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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee
for 2020

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President's Message

It is August already. Another two months have just flown by. It seems to me that the time is still going quickly, even though we have all slowed down. There are no meetings to attend, we are not travelling, visiting family and friends or doing much in the way of socializing. Events have been cancelled and so much is closed. Life is going on, but at a much different pace. I think we have all needed to slow down, look around and have a good look at what surrounds us at every turn.

As some restrictions are easing, I recently had a few ladies over for a Book Club gathering. They each brought their own lawn chair and refreshments. We sat in the fresh air of my driveway and open garage. Umbrellas were needed due to the morning sun. We social distanced of course, but really enjoyed being together again and talking about how we were doing.

We even eventually got around to talking about our book selection. We have many talented branch members who have written articles about their Loyalist. I am always pleased to give them a nod of congratulations in our newsletter. Ken Vance UE (page 10) has now been added to the list. I was worried about how to fill this issue of our newsletter with so many events cancelled. But we decided to use some pictures from our first ten years, add in some lovely pictures of the Royal Family and a couple of surprise items we found. In no time at all, there were twelve pages. We will do another ten years in each of the next two issues bringing us to the 30th anniversary of our Charter in October. We will celebrate later.

I had a nice visit with Ken and Shirley on BC Loyalist day. (see page 4) We were careful to observe the rules and I admired the many and colourful dahlias Ken has planted in their garden. I even managed to leave with a few of his plants.

In closing, may I quote Dr. Bonnie Henry again:
 Be kind, be calm and be safe.
 We will get through this together.

Loyally yours
 Marlene Dance UE



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Calendar of Events for 2020

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 coming year:

2020	April 18	Spring Fleet. Guest speaker and details TBA Cancelled
	April 25	LDS Finding your Roots table display in Abbotsford, BC Cancelled
	June 6	Berry Social and guest speaker. Cancelled
	June 24-28	Annual Conference in Winnipeg, Man. Cancelled
	July 1	Canada Day (check your local newspaper)
	July 19	BC Loyalist Day picnic Queens Park. Cancelled
	July 22	BC Loyalist Day. Cancelled
	August 3	Long Weekend: Fur Brigade Days at Ft. Langley Cancelled
	October 3	Fall Fleet hosted by Vancouver Branch. Details Cancelled
	October 17	LDS Finding your Roots Conference in Surrey, BC Cancelled
	November 11	Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens TBA
	December 5	Christmas Social TBA
	TBA	We will celebrate our 30th Anniversary in the New Year

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

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



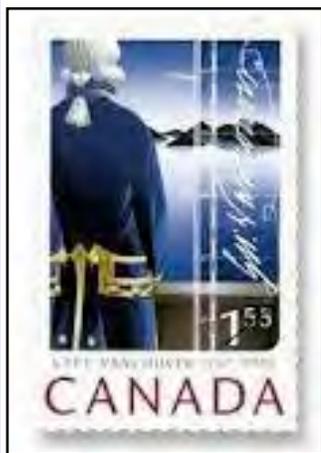
United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

<https://www.heritagechilliwack.org/>





BC Loyalist Day 2019 New Westminster, BC



<http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/>

With so many events having to be cancelled or postponed, I thought it would be nice to see again all the smiling faces from the 2019 picnic. Lt. Governor Steven Point (2012) proclaimed July 22nd annually as

BC Loyalist Day. This particular day was chosen due to the inscription shown on a rock stating "Alex Mackenzie from Canada by land 22nd July 1793". Mackenzie was the first documented person to cross the North American continent and reach the Pacific.

This was twelve years before the Lewis and Clark expedition.

This year marks the 9th anniversary of our Loyalist Day celebrations, and I am looking forward to adding another button to my collection from Vancouver Branch.

I hope they will be available, even though we cannot get together this year.

I had my flags flying in my front yard hanging baskets. How did you celebrate?

I hope you raised a toast to your ancestors this day.



Last Post

Theodore Alexander Curylo UE

August 13, 1968 - April 24, 2020

Teddy was born in Chilliwack, BC, the son of Ed and Rose Marie Curylo UE and raised on the family farm on Bailey Road. He was active in local

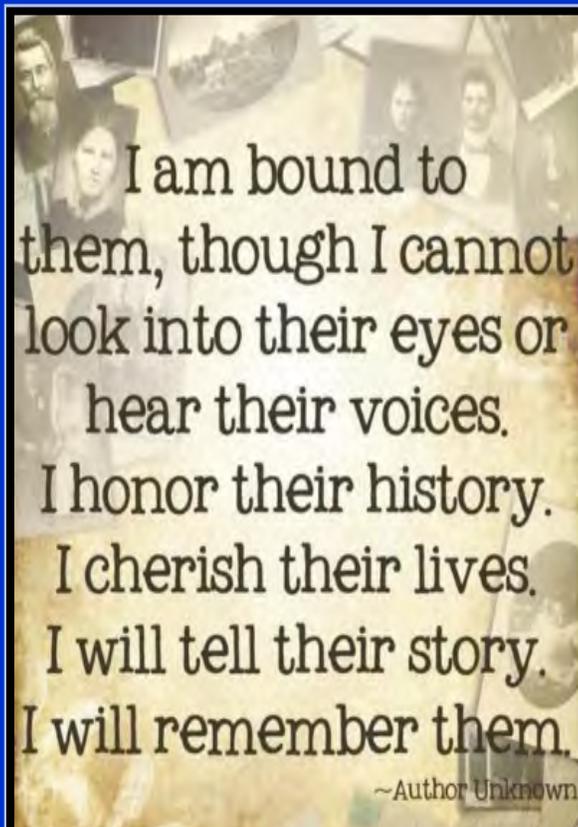
4-H clubs, and he hosted the popular "4-H in Action" TV show, as well as writing the 4-H column "Clover Power" for the Chilliwack Progress newspaper. He loved to travel and completed his grade 12 at West Island College in 1985/86 aboard the 154 ft. Polish barquentine tall ship Poforia visiting 24 countries in Europe, Africa and the Americas.

Known as Alex as he grew older, he graduated from Simon Fraser University with a BSc in Computer Science.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his parents, family and friends.

Please read the full obituary from the Chilliwack Progress - June 18, 2020. The link is below.

<https://www.theprogress.com/obituaries/theodore-alexander-curylo-u-e/>





UELAC Annual General Meeting

held Saturday, June 27, 2020
9:00am PDT via Zoom.

A very successful AGM was led by
President Sue Hinds UE - shown left.

Extraordinary times call for new methods.

This challenge was successfully met
with over 90 members using Zoom successfully.

The quorum was met with the addition of
authorized proxies.

All business was conducted and concluded in a prompt
and efficient manner. I thought that the voting
system was particularly efficient.

News of the Dorchester award is to the right.

For any other information about our branches,
UEL Scholarship, Loyalist Directory and much more,
please go to <http://www.uelac.org/>

Also this is the link for all the Dominion Executive
contact: <http://www.uelac.org/contact.php>

Dorchester Award (est. 2007)

Robert Collins McBride UE, B.Sc. M.Ed.

We are so pleased to announce the winner of
the Dorchester Award for 2020 is Bob McBride.

He joins a long list of dedicated members who
have donated countless hours to the UELAC.

This list includes our own Shirley Dargatz UE
who in 2012 was awarded this honour.

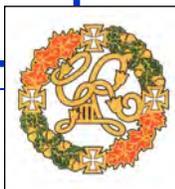
Bob received his first two of seven Loyalist
Certificates in 1993 and has been devoted to
promoting Loyalist history ever since. He has
served as President of the UELAC, is
presently Editor of the Loyalist Gazette and
Past President of Kawartha Branch. The list of

positions that he has taken on
are too many to list here in our
small space. So please click on
the link below and go to the
2020 newsletter, then scroll to
page 28 to read about the many
accomplishments

of this lovely man.

Congratulations Bob!

<http://www.uelac.org/Kawartha/newsletter.php>



BC Loyalist Day July 22nd, 2020

Flags flying in my
hanging baskets for every-
one on my street to see.
In the afternoon I went to
visit with Ken and Shirley
Dargatz at their home.



We enjoyed a
lovely tea. Socially
distancing of
course. Then we



decided to take a "selfie" of us
both with Shirley's lovely flag
centerpiece for the newsletter.
As I have not done this before, we
had a good laugh trying to get it all
in. No luck - so we just took two pictures and put them
together. Happy Loyalist Day to everyone!

More Branch News!

Margaret Strocel, a
devoted branch member
for over 20 years has been
searching a long time for
her elusive Loyalist connec-
tions. Many branches of
her family tree have been explored. But
we all know how difficult finding these
proofs can be, especially in Nova Scotia.

Well success at last.

We have just had word of the approval
of Margaret's certificate to Loyalist
Donald Cameron. We will make sure a
celebration takes place as soon as we can
meet up again. In the meantime, thank
you to Cindy Frizell UE, Asst. Branch
Genealogist and Deborah Trask
in Nova Scotia for their help.

Congratulations Margaret,
please add **UE** to your name.



A Royal Family Page

Just a few selections.

At left, the start of a new decade released in January, 2020.

photo credit: Ranald Mackechnie



Above, a new photo has been released of the Queen and Prince Phillip to mark his 99th Birthday on June 10th. Taken on the grounds of Windsor Castle in the quadrangle on June 1st.

The couple have been living at Windsor since March, 2020.

Photo credit: Steve Parsons/PA Wire

Left: Duke of Cambridge with Prince William, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis.

This photo was released the day before the Duke's birthday on June 21st.



Prince William turned 7 on July 22nd.

Photo credits left and above to the Duchess of Cambridge.

“Thanks for the memories!” a little walk down memory lane.

While our overall archiving project has had to be put on hold for a while, we still had access to a few things. There were six boxes of photographs that had not been reviewed. This gave us an opportunity to go through them. While there are marked dividers separating groups of photos, only some are dated. They will need more work to put in order and be marked correctly. But, we thought that this might be a good time to put a few in our newsletter as there is little other news to report. So many pictures to choose from, so here we go. In no particular order: our first 10 years to October 2000.



L-r: Lois Dickinson, Judy Scholz, Mary Van Horne, Vera Webb, Shirley Dargatz, Mildred Hall—1993



L-r: Chuck Wager, Shirley Dargatz, Vera Webb, Bill Wager, Mary Van Horne - 1995



Maiden's Blush or Great Maiden's Blush
The Loyalist Rose

World-renowned, Minter Gardens in Rosedale, BC was founded in 1977 by Brian Minter and operated till 2013 when sadly, due to declining attendance over the previous five years, it closed down. In contacting Mr. Minter who operates Minter Country Garden Ltd, a nursery at 10005 Young Road here in Chilliwack, he advised that this antique rose is not one he stocks any longer as there has been no demand. However, he recommended our contacting Palatine Nursery: <https://palatineroses.com/shop/potted-roses> in Ontario to see what they have and hopefully to purchase this rose also known as Great Maiden's Blush. Above in 1993 we see: L-r: Vona Smith UE, Doreen Todhunter UE, Garden Representative: Jo-Anne Chabot, Vera Webb UE and Lois Dickinson UE - presenting a Loyalist Rose to be planted in Minter Gardens as part of the display in the Rose Garden area. I purchased my Loyalist Rose over 20 years ago from Minter Country Garden nursery. It looked magnificent this year and I posted a few pictures of these small, pink and tightly petaled old fashioned, fragrant blooms on my Facebook page. (see rose above right)

We shared this picture with Jo-Anne Chabot. She was very glad to have it as she had never seen it before.

Memories from our first 10 years continued:



1999 - Marian Reid receives her certificate for Loyalist James Brown



"Welcome to BC" event May 18, 1994 with L-r: J.D. Margetts, Mary Van Horne, Lois Dickinson, your Greenheart Youth Ambassador - Wendy Trelenberg, and Gladys Van Baaren.



At left: 1996 Strawberry Social at the home of Ken and Shirley Dargatz. This well used "THORNTON" banner has honoured over 28 descendants of Loyalist John Thornton, when they received their UEL certificates.

Here we have from l-r: Douglas Thornton, Howard Cramer, Dorothy Miller, Gordon Taylor, Evelyn Mitchell and Robert Armstrong.



Left: 1991 Archie Miller, Curator of Irving House in New Westminster with Vera Webb.



Right: 1994 Alan and Jackie Kennedy



Left 1999 - Wilma Jean Halcrow receiving her certificate for loyalist Jonathan Matthews



Right: 1999 Jerry and Jean Brown at the Heritage Fair in Cottonwood Mall

“Thanks for the memories!” a little walk down memory lane.

As the final page for our first 10 years, I want to test everyone’s memory.
Below is a picture of the cast who participated in a skit performed in 2000.

The skit was titled **“The Tater Family”**

This was the write-up by Lois Dickinson that I found in our archives under the date FALL 2000.

The Mini Convention hosted by our Branch for the four BC Branches was very educational. The theme *Forging New Links for UEL Growth and Knowledge* was well realized with talks by four national officers Ed Scott DE, William Terry DE, Bernice Flett UE, and Myrna Fox UE. The weekend included: a Saint Patrick's dinner convened by Jan Ouellet; (assisted by Alice Carter and Barb Wilson); interesting displays with participation from Chilliwack's Jean Brown, and Vancouver's Vona Smith UE and Joan Fishleigh; and the hilarious skit **“The Tater Family”** composed by Doreen Todhunter UE and Lois Dickinson UE. Young Loyalists and other family members wore brown paper potato costumes and in a spoof of some disinterest in UEL history, acted as Hezzy Tator, Imma Tator, Aggi Tator, Dick Tator, and other similar characters. Information re the skit is available from the Branch. Humour was also provided with such lines as "If our history's lost we're to blame!" "For shame!" (Details also available from Branch)

Here is a picture of the cast. There are 13 people.

If you can name them, you will win a prize of 10 tickets to our Quilt Raffle. Value \$20.

Shirley is not in the picture, but Judy is there.

So that leaves 12 other names to be revealed!

Are you up for the challenge?



Email your answer to my attention at chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com

The first one to get them all correct wins.

However, if no one gets all 12 - the person who can identify the most (minimum 6 please), will be declared the winner.

Good Luck, I can't wait to see the results.

Don't worry, to make it fair, a few of us have recused ourselves from participating.



THE DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE 1776

The February 2019 issue of the Link Up
Vo. 8 issue 1 page 6; outlined the story of
647 Loyalists in the New York area, who
in November of 1776 signed their names

declaring their allegiance to the King, George III.

The item provided a number of links to a detailed article written by
Sandra McNamara UE of the Grand River Branch that was published
in the "Journal of the American Revolution".

Now we have found another article referring to this Declaration.

Published at the "NY State Parks and Historic Sites " blog and titled "A Declaration that lost a Fortune",
it details the story of one of the signers. Frederick Phillipse III, (shown at left) owner of
Phillipse Manor Hall (shown at right) now a state historic site, signed the declaration
and eventually lost everything he and his family had.

This is a good read.

Please go to the following link and enjoy: www.nystateparks.blog/

A transcription of the Declaration is below:



DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE November 28, 1776

To The Right Honorable Richard Viscount Howe, of the Kingdom of Ireland, and His Excellency
The Honorable William Howe, Esquire, General of His Majesty's Forces in America, the King's Commissioners
for restoring Peace in His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in North America &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellencies.

Impressed with the most grateful sense of the Royal Clemency, manifested I your Proclamation of the 14th.
Of July last, whereby His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to declare, "That he is desirous to deliver His
American subjects from the calamities of War, and other oppressions, which they now undergo:" and equally
affected with sentiments of gratitude for the generous and humane attention to the happiness of these
Colonies, which distinguishes your Excellencies subsequent Declaration, evincing your disposition "to confer
with His Majesty's well affected subjects, upon the means of restoring the public Tranquility, and establishing a
permanent union with every Colony as a part of the British Empire."

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, Inhabitants of the City and County of New-York, beg leave to
inform your Excellencies: that altho most of us have subscribed a general Representation with many other of
the Inhabitants; yet we wish that our conduct, in maintaining inviolate our loyalty to our Sovereign, against the
strong tide of oppression and tyranny, which has almost overwhelmed this Land, may be marked by some line
of distinction, which cannot well be drawn from the mode of Representation that has been adopted
for the Inhabitants in general.

Influenced by this Principle, and from a regard to our peculiar Situation, we have humbly presumed to trouble
your Excellencies with the second application; in which, we flatter ourselves, none participate but those who
have ever, with unshaken fidelity, borne true Allegiance to His Majesty, and the most warm and affectionate
attachment to his Person and Government. That, notwithstanding the tumult of the times, and the extreme
difficulties and losses to which many of us have been exposed, we have always expressed, and do now give
this Testimony of our Zeal to preserve and support the Constitutional Supremacy of Great Britain over the
Colonies; and do most ardently wish for a speedy restoration of that union between them, which, while it
subsisted, proved the unfailing source of their mutual happiness and prosperity.

We cannot help lamenting that the number of Subscribers to this Address is necessarily lessened, by the
unhappy circumstance that many of our Fellow-Citizens, who have firmly adhered their loyalty, have been
driven from their Habitations, and others sent Prisoners into some of the neighbouring Colonies: and tho' it
would have afforded us the highest satisfaction, could they have been present upon this occasion: yet we
conceive it to be the duty we owe to ourselves and our prosperity, whilst this testimony of our Allegiance can
be supported by known and recent facts, to declare to your Excellencies; that so far from having given the last
countenance or encouragement, to the most unnatural, unprovoked Rebellion, that ever disgraced the annals
of Time; we have on the contrary, steadily and uniformly opposed it, in every stage of its rise and
progress, at the risque of our Lives and Fortunes.

Adam Papst Loyalist (1732-1807)

Member Ken Vance UE, who received his certificate in the fall of 2019, has written a detailed history of his loyalist Adam Papst.

Ken submitted this article to the Loyalist Gazette editors and we have been advised that it will be published in the Fall issue 2020.

Well done! What an accomplishment!

We can hardly wait to read it, and hopefully also include it in a later edition of our newsletter.

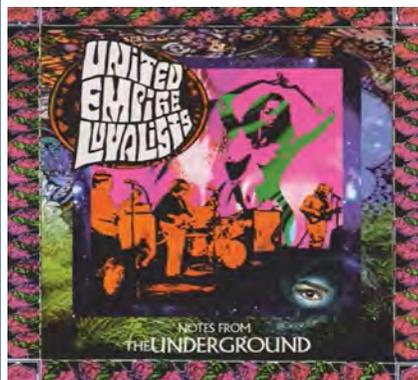
Congratulations Ken!



A Blast from the Past!

I found this recently, looking at a few Facebook sites that feature bygone days, forgotten memories and neat old artifacts.

This poster certainly qualifies as all of the above. The United Empire Loyalists were a 1965-69 Psychedelic Rock band from Vancouver BC. Searching further using Google, I found a short play list on You Tube and an interview with Jeff Ridley who played guitar and sang in the group.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST BANDS



United Empire Loyalists

AKA: The Molesters

Vancouver, British Columbia

1965 ~ 1969

Members

Richard Cruickshank ~ Drums
 Bruce Dowd ~ Bass
Rick Enns ~ Bass
 Glen Hendrickson ~ Drums
 Tom Kolstee ~ Guitar
 Jeff Ridley ~ Guitar, Vocals
 Mike Trew ~ Keyboards, Vocals



**Chilliwack Branch Presents:
LOYALIST BARN RAISING QUILT RAFFLE
\$2 per ticket /\$20 per book of 10**

Beautifully designed and quilted by branch member Carole Lefler UE.

100% cotton top of various colours to reflect the wood of the barn, the colours of nature and in the patterns of the era.

The lighter squares clearly allow the quilting pattern in the background to be seen. The reverse side is a soft polyester velour type of fabric called "Fireside" with a Canadian flag and two squares. Size is 54"x72".

Altogether a beautiful quilt and piece of art!

Thank you, Carole, for your skill in creating this for our branch!

SO.....the best laid plans.....as the saying goes, have been derailed by the various Covid19 shutdowns and cancellations. Sales were very brisk until then.

All the venues in which we had been scheduled to sell tickets are now cancelled.

We have asked the BC Gaming Commission to extend our draw date to

[December 5th, 2020](#) and have received a confirmation.

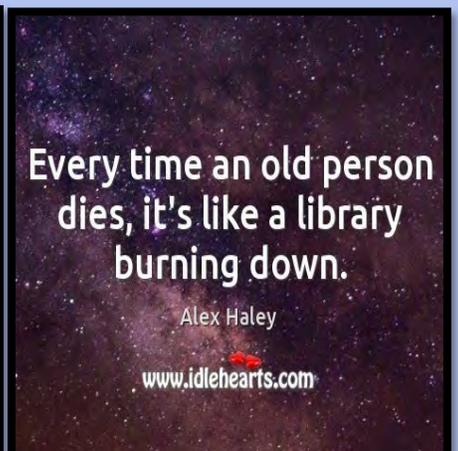
The printed tickets will still say the original draw date as it is too expensive to reprint what has not been sold.

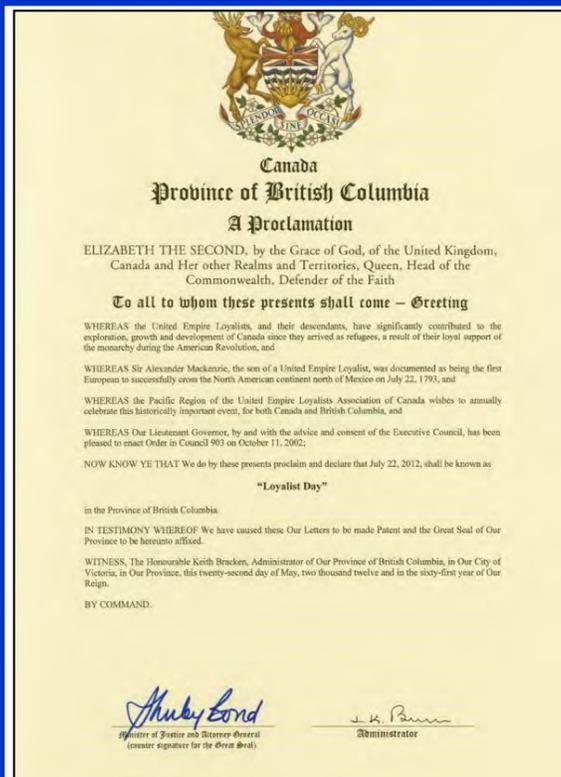
So please help us out and buy a few tickets! (Maybe even a book of 10 - hint, hint)

And may we suggest one of the following options for payment:

- 1) Send us an email at chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com We will arrange to reserve tickets for you. We will send you an email picture of your ticket numbers and then ask you to arrange to pay us by e-transfer to account information provided in the email, or you can mail us a cheque. OR
- 2) Send an email directly to wmdance@telus.net or Carole Lefler UE cjlefler45@gmail.com We will arrange to reserve tickets for you. We will send you an email picture of your ticket numbers and then ask you to pay us by e-transfer to account information provided or you can mail us a cheque.

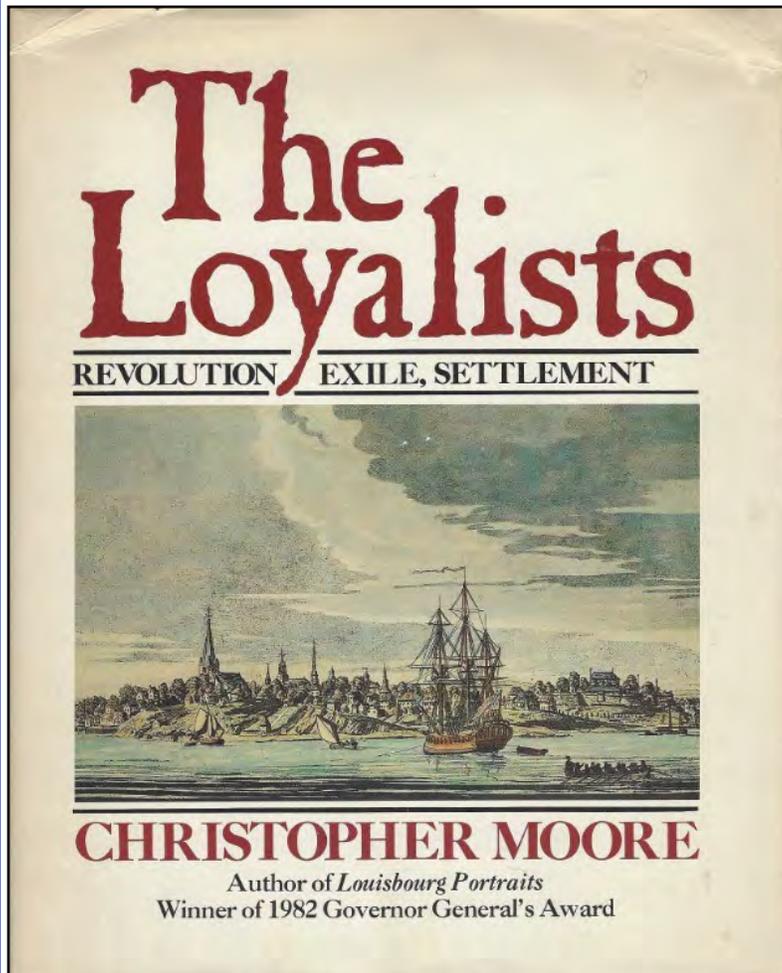
We have already done this successfully in a number of cases and it works very well.





Celebrating Loyalists Days across Canada

May 18th, 2020 New Brunswick
June 12th, 2020 Manitoba
June 12, 2020 Kingston, Ontario
June 19th, 2020 Alberta
June 19th, 2020 Ontario
June 19th, 2020 Saskatchewan



THE LOYALISTS
Revolution, Exile, Settlement
by Christopher Moore
Published 1984
ISBN 0-7715-9781-9

During June, arrangements were made to pick up this book from Mrs. Joyce Bradshaw of Chilliwack, BC who kindly donated it to our archives/library. I have just finished reading this book and enjoyed the presentation, the many pictures and maps, notes and bibliography included. A big thank you to Mrs. Bradshaw. Does anyone else have material they would like to donate to our archive?

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