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**United Empire  
 Loyalists' Association  
 of Canada**  
**Chilliwack Branch**

Your Management Committee  
 for 2021

President: Marlene Dance UE  
 Vice Pres: vacant  
 Past Pres: Shirley Dargatz UE  
 Secretary: Judy Scholz UE  
 Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE  
 Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE  
 Asst. Cindy Frizell UE

Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE  
 Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE

Directors: Carole Lefler UE  
 Cindy Lyftogt UE  
 Margaret Strocel UE  
 Chris Hay UE

Honourary: Marian Reid UE  
 Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE  
 Social Conveners: Jan Duell  
 w/assistants Vicky Heibner UE  
 and Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP:  
 Carl Stymiest UE  
 Pacific Regional Councillor:  
 Frans Compeer



## President's Message

Well, Spring arrived on March 20th. The gardens all show the signs. My neighbour's daffodils are in full bloom. The birds are gathering twigs to build nests. I had hoped that some relief was in sight for our "stay home" situation. But BC has just issued some tighter requirements for the next while, as we are facing increasing Covid numbers. At least the vaccine is here and a good number of my friends are either booked for their shot, have had their first shot or in a few cases have had their second shot already.

My husband and I are booked for early this month.

As mentioned in our last issue, Zoom is the name of the new "game in town". So we scheduled and successfully held our Annual General Meeting via Zoom on February 27th.

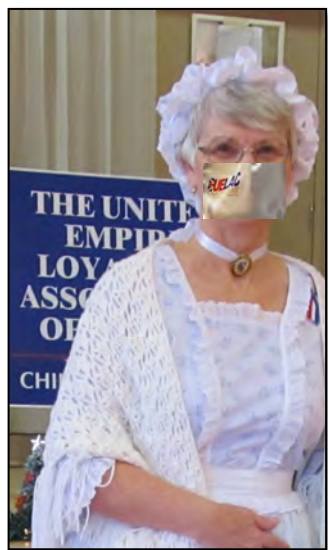
There was a small turnout, but enough to meet our required quorum. See pages 3 to 6. Now we look at what we can do these coming months to keep you, our members informed, interested and involved in our branch. In this issue, we have included a couple of things I hope you find interesting. Firstly, details about a book recently read. Then a write up by Brian McConnell UE about Nova Scotia and finally a reminder about the Loyalist Trails newsletter. In addition we have recently sent you the newsletter from "The Irish Celt" with quite a few interesting items. In the near future, as soon as we have all the details, we will be forwarding an invitation for a UEL Zoom meeting scheduled on Saturday, April 17th at 2:00 pm.

Also have a look at page 10 and the 2021 Conference. This is a "must do" as we all can be armchair travellers and take part in all the events scheduled for a very reasonable price.

I have signed up! Please consider participating. We are working on a couple of archiving items. A thank you to new Director Chris Hay UE, for taking on one of them. In closing, I wish you all a blessed and Happy Easter. Celebrate safely and stay well.

Loyally yours  
 Marlene Dance UE

P.S. Let's send out prayers and good wishes to Marian Reid UE, who is in hospital now. She is resting, and cannot have visitors during this Covid time. I am sure the family would welcome news from friends. Please send cards to me c/o 5546 Highroad Crescent, Chilliwack, BC V2R 3X9 and I will ensure delivery.



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# Calendar of Events for 2021

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.

<b>2021</b>	April	Spring Fleet and 30th Anniversary Celebration -no date allowed.
	April/May	LDS - Finding your Roots, Abbotsford, BC see link below for classes <a href="#">Abbotsford British Columbia Family History Centre</a> • <a href="#">FamilySearch</a>
	May 27—31	Annual Conference - <b>see page 10 for Registration information.</b>
	June	Mixed Berry Social TBA
	July 1	Canada Day - local City government will advise if allowed.
	July 22	BC Loyalist Day TBA
	August	Long Weekend: Fur Brigade Days at Ft. Langley TBA
	October	Fall Fleet TBA
	October	LDS Finding your Roots Conference in Surrey BC TBA
	November 11	Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens TBA
	December	Christmas Social TBA

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

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



## United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

[www.heritagechilliwack.org/](http://www.heritagechilliwack.org/)



On the Porch video series. Click here and enjoy: [On the Porch With Heritage Chilliwack Society Episode 4 - YouTube](#)

[www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-societys-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/](http://www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-societys-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/)

## Annual General Meeting via Zoom February 27, 2021

Here are most of the smiling faces.

A few were out of camera range, and Carl is outside in the sunshine – thus he has his mask on.



There were 15 Branch members and 4 guests. Not everyone got in the picture, but they all had smiles.

Thank you to our guests: Carl Stymiest UE Regional VP and a branch member;

Frans Compeer Regional Councillor; Betty Compeer UE (out of the picture) both from Victoria Branch, Liz Adair UE Assiniboine Branch in Manitoba; and Sandy Faryniuk UE President, Thompson/ Okanagan Branch.



Zoom can be a challenging medium, but with the help of others we managed to show a Parade of flags using pictures from previous events (seen at left) during the playing of God Save the Queen and O Canada.

Thank you to Liz Adair for your help to accomplish this feat. The AGM package was sent out to all members prior to the meeting and included:

1. Agenda for the 2021 AGM
2. Minutes from AGM in 2020
3. Financial Report for YTD December 31, 2020
4. Committee and President's reports for 2020

The minutes of the meeting together with the approved financial report are on the following pages. As of this moment, we have 60 members. This includes seven new members, five of whom have already gained their UE certificates. Others are working on theirs.

Thank you so much for your continued support.





**UELAC Chilliwack Branch**  
**Annual General Meeting via Zoom**  
**Minutes of meeting, Saturday, February 27, 2021**

Introduction of Guests – Carl Stymiest UE VP Pacific Region  
 Frans Compeer Pacific Regional Councillor  
 Sandy Farynuk UE Pres. Thompson/Okanagan  
 Liz Adair Dominion Administrator for Zoom

- 1. Meeting called** to order at 2:01 pm with the playing of God Save the Queen.
- 2.** The meeting was declared competent to proceed as the quorum was met.  
We had 19 in attendance including 15 branch members.
- 3.** Minute of silence was observed in honour of the passing of long-time member: Kenny Dargatz.
- 4. Adoption of agenda as presented.**  
Moved by Margaret Strocel UE and seconded by Carole Lefler UE. Carried.
- 5. Adoption of minutes of the February 15, 2020 AGM.**  
Moved by Carl Stymiest UE and seconded by Christine Manzer UE. Carried.
- 6. Adoption of the Financial Report:** year ending 2020 presented by Carole Lefler UE Treasurer.  
Moved by Carole Lefler UE and seconded by Vicky Heibner UE. Carried.
- 7. Adoption of reports into the record:** part of the AGM package and filed with the minutes.  
Report from Carl Stymiest UE - VP Pacific Region (see page 6)  
Report from Chilliwack Branch committees (see AGM package)  
President's report (see AGM package)  
Moved Carole Lefler UE and seconded by Vicky Heibner UE. Carried.
- 8. The slate of officers presented for the 2021 term** are as follows:  
President: Marlene Dance UE  
Vice President: vacant  
Secretary: Judy Schulz UE  
Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE  
Nominations from the floor were called three times.  
Hearing none, the slate presented above was declared elected by acclamation.
- 9. Announcement of appointed positions** for 2021:  
**Genealogist:** Marlene Dance UE  
**Asst. Genealogist:** Cindy Frizell UE  
**Web Mistress:** Vicky Heibner UE  
**Directors:** Cindy Lyftogt UE; Margaret Strocel UE; Chris Hay UE  
Marian Reid UE (Honourary Director)  
**Flag Bearer:** Alan Reid UE  
**Social Convener:** Jan Ouellet to be assisted by  
Vicky Heibner UE and Becky Heibner UE  
**Newsletter Editor:** Marlene Dance UE  
**Past President:** Shirley Dargatz UE
- 10. Floor open to any questions.** There were none.  
The meeting closed with the playing of the anthem O Canada
- 11. Adjournment** @ 2:35 pm with the playing of O Canada.

Respectfully submitted:  
 Judy Scholz UE  
 Secretary:



UELAC Chilliwack Branch:  
2020 Year End Financial Report

<b>Dec. 31, 2019</b>	Bank balance forward:		<b>\$ 2,315.27</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	2018 Memberships		1,700.00
	Certificate application fees plus postage pending:		356.00
	Quilt raffle		1,056.55
	Other general		
	YTD Interest		.24
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		3,112.79
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
	Remit Memberships to UELAC**	935.00	
	Carman United Church	50.00	
	Kitchen expenses	69.50	
	Misc. Stationary etc. incl Photocopy Newsletters	116.93	
	Flowers for S. Dargatz	100.76	
	Promo flag/pins/calendars	260.00	
	Quilt expenses	400.88	
	Insurance 1 year	67.50	
	Remembrance Day (2)	115.00	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$2,115.57	
		<b>Net Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,312.49</b>
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	Bank Balance:	<b>\$3,312.49</b>	

Net Balance includes reserved funds as follows:

- #1) Net proceeds of raffle for Education \$655.11
- #2) unused portion of Archives Grant \$111.38
- #3) overpayment owed to member \$35.00 (repaid upon renewal in January)
- #4) Memberships paid in late 2020 for 2021 owed to Dominion \$485.00

**Prepared and reviewed by:** Carole Lefler UE – Treasurer and Marlene Dance UE – President

Approved at the Annual General Meeting of February 27th, 2021.



**Pacific Region Dominion Report to Chilliwack Branch  
Annual General Meeting 27 February 2021  
Submitted by Carl Stymiest UE VP Pacific Region.**



2020 has certainly been a different year for the four branches of the Pacific Region. Following the outbreak of the Covid-19 global virus, everything branch-wise was halted. In the early ensuing months, we all learned how to become Zoomers. I believe that Zoom Pro has been one positive result of Covid, allowing us to keep in touch and having the ability to host our regular meetings, AGMs, and some events.

In the summer of 2020, Vancouver Branch and the 2023 UELAC Conference Planning Committee decided to purchase the Zoom Pro license under the auspices of the UELAC. The License cost approximately \$100 from June to June. By doing this, it has allowed us to have meetings whenever we wish, and with no time restraint. Not only has this helped our branches but it has enabled the UELAC Board of Directors to have Board meetings every two months instead of the three previous occurrences per year.

All Pacific Branches should have now applied for the UELAC Insurance Grant and Per Capita Due Rebate from Dominion Office.

In July, our ninth BC Loyalist Day 22 July was cancelled; however, the planning committee ordered the Special Annual Loyalist Day Button-pin. We believe that this button may become a collector's item, as it is also stamped Covid-19, in remembrance of our trials and tribulations. Vancouver Branch members will receive their Loyalist Day Button 2020 at the first 'in-person' regular meeting.

A further positive result from Zoom is that many branches across the nation have allowed members who are unable to attend regular meetings, to join in and be part of the excitement. It is also suggested by the UELAC Board of Directors, that once we are out of Covid restrictions and allowed to have in-person meetings/ events once again, that Zoom also be offered to our members during each regular meeting. It has been gratifying for branches to be able to have members, who live a distance or live in other countries, to attend branch meetings.

You may have noticed announcements regarding the upcoming ZOOM Virtual Conference 2021 being held in Cornwall, ON. If you are a member of Facebook, please check the Vancouver Branch or the Bridge Annex Virtual Branch for continuous updates. The Program to be held in May looks most interesting and educational. Registration information was launched the first week of February.

**Conference 2023 Update:** The three Co-Chairs (Diane Faris, Coco Aders, and I) from the 2023 Conference Planning Committee have worked tirelessly during COVID-19. We are pleased to announce that the 2023 Conference *"Where the Sea Meets the Sky,"* hosted by Vancouver Branch and the Pacific Branches, will be held at the Sheraton (Marriott) Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond on 01 – 04 June 2023.

**Major points to date:**

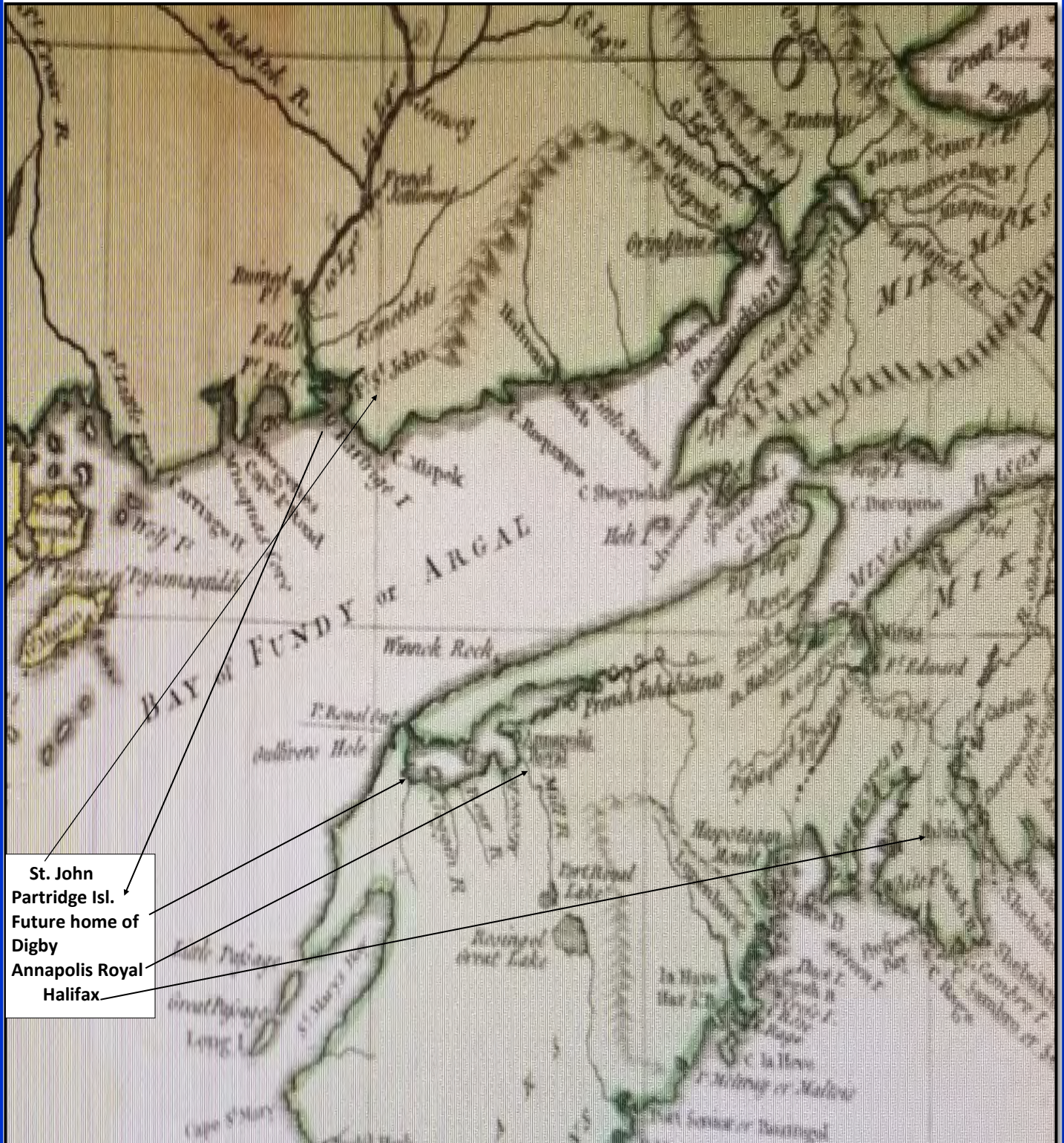
The Conference 2023 Finance Committee is presently working on the proposed budget for our conference. Members of this committee are the three Co-Chairs, UELAC Dominion President, Sue Hines, Frans Compeer, Pacific Regional Councillor, and Diane Rogers, Treasurer for the Vancouver Branch.

- This same Committee met with the FMAV Audio Visual Manager for the 2023 Conference at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel to negotiate our A/V needs.
- As Dominion wishes to have Zoom added for the Friday Dinner and Saturday portion of the 2023 AGM, it was suggested that this extra expense not be laid at the feet of the branches or regions and that the UELAC will consider covering this amount. I will be bringing a motion to that effect at the BOD during our upcoming March virtual meeting.
- We will be looking for an Audio/Visual volunteer from the Pacific Region to be the liaison with the FMAV during the conference. Please contact me or one of the other Co-Chairs if you wish to volunteer.
- We will also be looking for someone who is knowledgeable in Graphic Design to design our 2023 Conference Logo for the *"Where the Sea Meets the Sky"* theme.



## 1755 Map of Annapolis Royal (including Bay of Fundy or Argal)

With thanks to Brian McConnell UE, President Nova Scotia Branch UELAC



St. John  
Partridge Isl.  
Future home of  
Digby  
Annapolis Royal  
Halifax

I love old maps. I found this one particularly interesting as it shows the province of Nova Scotia in 1755.

This is pre-Loyalist arrival as well as before the creation of New Brunswick.

But the locations of Annapolis Royal, St. John and Halifax are clear and marked with arrows.

Please go to [Nova Scotia Archives - Historical Maps of Nova Scotia](https://www.nova-scotia.ca/archives/historical-maps-of-nova-scotia/) to be able to find this map and many others that will allow you to be able to enlarge clearly and see how the world looked to our ancestors.

Brian's comments are on the following page for you to enjoy.



## With thanks to Brian McConnell UE:

from his presentation via Zoom for the Victoria Branch meeting Saturday, March 20th, 2021

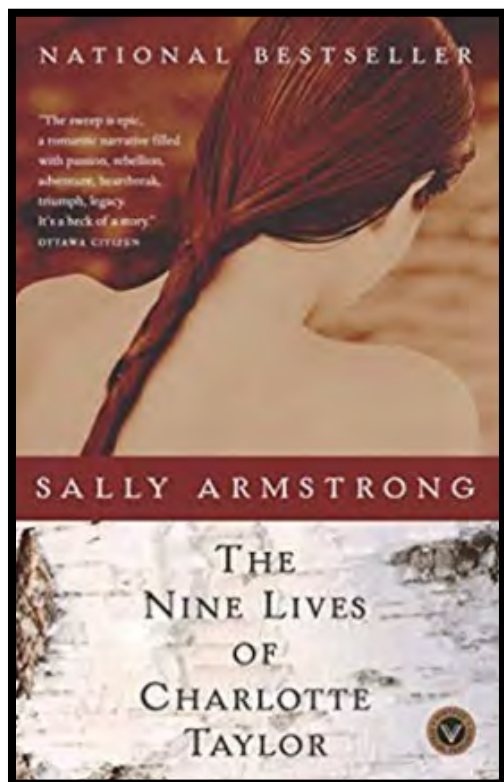
(see previous page for map)

On the previous page, please find a portion of a map prepared in about 1755 which shows Nova Scotia before the arrival of Loyalists. The original was done by cartographer Thomas Jefferys.

It is interesting as it shows the location of the body of water which is the Annapolis Basin where Digby became situated. The Annapolis Basin is located to the left of Gullivers Cove, below the Bay of Fundy or Argal. Digby would be within the Basin at bottom left. Also to the right within the Basin are two islands, also unmarked. These are Bear Island and Goat Island and then to the right Annapolis Royal (see arrow).

Further to the right, you can see the Annapolis River. Also see marked - French Inhabitants. Then carrying on to right is Minas Minas and along shore Fort Edward (now Windsor) where the 84th Regiment was disbanded in 1783. Across and down from Fort Edward, overland on the coast is marked Halifax. Looking back at Annapolis Basin is marked above it the Bay of Fundy or Argal, named after Captain Samuel Argal, an English sea captain who was the first to discover a northern route to sail to Virginia Colony from England via the Azores and Bermuda in 1609. Previously, ships sailed south along the coast of Africa and then took prevailing winds to the West Indies and then north. This new route was shorter and safer.

In the service of the English, Captain Argal also attacked French settlements in Maine and at Port Royal, which was renamed Annapolis Royal in 1710 after being taken by the English. It became the capital of Nova Scotia until 1749, when Halifax was established. He was, as well, the Deputy Governor of the Virginia Colony, and he captained the ship that brought Pocahontas, daughter of an Indian chieftain who had befriended the Colony, to visit England. On the other side of the Bay can be seen Partridge Island at the mouth of the Saint John as well as the River as it flows up through New Brunswick.



## From the Bookshelf

This was the most recent selection of the book club I belong to written by award winning journalist, Sally Armstrong.

What an interesting and enjoyable read.

This book tells the story of Charlotte Taylor who runs away from her family in England with a family servant only to find herself in Jamaica, pregnant and alone, as her lover is dead of yellow fever. The Englishmen there are determined to return her to her father, but she has other ideas and manages to get to Nova Scotia and settle in the Miramichi. She married three times and had ten children. She struggles with the lack of rights, as a woman, to get rightful title to her land, to feed her children and survive in pre-1780 Nova Scotia. She sees the arrival of the Loyalists. She sees the division of Nova Scotia, meaning she now lives in New Brunswick and she fights to be recognized during a time when women have no rights but the ones that belong to a husband. The author is a 3rd great granddaughter of Charlotte. In addition there are references to Stymiest Mill and one of Charlotte's daughters marrying a Stymiest. That would make Carl Stymiest UE a descendant of Charlotte Taylor as well.

Please find a synopsis of this book at the following link: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/4928/the-nine-lives-of-charlotte-taylor-by-sally-armstrong/9780679314059>





## LOYALIST TRAILS - weekly newsletter from the UELAC

Wake up on a Sunday morning and find the latest issue of this newsletter in your email inbox. Always a great read. Excellent contributors, good stories and wonderful links to short videos, detailed articles and amazing pictures of original 18th century clothing items.

A number of stories are serialized to keep you coming back.

At the following link you can find issues going back to 2005.

[www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/Loyalist-Trails-index.php](http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/Loyalist-Trails-index.php)

Send an email to Doug Grant UE at the address below and ask to be put on the group list.

While you do not have to be a member to receive this informative newsletter, we welcome your interest and curiosity about this amazing part of Canada's past. Maybe like me you will find more Loyalists' names to add to your family tree and read interesting things about their lives.

Please sign up today!

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## THE GENEALOGY PRAYER.

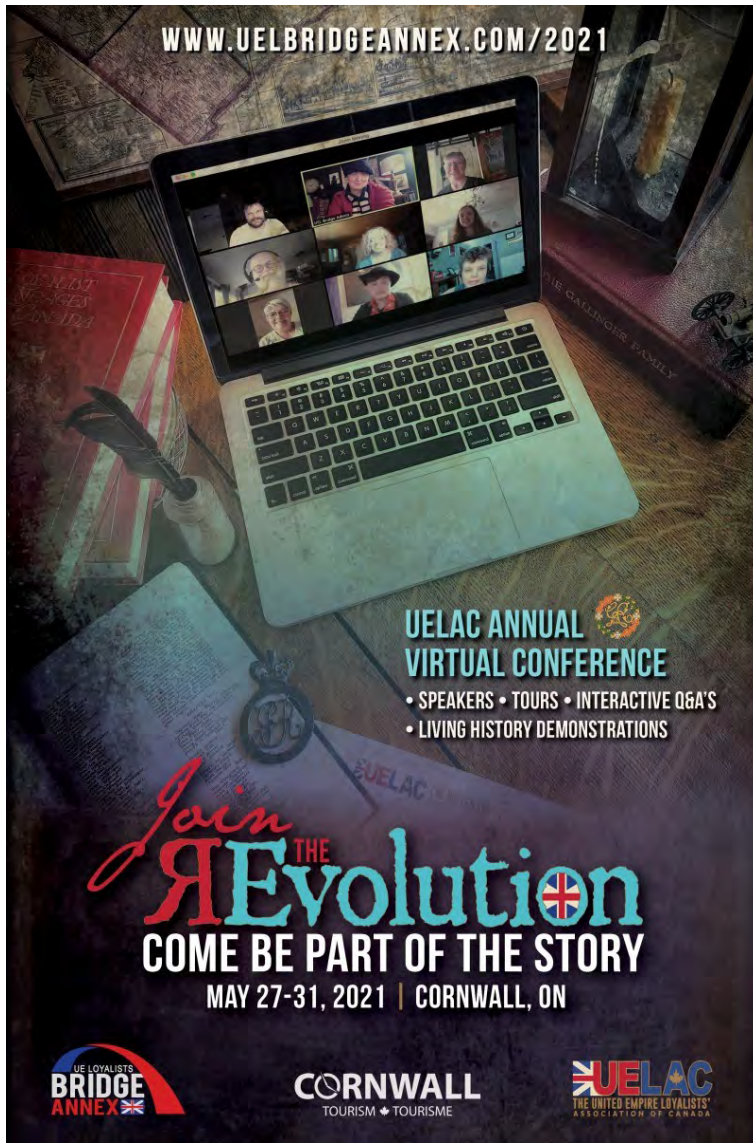


Genealogy is my pastime - I shall not stray.  
It maketh me to lie down and examine half  
buried tombstones,  
It leadeth me into still courthouses,  
It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.  
It leadeth me into the paths of census records  
And ships passenger lists  
For my surnames sake.  
Yet though 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)

With thanks to Margaret Strocel UE for submitting this item for us to enjoy.

## Conference 2021 - Think Virtual is boring? Think again!



**UELAC Conference & Historical Event  
2021 Join the rEvolution –  
Come Be Part of the Story**

Join the rEvolution has never been a more apt slogan than it is now. Bridge Annex, the 1st virtual branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC), is proud to announce we will be hosting the first virtual conference in UELAC history!

Innovation is what Bridge Annex was founded on, and the pandemic has shown us this foundation allows us to take our vision for an interactive and memorable conference & historical event and apply it to a virtual platform.

Think virtual is boring? Think again! We're producing a mix of multimedia and live elements to engage our audience. The opportunity of a virtual conference is that we can produce expanded content and bring in partners from across Canada and the US to participate and share their knowledge. In fact, our list of possibilities

just keeps growing because of the enormous enthusiasm and sense of cooperation from our many partners on this journey. We are pleased to announce that our major partner Cornwall Tourism is on board. Their support has been critical to developing our vision for sharing the rich history of the region – Loyalist and more. We'll be hosting live elements on the ground from Cornwall and Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (SDG) Counties throughout the conference weekend.

Our tagline still holds true: **Join the rEvolution – Come Be Part of the Story.**

Our conference and historical weekend will allow you to connect with others and participate in meaningful ways. We're excited to share our new promotional video to share a taste of what is to come. Further details will be posted on our website in the coming weeks: [www.uelbridgeannex.com/2021](http://www.uelbridgeannex.com/2021)

It's going to an incredible journey, so in May 2021,  
Come Be Part of the Story!