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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

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President's Message

Hello, everyone! Well, I have to say that I do like this change in the weather. My garden was getting a bit desperate for a good soaking. Finally it came. But with the first day of fall also comes the annual garden clean up. Looking back on the last two months, there are a few things to report as our Province opened things up a bit. My husband and I were able to drive to Prince George on the August long weekend, and there were 30 attendees at the outdoor Merritt family reunion picnic. This is the first gathering we have had in two years.

It was so nice to see and visit with everyone. Our most senior member just turned 98, and the youngest was just 6 months old. A nice gathering of the clan.

Zoom is still the name of the "meeting game", and when I count up the number I have attended this last while, I admit I am surprised. Our management team held its first in person meeting in a while and caught up on personal news. We tried to make some decisions going forward. Our events are still on hold as our church venue is not yet prepared to let groups use the premises. They are just moving to live services. We are hoping that the November 11th Remembrance Service will go ahead this year, and we can all meet up for lunch afterwards. In addition, we have booked a gathering for December 4th, so mark it on your calendars and cross your fingers. We will keep you advised.

September 28th was British Home Child Day in Canada. I was pleased to hear Patricia Skidmore tell her mother's story at the Victoria Branch Zoom meeting. (see Page 5)

My husband's grandfather was a BHC, who came to Canada in 1897 at age 10. This is the date that we choose to remember him.

We try to see family and friends observing the protocols.

But it seems like a very long time between visits.

We do our best, but now things are tightening up again as the numbers in our area seem to be climbing.

I was so pleased to be asked by the New Brunswick Genealogy Society to do a Loyalist presentation recently. A short write-up has been included on pages 7 and 8.

Stay safe and well, and we hope to see you soon.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE



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.

2021	October	Fall Fleet hosted by Vancouver Branch. Cancelled
	October	LDS Finding your Roots Conference in Surrey BC Cancelled
	November 11	Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens TBA
	December 4	Christmas Social Noon to 3:00 pm details 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.

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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

www.heritagechilliwack.org/



On the Porch video series. Click here and enjoy: [On the Porch With Heritage Chilliwack Society Episode 4 - YouTube](#)
More episodes on the right of your screen.

www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-societys-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/

The latest news from:

Brian McConnell, UE President,
Nova Scotia Branch UELAC

Please use this link for video: https://youtu.be/F6Y_zUHIE4

Where in Canada has there been a graveyard tour exclusively about United Empire Loyalists for over ten years? One answer is in Weymouth North, Nova Scotia at historic St. Peter's Anglican Church and Cemetery which is located on land donated by renowned United Empire Loyalists Lieut. Col. James Moody and his wife Jane. He had been an Officer in the New Jersey Volunteers.

Retired school teacher Roberta Journey has provided a tour of the cemetery which is preceded by a presentation about the United Empire Loyalists who founded the community when they arrived after the American Revolution. She started doing this in 2008 with the support of local Anglican Church Minister Reverend Donald Ruggles. He himself was descended from General Timothy Ruggles, a United Empire Loyalist refugee from Massachusetts.

On August 25, 2021, I attended the presentation and tour. Here are three photos taken, as well as a link (above) to a video with Roberta Journey, inside St. Peter's Church. One of the photos shows an impressive altar chair inside the church donated in memory of Col. James Moody. A second photo is of a few of the headstones in the church yard, and the third is with Roberta Journey, presenting her with a copy of my book "Loyalist Cemeteries of Nova Scotia: Annapolis & Digby Counties".



Left chair inscription:
In Memoriam
Lieut. Col James Moody
Died April 6, 1809
Aged 64 years.

Col. Moody's
picture is in the
bottom left corner

Cemetery markers
pictures below and right
bottom were taken by
Brian McConnell UE at
the historic
St. Peter's Anglican
Church.



Old St. Edward's Church & the Loyalists

Brian McConnell



On the Bookshelf:

"Old St. Edward's Church & the Loyalists" is the first book to tell the history of one of the few remaining Loyalist churches in Nova Scotia by using primary sources as well as colour photographs. The Church was completed in 1795 and consecrated by Bishop Charles Inglis in 1797.

The book is dedicated to the memory of Adrian Ruggles Potter, a descendant of General Timothy Ruggles, renowned Loyalist leader from Massachusetts who settled near Wilmot, Nova Scotia. Adrian was proud of his Loyalist heritage and was a former curate of the Church.

In September 2016 he provided a tour to the Nova Scotia Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, and his photo, along with others taken inside the Church with its museum are included.

For further information please go to:

<https://www.amazon.ca/gp/product/B09BYFX5RH/>

For those of you searching in NOVA SCOTIA

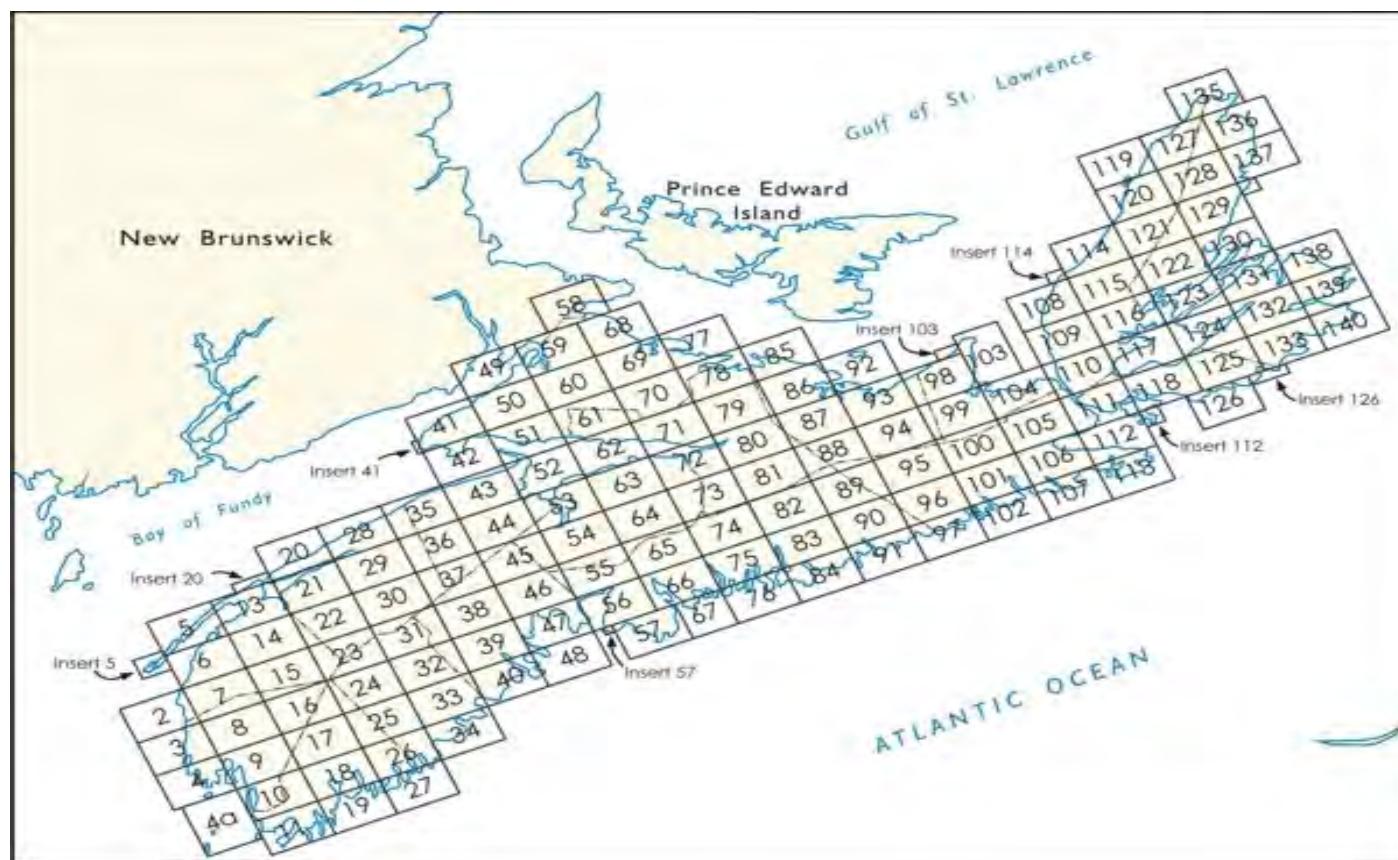
Victoria Branch posted the following links on their Facebook page.

[Crown Land Information Management Centre | novascotia.ca](https://www.novascotia.ca/crown-land-information-management-centre)

Go to this site, and just click on the number shown on the map that appears in the opening page.

Number 43 and 44 are in the Kentville area where my ancestors received their land grant.

You can do the same. Read the other information and contact the Library for other help.



**Victoria Branch UELAC, Saturday, September 25th, 2021 @10:00 am
via Zoom with special guest speaker Patricia Skidmore.**

Ms. Skidmore is an author, presenter and historian specializing in the British Home Child story of her mother Marjorie at the Prince of Wales, Fairbridge Farm School located near Duncan on Vancouver Island. This is a powerful story of survival. It's also a poignant story of a mother hiding her background and childhood from her family. Once brought into the open, I believe that Marjorie finds a peace and joy in the telling. Marjorie arrived at the Fairbridge School about September 1937 with her brother Kenny. Her sister Audrey followed the next year. Please go to this web page for more information and pictures:

<https://patriciaskidmore.com/>

Thank you to UELAC Victoria Branch for sharing this wonderful story.

PATRICIA SKIDMORE

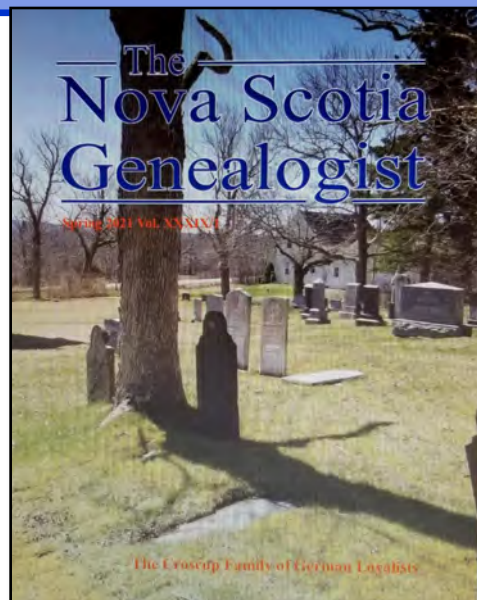
Home Bio Book: Marjorie: Her War Years. A British Home Child in Canada. Contact Blog

Marjorie was happy to see the finished manuscript

Marjorie
HER WAR YEARS
A British Home Child in Canada

As a lovely aside from this story, Patricia Skidmore is a Loyalist descendant through her father Clifford Scott Skidmore (1926-1957) of loyalist Whitehead Skidmore listed on page 328 of "Loyalists of New Brunswick" by Esther Clark Wright.

The Skidmore family seems to originate from Long Island City of Queens, New York. The family shows a marriage to Isabella Mills about 1788 in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, if our information is correct. Can anyone provide any further information for us to forward on to Ms. Skidmore? Thanks for your interest.



Recently found on the UELAC Facebook page.

In the recent issue of "The Nova Scotia Genealogist", published by the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia, you can read about a family of German Loyalists, the Croscups, who settled at Granville, Nova Scotia. It has a cover photo taken by Brian McConnell UE of the headstones in Christ Church Anglican Cemetery at Karsdale, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. The cover story that he prepared reviews the background of this family who resided prior to the American Revolution in New York. To read the article see:

[https://www.academia.edu/.../The Croscup Family of German...](https://www.academia.edu/.../The_Croscup_Family_of_German...)



**UELAC Vancouver Branch Zoom meeting on September 28th, 2021
with special guest speaker Todd Braisted.
Report submitted by Christine Manzer UE
Past President Vancouver Branch UELAC**

The Loyalists of New York Province

Todd W. Braisted's recorded presentation to Gov. Simcoe Branch was played for the Vancouver Branch meeting on September 28th. Mr. Braisted joined the branch online from New Jersey, USA to say hello ahead of the video.

At the time of the American Revolution, New York was one of the most heavily populated colonies in America. Then, as now, it had a diverse population, ethnically, racially and politically.

It also provided more soldiers for the British Army than any other colony, making New York's battles a true civil war. Mr. Braisted examined the roles of New York's Loyalists in their attempts to subdue their rebellious countrymen and their fate at the end of the war.

Todd Braisted is an author and researcher of Loyalist military studies. His primary focus is on Loyalist military personnel, infrastructure and campaigns throughout North America. Since 1979, Braisted has amassed and transcribed over 40,000 pages of Loyalist and related material from archives and private collections around the world. He has authored numerous journal articles and books, as well as appearing as a guest historian on episodes of *Who Do You Think You Are?* (CBC) and *History Detectives* (PBS). He is the creator of royalprovincial.com, the largest website dedicated to Loyalist military studies. Braisted is a Fellow in the Company of Military Historians and a past-president of the Bergen County Historical Society.



From Loyalist Trails by Doug Grant UE
UELAC weekly newsletter
item from: 2021-37 Sept. 12, 2021
with thanks to Stuart Manson UE

The King's Colour: A Broadside of Early Upper Canada

Introducing "The King's Colour: A Broadside of Early Upper Canada" a micro-periodical that explores historical aspects of the colony that later became the Province of Ontario. Military, settlement, and the early development of the region are its main themes.

Published as a two-page, monthly broadside, free of charge, "The King's Colour" mimics the aesthetic style of early colonial printings. Each issue contains a single article, embellished with period illustrations, that addresses a narrow topic. Supported by primary and secondary sources, the articles delve deeply into the subject matter.

The King's Colour is distributed via Facebook www.facebook.com/TheKingsColour
(a FB account is not required just click on "not now" when the sign in pops up).

The inaugural issue has been published. It contains the article titled "Beehives and Honeycombs: The Canadian Secret Weapons of 1813."

In the late autumn of 1813, partway through that war, the largest antebellum army formed by the United States began its descent down the mighty St. Lawrence River, eastward from Lake Ontario. The specific objective of their invasion of British Canada was Montréal. Little did they know that their Canadian adversaries were about to deploy secret weapons to retard their progress: beehives and honeycombs.

Stuart Manson UE

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New Brunswick Genealogy Society, Inc.

www.nbgs.ca

I had the privilege of being invited to speak to a meeting of the St. John Branch of the NBGS on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00 pm Atlantic time. The topic they requested was "Proving your descent from a Loyalist".

As all my loyalist connections are from New Brunswick, I was pleased to be asked and to explain the process required and the need for primary documentation. Where primary documents can't be found use the Genealogy Proof Argument to make your case.

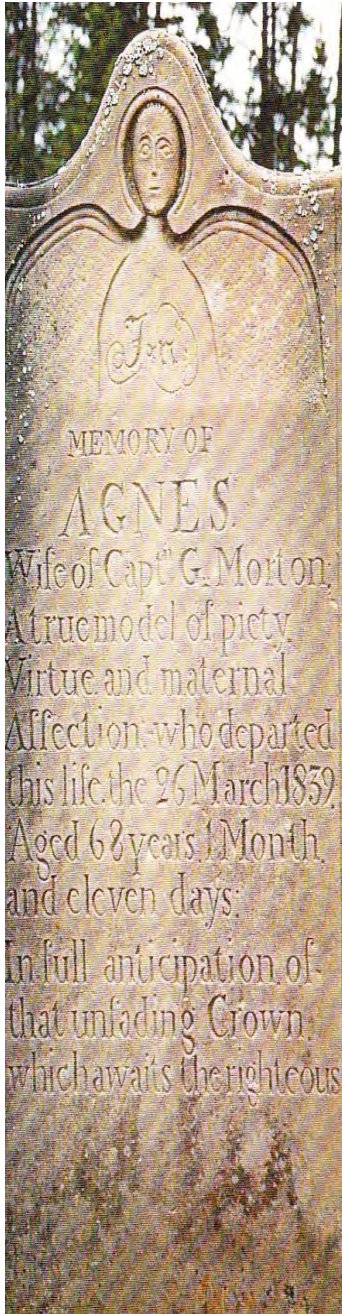
My Loyalist application example for Captain William Hutchinson UE included a Genealogical Proof Argument. This document made my connection to the next generation. As in this case, it is often the son or daughter of the loyalist connection that is the most difficult to link. Both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia can present difficulties when searching for records, but there are many helpful resources available, and lots of keen people to offer help. Attendees were encouraged to join the local branch of the UELAC, and a membership application was included with the handouts.

The following page represents the GPA to link my 3rd Great Grandmother to my 4th Great Grandfather.

Thank you to the NBGS for having me. I really enjoyed being with you all. Such a great group and I got to see a distant cousin that I met in New Brunswick for the first time in July of 2016 when I was on my way to the conference in P.E.I.

GPA continued on the next page:

Agnes Hutchinson is my 3rd Great Grandparent, and this is how I connected her to both her husband and her father. The actual GPA submitted was five pages to explain each item chosen and where the information was obtained. This is just the recap of those items.



GPA to show the relationship between Agnes Hutchinson as the wife of George A. Morton and the daughter of Capt. William Hutchinson Loyalist.

- 1. Arrivals 99: First Families of New Brunswick name Agnes Hutchinson as both the wife of George Morton and the daughter of William Hutchinson.**
- 2. Information from Robert Mutrie's compilation "Hutchinson of Walsingham Township", confirms the name of William Hutchinson's surviving daughter as Agnes.**
- 3. Daniel F. Johnson Newspaper Vital Statistics from the Provincial Archives announces the 1839 death of Agnes Morton names her the wife of George Morton and the daughter of Capt. Wm. Hutchinson.**
- 4. Gravestone from the Pioneer Cemetery in Penobsquis, NB. of Agnes Morton names her as the wife of Capt. G. Morton.**
- 5. Personal family records of Butler Hutchinson Morton, grandson of George and Agnes Morton including family bible, papers and letters say that Agnes is the wife of Geo. Morton.**

CONCLUSION:

Agnes Hutchinson is the wife of George Morton and the daughter of Capt. William Hutchinson – Loyalist.