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President's Message

Well, looking outside at the weather as I write this, the summer is truly over. But I do love the fall - with all the colours, falling leaves, tucking all the plants up for the winter, brisk windy days, getting ready for the little "trick and treaters" and then Thanksgiving. To early to mention Christmas - oops, I just did.

My brother is involved with the Royal Canadian Legion and told me of a project initiated in the Netherlands called "Faces to Graves". This involves reaching out to descendants of WW2 Canadian soldiers interred in the Netherlands cemeteries of Holten, Groesbeek and Bergen op Zoom and asking for pictures and short biographies to create a Book of Remembrance for visitors to see. The goal is to have information on every soldier. I have submitted one for my Uncle Arthur Alfred Murray who is buried in Holten. I am presently working on finding family of a Chilliwack soldier buried in Groesbeek, so that he will be included. If you are interested in this project, please go to: <https://www.facestograves.nl/> We shall remember them.

You will see in the following pages that we have had a quiet summer, but we have news from other branches that is quite interesting, and I always like to share. Our participation in the Genealogy Expo sponsored by the Abbotsford Genealogy Society in September resulted in five enquiries all of which have good Loyalist links. They have been sent follow-up emails giving a few details and references on their Loyalist ancestor. Hopefully, these efforts are good opportunities to gain new members. Thank you to Judy Scholz UE, Margaret Strocel and to Carl Stymiest UE for all your help that day. I have been asked to do a Loyalist presentation at the Chilliwack Heritage Society Meeting in early October, and the topic I have chosen is "Chilliwack Pioneers and the Loyalist Connection". Then later in the month I will be presenting two subjects at the 24th Annual LDS "Finding your Roots" conference in Surrey, BC. Please see page 5 for details. I have been involved with Chilliwack ElderCollege and have presented a 6 week Beginners Genealogy series for over 10 years that includes guest speakers as well as segment on the Loyalist story. This newest series began September 28th and is full.



I have included the Fall Fleet invitation on page 8. Our special guest speaker is MP Mark Strahl who's topic will be "My Great Grandfather, a British Home Child". While this is very close to the event, I wanted everyone to have an opportunity to attend. Please don't mail your registration. Instead email me at wmdance@telus.net and we will arrange to pick up your cheque or you could pay at the door. Note the time of this event.

Loyally yours
 Marlene Dance UE

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee for 2019

- President: Marlene Dance UE
- Vice Pres: vacant
- Past Pres: Shirley Dargatz UE
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- Life Member: Mildred Hall UE

- Pacific Regional VP: Carl Stymiest UE
- Pacific Regional Councillor: Frans Coemper



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Calendar of Events for 2019

Print and save with 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 starting time will be listed below in future newsletters and emails *****

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

There is no charge for our regular meetings.

Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting
or make a small donation into the refreshment basket.

We are pleased to present our calendar for the year:

2019

October 5th - Fall Fleet Celebration ***

note date change! Also time change. See page 8 please.

October 19th - Surrey LDS Finding your Roots Genealogy Day

November 11th - Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens

December 7th - Christmas meeting and social

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about guest speakers
will be sent via email and in each edition of this newsletter.

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to: chwkbraelcontact@gmail.com



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Their motto: Keeping the Past Present!



UELAC Calgary Branch News.

We received an email enquiry from Pat Brown UE (Director for the Lethbridge area of the Calgary Branch UELAC) in July that asked for any information we might have that would help them connect their member to Loyalists John Cole and/or Jessie Bigelow. We are always happy to share, and, in doing so, we discovered a connection with two previous members: Pat Huth UE and her Aunt Dorothea Hankin UE who received their certificates in 2015.

Calgary Branch had undertaken a project to identify descendants of Loyalists who were buried in a Lethbridge, Alberta cemetery and acknowledge the site as such. While projects like this have been fairly widespread back east, few have been done out west. Because of our connection (however slight) to this project, I asked that we be kept informed as to the results. We are so pleased to include the front page of the Lethbridge Herald, from Sept. 9, 2019:

New plaque honours Loyalists

Greg Bobinec

LETHBRIDGE HERALD

gbobinec@lethbridgeherald.com

A unique plaque dedication ceremony was held at the Mountain View Cemetery on Sunday afternoon to recognize and remember the descendants of the United Empire Loyalists that are buried in Lethbridge.

Following the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783, Loyalists left the land they called home — now claimed for the American Colonies — and resettled in the maritime provinces and Quebec and Ontario. They and their offspring reaffirmed their dedication to the crown in 1812 when President Madison declared war on Canada. Even today, descendants of the original Loyalists are throughout Canada, still supporting and continuing to expound their virtues until their passing. This plaque is the first one dedicated to Loyalists descendants in western Canada.

“The plaque is a growing trend to the west, we don’t have loyalists here because they embedded in Ontario, but we are commemorating their decedents as they moved west and are buried in

the west, their ancestors and their history,” says Pat Brown, descendent of Loyalists.

“We are just wanting to continue their recognition and memory in the country. This is the first plaque in Alberta, there is one going into Saskatchewan, but right now we are the first one west of Manitoba.”

Lethbridge’s most known direct descendant to date is Dr. Jesse Bigelow, directly related to both Loyalists Jesse Bigelow and John Cole. Relatives of Loyalist George Hughson are also proven descendants buried in Lethbridge.

Lethbridge Police Chief Rob Davis was invited to be a special guest during the ceremony as his family is from the Six Nations of the Grand River where his ancestors worked with the British to shape Canada to what it is today. Growing up as a Mohawk from the Six Nations, Davis’ father and grandfather taught him about the important relationship and has been instilled into his family to acknowledge that they are allies that shaped this country.

“I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of this ceremony,” says Davis. “I am very proud of my heritage to being a Mohawk from Six Nations and our contributions to shaping Canada through aligning with the



Herald photo by Greg Bobinec

Pat Brown and Lethbridge Chief of Police Rob Davis reveal the plaque dedicated to the decedents of United Empire Loyalists of Canada, Sunday afternoon at Mountain View Cemetery. @GBobinecHerald

British during the war of 1776 and again in 1812, so I was absolutely flattered because it is a part of history that in my opinion is not being taught enough and quickly diminishing.”



Genealogy Expo @ the Reach Gallery

September 14, 2019 Abbotsford, BC

11:00am to 3:00 pm

Pictures thanks to Carl Stymiest UE and Marlene Dance UE

The Abbotsford Genealogy Society went out of their way to make all the participants welcome. They even provided a “break room” with tea, coffee and home made goodies. As you can see, because we were in the Art Gallery display area, we could not put up anything on or against the walls. And while the lighting was perfect for the art displays, it was not so good for taking photos.

Local groups in attendance included:

Mission Genealogy Society; Cloverdale Library representatives: Jamie Brown and Carmen Merrells; Author Ed Stone, the Abbotsford Genealogy Society and UELAC Chilliwack Branch.

There was a steady stream of visitors asking questions.

The following were the Loyalists’ enquiries:

- 1) Moses or Obadiah Read from Upper Canada
- 2) Jacob Dewitt from New Brunswick
- 3) Ebenezer Rider (Ryder) from Upper Canada
- 4) William Steel from Upper Canada
- 5) James Stewart from the Niagara Peninsula

To the right is my friend Sharon asking questions and Carl and I getting the answers for her.

This was a very productive day and we have offered to participate in future. Judy and Carl are below showing our entire display.

And thanks to Margaret Strocel who came at noon to take a shift.



FINDING YOUR ROOTS

24th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH, 2019
8AM – 4:30PM AT 6270 126TH STREET, SURREY, BC

September 1st - Class schedule available
and registration begins online at

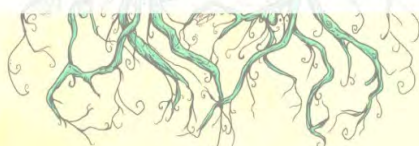
WWW.FINDINGYOURROOTS.CA

Handouts will be online - using a link
sent with registration confirmations

- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE
- EXHIBIT HALL FOR BROWSING
- SEMINARS FOR BEGINNERS AS WELL AS ADVANCED PATRONS
- SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OR STAY ALL DAY!
- PRE-ORDER A BAGGED LUNCH ON-LINE

QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:
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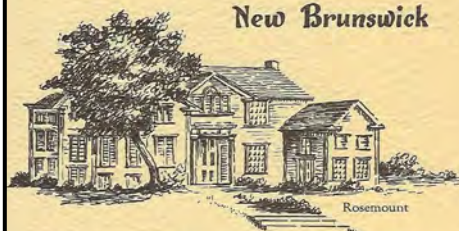
Birth Announcement!



Chris Hay UE, is pleased to welcome his fifth grandson - Jaxen Leo Hay born July 18, 2019. Proud parents are Kevin Hay UE and Christie Hay nee Kromar. Shown above left to right, are the three Hay brothers Levi, Jaxen and Kaeden. What a beautiful group. Congratulations to everyone!

The Story of Sussex and Vicinity

New Brunswick



Grace Aiton

Published by
Kings County Historical Society

For those of you with connections to this area of New Brunswick, I have found this a very helpful volume with regards to my 3rd and 4th Great Grandfathers and the areas they settled. This resulted in my obtaining the 1786 Land Grant from the NB Archives and found both grandfathers and future the wife of the 3rd Great Grandfather all listed on the same grant. What a great find!

Both Vancouver and Chilliwack branches of the UELAC have participated in this event for a good number of years. While registration is needed, the event is free. There is a small charge for a bagged lunch if you wish to order - but this is not required.

<https://findingyourroots.ca/>

Click on Registration at the top right hand side.

CONGRATULATIONS !



A lovely outdoor setting in Ryder Lake was the scene for the Sept. 7th wedding of branch member Karaline Heibner UE to Jon Siemens. Proud parents are Kevin & Vicky (UE) Heibner and proud grandmother is Judy Scholz UE. Best wishes from all of us.

Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days 2019



(Picture from the Fur Brigade site on Facebook)

August 3rd - 5th, 2019

If you could see a larger version of this picture you would clearly see our own Judy Scholz UE and her grandson Ethan Lyftogt UE waving to the camera.

See the black arrows pointing them out.

This group are the volunteers who camp at the fort for the weekend and provide the many displays and activities that make a trip to the Fur Brigade Days at Fort Langley on the August long weekend so much fun.



UELAC VANCOUVER BRANCH

Regular meetings at Bonsor Park Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Ave., Burnaby, BC on 2nd Floor will be on Tuesday evenings.

There will be four (4) meetings: September, November (AGM), March and May or June. No meetings are scheduled in January or February due to dark evenings and expected poor weather.

Various Social events annually include: Picnic at Queens Park in July Spring (May) or Fall (October) Fleet celebrations within the Pacific Region as planned and a Christmas Luncheon.

Community Engagement: BC Heritage Fair in Vancouver Elementary Schools Finding Your Roots seminars at LDS Church in October; Remembrance Day

www.uelac.org/Vancouver

The branch is also on Twitter, Pinterest and Facebook. Dates of upcoming events can be found on the webpage.



Vancouver Branch - BC Heritage Fair presentations Sept. 17, 2019!

Taken from the minutes of the Sept. 17, 2019 meeting. Pictures from the Facebook page of Vancouver Branch UELAC.

UELAC Vancouver Branch has hosted the winning projects of the BC Heritage Fair within the Vancouver School District for the past nine years. Over a period of three months (March through May), Vancouver branch members adjudicated hundreds of students to determine projects that “reflect our historical mandate”. The winners at each school advance to the Vancouver Regional Fair. These are the final five winners. The Coordinator of the Regional Fair is Janet Morley. She was presented with a gift book. Janet shared the process that occurs every year for the Heritage Fairs. Janet further thanked the Vancouver Branch members who volunteered to adjudicate in various schools and encouraged participation next year. Coco Anders-Weremczuk made the presentations to each of the students and to Janet Moreley. Each presenter received a Certificate of Excellence and a book on Canadian History.

Student	Project
Daniel L. (Vancouver)	The Canadian Conflict – War of 1812
Rebecca S. (Vancouver)	Saving Strathcona
Amy T. (Vancouver)	The Halifax Explosion
Liam E. (Vancouver)	The Pig War
Abhiyan A. (Vancouver)	Francis Pegahmagabow - War Hero



Please Google each of these project titles and you will find out more about the topics. A job very well done. Congratulations to everyone!



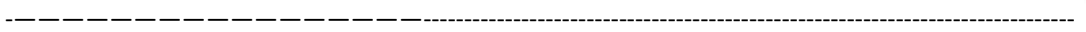
Pacific Regional Celebration of the arrival of the 1783 Fall Fleet of Loyalists.

Hosted by Chilliwack Branch with Vancouver Branch assistance.

An invitation is extended to all BC Branches to join us on **Saturday, October 5, 2019**
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:30

Location: Carman United Church Hall / 7258 Vedder Road, Chilliwack, BC
Luncheon Cost: \$28 per person - \$10 for a child under 11 years.

Program: Guest Speaker, Mark Strahl, MP.
Topic: My Great Grandfather, a British Home Child.
And Presentation of
The Phillip E. M Leith Memorial Award presentation



NAME(S) of those attending for name tags. Please note if UE.

How may we contact you if needed? Phone/cell _____
Email address: _____
Gluten Free _____ Vegan _____ Allergies _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ @ \$28 each \$ _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ @ \$10 each \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Cheque or money order) \$ _____
Please make payable to UELAC Chilliwack Branch

PLEASE E-MAIL wmdance@telus.net ASAP and advise that you would like to come.

Please do not mail cheque as it may not get to us in time.