



When I die, I give my family permission to change my Facebook status to "visiting with Ancestors."

Calendar of Events for 2015

Clip off and save on your calendar



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall, 7258 Vedder Road, Chilliwack, BC.
Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch - then a planned program.

Note any changes to time starting listed below

Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served at most meetings.

Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting.

2015 June 27 - Strawberry Social @ 1:30 pm (note the time change)

July 22 - BC Loyalist Day Flag raising and luncheon

August 3 - Fur Brigade Days Fort Langley

October - celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Chilliwack Branch Charter. Details TBA

Nov 11 - Chilliwack Cenotaph and luncheon

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to: wmdance@telus.net

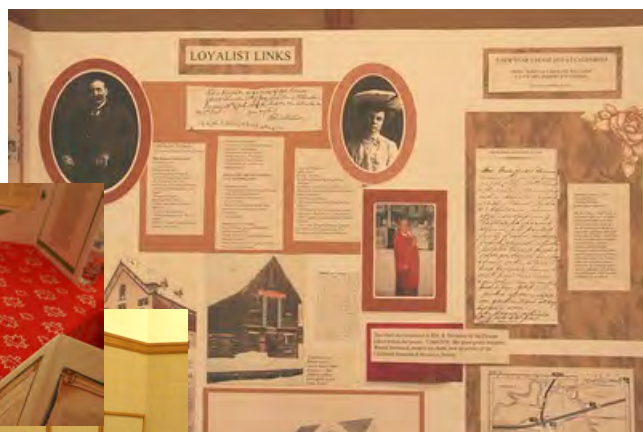


**United Empire Loyalists'
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Abbotsford LDS Family History Day

On Saturday, May 2nd our branch participated in the Family History Day at the LDS Church in Abbotsford. We had a number of displays on Loyalist Families and distributed our brochure and application form. On hand to answer questions were Shirley Dargatz UE, Judy Scholz UE, Koralee Heibner UE, Jan Ouellet and her friend Emily Tomson.

Contacts were made and we have already sent out emails to those who showed an interest in joining our branch and searching for their Loyalist ancestor.



Promontory one-room Schoolhouse still around and in use.

From the Chilliwack Times.



The school was opened in November of 1909 with 17 students in grades 1 thru 6 registered. The first teacher was Miss M.E. Cowan. The last students said goodbye to the school in December of 1941. The Promontory Women's Institute took over the building in 1956, restored it in the 1970's. Since 1976 it has been the Hobby Hill Pre-school. This building still stands in its original location. The area's first white settlers, Edward and Elizabeth Thornton donated the lot from their settlement of 260 acres on the Promontory hillside. Edward Thornton is a direct descendant of Loyalist John Thornton of Prince William, York Co., New Brunswick. John Thornton arrived in N.B in 1787. He served under General Cunningham during the American Revolution. Edward Thornton came to the Chilliwack area in the 1890's and was one of the pioneers honoured at our branches dedication ceremony at the Chilliwack Museum last October. This building was named a heritage building and added to the BC Register of Historic Places in August of 1988.



STRAWBERRY TEA

June 27th, 2015 @ 1:30 pm
Carman United Church Hall
Tea/Coffee/Juice and
Strawberry Shortcake!

The program will be determined at the June 8th Executive meeting and will be sent out via email to everyone a week before.

Mark this date on your Calendar.

And see you there !



UEL APPLICATIONS

I am presently working on 12 applications, nine of which are all for one family.

Quite exciting! Hopefully they will all be presented together this summer.

If you are working on your application or would like information on the process together with the form in use, please contact me and I will send out all via email. Applications must be typed in the format provided. As a member of our branch, I provide help all along the way. Please use my email address, provided at the bottom of page 2.

Marlene Dance UE

More Pictures from the Victoria Conference 2015

So many pictures to choose from. This is but a few of the many offered by the friends below:

Pictures on pages 3 and 5 are courtesy of: Judy Scholz UE, Betty Compeer UE, Linda Nygard UE, Carl Stymiest UE, Shirley Dargatz UE, Brian McConnell UE, Carol Harding UE, Bev Craig UE and Marlene Dance UE. (My apologies if I missed anyone)



Dorchester Award for 2015 presented to Carl Stymiest UE by Gerald Adair UE

There was not room to explain every picture, but at left is David Ellsworth and his mother. Above is the Victoria Police Choir, top left and below it is at Government House with Her Honour Judith Guichon, OBC; Lt Governor of British Columbia at the mike.