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A Message from our Branch President

In the "olden days" we often made up songs to sing at our Chilliwack Branch Meetings. It was a way to learn about our Loyalist History, have a bit of fun and to unite our voices in song. Here is one of them:

OUR STORY: by Lois Dickinson and Shirley Dargatz
(Tune: My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean)

1. The Loyalists fled from cruel treatment, by horses and boats of the sea,
To Shelburne and Parrtown they travelled, to settle N.S . and N.B.

Chorus:

UE! UE! Add it after your name, proclaim, UE! UE! If the story is lost we're to blame,
for shame!

2. And over to Prince Edward Island, the Loyalists came for reprieve,
United they held fast together, for the ideals in which they believed.
3. They travelled by boats and pack horses, leaving house and house goods and their land.
They upheld the cause of the Empire, for unity they made their stand.
4. With axes and spades and provisions, our ancestors hewed out the land,
Creating farms out of forests, a new life they once more began.
5. Their spirits were strong and determined, they proudly embraced their new tasks,
Built houses, schools, barns, sheds and churches, to their ideals they held ever fast.
6. Year one-seven-eight-three was special, when Loyalists came by the score,
To the north shores of St. Lawrence River, they settled in those days of yore.
7. We're likened to trees of the forest, with roots, trunks, and branches and leaves,
We're old growth and new growth united, together our heritage weaves.
8. Our roots are our Loyalist forebears, the trunk our Dominion Council,
The Branches we number at two-eight, on Canadian vastness we'll build.
9. Now here in the Province of B.C., our Branches they number by four,
We're committed to tell of our story, and surely our numbers will soar.
10. So why should we cherish our background, so distant and so far away,
'Cause we're proud of our hardworking forbearers, who travelled for our comfort today.

You will have already received your invitation or phone call for the 90th Birthday celebration of the Queen on April 21st. I hope we have a good turnout as this is a wonderful reason to get together. And to celebrate it at our own "British Museum" location will be added fun. See page 3 for details and be sure to RSVP to Judy Scholz.

Loyally yours
Shirley Dargatz UE



United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2016

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PACIFIC REGION EVENTS:

**Pacific Regional Fall Fleet
Sunday, Oct. 4, 2016**
Hosted by Vancouver Branch.
Information with
details to follow.

2016 Schedule for Vancouver Branch

- April/May** - BC School Heritage Fairs
@Elementary schools in Vancouver
- May** - Hyack Festival New Westminster
- June** - BC Highland Games & Scottish Festival
- July** - UELAC Conference in P.E.I.
July 22nd - Loyalist Day
- August** - Ft. Langley Fur Brigade Days
- September** - BC Heritage Fair Branch awards
- October** - Pacific Regional Fall Fleet and
Finding your Roots seminar in Surrey, BC
- November** - Remembrance Day

Please go to there website for details:
[http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/
outreach.php](http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/outreach.php)

2016 National Conference

July 7 - 10th, 2016
Summerside, Prince Edward Island



Link to Conference Website:
<http://www.uelac.org/Conference-2016/Atlantic-Conference-2016.php>



Here is the link to the registration form.
Register before June 7 for the Early Bird rate.
[http://www.uelac.org/Conference-2016/Conference-Registration-
Form-2016.pdf](http://www.uelac.org/Conference-2016/Conference-Registration-Form-2016.pdf)

Calendar of Events for 2016

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

- 2016** April 21 - Queen Elizabeth II - 90th Birthday celebration see page 3
- May - 14 - "Finding your Roots" seminar in Abbotsford, BC @ the LDS Church.
- May 21 - Spring Fleet Celebration
- July 7-10, 2016 Conference in P.E.I. see above for details.
- July 22 - BC Loyalist Day

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



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

**Celebrate the 90th Birthday
of Queen Elizabeth II**
Please join us
Thursday, April 21st, 2016
@ 12:00 pm
at Dickens of Chilliwack
45945 Alexander Ave., Chilliwack, BC



Oliver's Tearoom
A special area has been reserved for us.

Presented by the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC
No-host luncheon - order off the menu
Period dress would be delightful.

**On April 21st, 2016 Queen Elizabeth II adds yet another title to her
impressive list - the first ever 90 year old British Monarch.**



**As we will be confirming with the restaurant the number
of people attending, please RSVP to Judy Scholz UE**
@ juwol@shaw.ca

Also indicate at that time if you would like to order
“a taste of Britain High Tea”
The menu can be found @
<http://www.dickenssweets.com/newolivers.html>



New Dominion Genealogists announced.

President Barbara J. Andrew UE advised with regret, the resignation of Kathryn Lake Hogan UE from the Dominion Genealogists position effective March 7th, 2016.

Shortly thereafter, the appointment of Angela and Peter Johnson UE in the position of joint Dominion Genealogists was announced.

Both have been active members in the UELAC since 1982 and held the position of Dominion Genealogists jointly from 1993 to 1998. We are pleased that they have taken the role on again. By way of some background on this energetic couple, we note that Peter has held the following positions at Dominion Level: President, Councillor, Historian, co-Dominion Genealogist and at the Branch Level: Branch President of Toronto Branch and later Bay of Quinte Branch.

While Angela has held the following positions at the Dominion level: Dominion Secretary, co-Dominion Genealogist and at the branch level: Branch President and Branch Secretary for Toronto Branch and until recently Branch Genealogist for Bay of Quinte Branch.

They bring a good deal of experience to the job at hand and we are very grateful for their expertise and willingness to step forward and handle a very vital and busy job in the UELAC.

Thank you so much and welcome back Angela and Peter!

Winter Carnival Quebec City Jan.28 - Feb. 2nd

Report from member Koralee Heibner UE

Our trip began in Vancouver where 21 French students and 3 teachers from Mt. Slesse school boarded a plane for a red eye flight. We arrived in Montreal early Friday morning & boarded the bus for Quebec City. After an afternoon of shopping and exploring, we rode a toboggan where you and 3 other people could race other teams of tobogganers. We won!!!



We visited the Quebec Parliament Buildings then climbed up a tall tower to view all of Quebec City which was covered with white snow and looked incredible.

Supper was a delicious poutine then to our hotel for a good night's sleep.

Saturday we went on a walking tour of old Quebec. The buildings were old and pretty with many places still decorated with Christmas trees and wreaths. Lunch at a French Café - ate beaver tails and maple syrup covered snow. Free time to walk around and explore then went to Winter Carnival, a giant festival celebrated to help break up a long and hard winter and to put more fun in it and also it is just before Lent. There were many activities: such as ice slides, tobogganing, dog sleds, a Ferris wheel and lots of booths with lots of food (maple syrup flavoured everything). Supper was at a fancy restaurant then went to see Bonhomme (snowman mascot for the carnival) in his ice palace where there was lots of music and dancing. It was a lot of fun! On Sunday we went to go see the ice hotel where you could stay at. You are given sleeping bags. There is a chapel where people can get married and a bar where you can buy drinks. There were hot tubs, the tables, chairs, and decorations were all made of ice and snow. It was incredible. I got to drink out of a cup made of ice. We spent time at the Plains of Abraham where we heard costumed people give a talk about the war. Spent more time exploring giant slides on the streets. It was a real carnival atmosphere. Château Frontenac was really pretty and is the most photographed hotel in the world.

Had supper. Then went to a workshop where we learned history and got to dress up as different people from old Quebec Legends. I was a native hunter who got to shoot an arrow. Monday we were driven to Montmorency Falls and then got to walk over them on a bridge. It was really breathtaking. We went to a Copper Museum and got to try shaping copper ourselves.

Went to the Catholic Cathedral for Saint Anne with high ceilings and overall was just beautiful. Then to the largest mall on the eastern side of Canada. We went on rides in the mall, went to the sugar shack for dinner which was served with maple syrup on everything, went square dancing, met new friends from Nova Scotia then went outside to dance also. Tuesday we drove back to Montreal (3 hrs.) got to explore and have lunch for a little bit then back on to the plane for our trip home.

My trip was super amazing, super beautiful, incredible and breathtaking to say the least.

I want to move there someday. Canada is absolutely awesome. Submitted by: Koralee Heibner UE

Members applying for their UEL Certificate

Submitted by: Marlene Dance UE - Branch VP, Branch Genealogist

Please remember that the UELAC is a Genealogy Based organization that places a high value on the correctness of the "family trees" submitted for adjudication and acceptance to issue a Loyalist Certificate. These certificates are issued to direct descendants of the Loyalists who came into what became Canada in about 1783 onwards, and as such clear proof of lineage is required.

Each branch has a Genealogist who can help you thru the research process ensuring that you are mindful of the standards of proof that the organization wishes to maintain.

Your work will also be of help to others and must be correct.

Acceptable documentation to accompany your certificate application:

Primary Proof: includes Birth, Marriage and Death certificates, Wills, Land records, a legal document etc. that provides pertinent information – specifically the names of your parents.

Secondary Proofs: Family Bibles, newspaper announcements including birth announcements, obits, marriages etc.; Census records, written stories about the family; books published on the area your family came from, by accredited scholars or researchers who are recognized in their respective fields. May not stand alone as proof, but support other documentation.

Evaluations: a Preponderance of evidence to reach a conclusion. This is when you take a group of facts, put them together in chronological order and they bring you to a reasoned conclusion. These are mostly created and evaluated by the Branch Genealogist based on information you have unearthed.

Email me for help. I have also assisted members using Skype which is a fun way to be in touch.

Happy Hunting! Be the best detective you can be!

A branch list of members proven Loyalists can be found at: <http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack/>