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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: Shirley Dargatz UE
 Marian Reid UE
 Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE
 Social Conveners: Jan Quellet
 w/assistants Vicky Heibner UE
 and Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP:
Frans Compeer
 Pacific Regional Councillor:
Christine Manzer UE



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with your family and friends
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President's Message

It is now officially Spring. The weather has not warmed up as much as I would like. But it seems that mother nature still does her job well. The blooms include heathers, daffodils, hyacinth in all colours, small red variegated tulips and forsythia just to name a few. In addition there are the cherry blossoms and the early star magnolias all in bloom. Even the leaves on my kiwi bush have burst. While I love them all, this has to be my favorite season. Membership renewals have been brisk since the new year and we are pleased to welcome five new members. This brings our total to fifty-six so far this year. And we are already working on two UE certificates for younger members.

We are so pleased to wish Shirley Dargatz UE a Happy Birthday. See page three for a picture.

Also, part two of the article written by Chris Hay UE appears on pages six and seven.

Our AGM was held via Zoom again this year. All went smoothly and you can see the reports on pages three thru five. Thank you for attending. Zoom is still with us for now. The Annual Conference for 2022, hosted by Manitoba Branch, is scheduled for May 25 -29. The link provided on page eight will show you the wonderful selection of nine presentations, all held electronically. Follow the prompts and sign up. It is a very reasonable \$50. Last years conference was held in the same manner and was such a success.

I have completed my registration and will see you there on Zoom.

We have not been able to meet in person for two years. So it is time to get re-acquainted! As our usual location is just reopening, they are giving weddings and funerals priority. So we have booked a get together for Saturday, April 30th at 1:00 pm at a new location. Please see page two or nine for all the details. This will be just a social event to make plans going forward. Nothing formal - just a good reason to meet face to face again after all this time.

Please come and join us. We want to see you there.

Loyally yours,

Marlene Dance UE



Calendar of Events for 2021

Print and save with your calendar



Monthly Meetings will be scheduled individually with details listed below.

Venues may change for each event.

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.

Schedule for 2022:

- April 30th "Let's Get Re-acquainted" @ 1:00 pm
 Chilliwack Alliance Church, **note new venue!**
 8700 Young Rd., Chilliwack, BC
 Tea/coffee and goodies.
 Welcome back and social Invitation on page 9.
- May 25 – 29th Annual Conference Hosted by Manitoba Branch,
 See page 8 for details and registration
- June Strawberry Social TBA
- July 1st Canada Day TBA check your local community listings
- July 22nd BC Loyalist Day – TBA
- July 24th Vancouver Branch UELAC Loyalist Day Picnic TBA
- October Fall Fleet event TBA
- November 11 Remembrance Day & Luncheon to follow TBA
- December Christmas Social TBA

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

Please visit our new webpage: <http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack/>



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www.heritagechilliwack.org/



Happy 85th Birthday Shirley Dargatz UE

How nice to see your smiling face.

These past two years have been hard for everyone. We are so glad that close family and friends were able to celebrate with you. We heard you hosted a few visitors on different days.

This lovely photo was sent to us from Shirley's niece Turrey Haraga. Notice the 85 Love on the gold stick in the cupcake. We miss you, Shirley, and hope that now that things are opening up a bit, we will all be able to get together in person and maybe celebrate with you again.

Stay safe and well and take care.

Happy birthday from all your Loyalist family.



Annual General Meeting held via Zoom

February 26, 2022 @ 2:00 pm

On the following pages please find the information from our AGM.

There were thirteen members and three guests present and the quorum was met.

The notice of the meeting, together with the AGM package, was sent out seven days in advance via email in keeping with the requirements of our bylaws.

I forgot to get a screen shot for our newsletter this year and didn't want to sneak in the one from last year. Ha Ha. But the parade of flags was used again and shown on screen at the beginning and end of the meeting with the playing of God Save the Queen and O Canada.

Please go to pages 7 and 8, for the minutes together with the financial statement approved at the meeting. Thank you all for renewing your membership and for your continued support.



Chilliwack
Branch
Parade
Of our
Flags

Piper:
Dr. Dan
McDermid

**UELAC Chilliwack Branch Minutes
Annual General Meeting via Zoom
February 26, 2022**

**We are honoured to live, work, and play on the traditional ancestral and
unceded territory of the Stó:lō Coast Salish peoples.**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 2:03 pm**
Playing of God Save the Queen and Parade of Flags on the screen
- 2. Declaration of Quorum:** The quorum was met with 13 members and three guests present. Total 16.
- 3. Introduction of Guests:** Welcome to Barbara Andrews UE, Past President of UELAC; Carl Stymiest UE, branch member and UELAC Vice President; Frans Compeer, Pacific Regional Councillor and wife Betty UE, both of Victoria Branch.
- 4. Observed a minute of silence for the passing of Jerry Brown UE.**
- 5. Adoption of the agenda as presented:** moved by Judy and seconded by Vicki. Carried.
- 6. Adoption of the minutes of the February 27, 2021 AGM**
Hearing no errors or omissions, moved by Glenn and seconded by Diane. Carried.
- 7. Adoption of the Financial Report: year ending 2021**
Following a few questions it was moved as presented by Carole and seconded by Vicky. Carried.
- 8. Adoption of reports presented or included in package:** Carl Stymiest UE presented the attached report. Marlene explained as there had been limited opportunities to have reports directly from Membership and Genealogy, all items were included in the President's report on behalf of the branch. Moved by Glenn and seconded by Margaret to have these reports adopted into the record. Carried.
- 9. The slate of officers presented for the 2022 term is as follows:**
 - President: Marlene Dance UE**
 - Vice President: position vacant**
 - Secretary: Judy Scholz UE**
 - Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE**
 - Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE**
 - Assistant Genealogist: Cindy Frizell UE**
 - Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE**

Nominations from the floor was called three times. Hearing none, the slate presented was declared elected by Acclamation. Thank you everyone for continuing in your positions. As all elected have been in office the previous year(s), a swearing in to office, was not called for.
- 10. Appointed positions for 2022:** the following names were announced and thanked for their continuing service.
 - Past President: Shirley Dargatz UE**
 - Directors: Chris Hay UE**
 - Cindy Lyftogt UE**
 - Margaret Strocel UE**
 - Honourary Life Branch Members:**
 - Shirley Dargatz UE & Marian Reid UE**
 - Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE**
 - Social Conveners: Vicky Heibner UE and Becky Heibner UE as needed**
 - Newsletter Editor: Marlene Dance UE**

We thank you all for your help. We appreciate that we have great volunteers and can hardly wait to get back together in-person.
- 11. Floor open to questions:** Carl was asked to give us a short overview of the 2023 Conference planning to date. The Conference is to be held in Richmond at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel on June 1-4. Our Region is hosting. Glenn Smith UE asked for volunteers for various time slots. More meetings by the committee are planned and news will be forthcoming.
- 12. Meeting Adjourned at 2:49 pm** with the Parade of flags on the screen and the playing of O Canada.

**Respectfully submitted,
Judy Scholz UE Secretary**

**UELAC Chilliwack Branch
2021 Year End Financial Report**

Dec. 31, 2020	Bank balance carried forward:		\$3,312.49
INCOME:	2021/2022 Memberships	1,322.50	
	UELAC Covid Br. funding	1,031.25	
	Other donations	50.00	
	YTD Bank Interest	.33	
	TOTAL income:	\$2,404.08	
	Bal. forward plus income = Sub total:		\$5,716.57
EXPENSES:			
	Donation to Hay Bay Church Restoration	1,000.00	
	Luncheon/Leith celebration	43.13	
	Misc. postage/photocopies	33.24	
	Flowers for S. Dargatz	83.16	
	Web site update work	199.00	
	Purchase of lap Quilt	50.00	
	Insurance 1 year (see note below)	-	
	Remembrance Day (2 wreaths)	100.00	
	2021 memberships remitted to Dominion	835.00	
	TOTAL:	\$2,343.53	
		Balance	\$3,373.04
Dec. 31, 2021	Bank Balance: \$3,373.04		

Notes:

- #1)** Unused portion of 2020 Archives Grant \$111.38 held in balance.
- #2)** Expenditure for Lap Quilt is for one of four prize items to be used as part of our branch contribution to the 2023 Annual Conference prizes. The Conference will be hosted by Pacific Division in Richmond BC.
- #3)** Annual insurance owed to Dominion Office \$67.50
- #4)** Balance includes \$305 of 2022 memberships to be remitted in new year.
- #5) 2021 Year end membership was 62.**
(8 families of 24 members, 8 Associate members, and 30 individuals)

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

Old Military Records Finally Reveal My Hay Family Lineage in Glasgow

Submitted by: Chris Hay UE

First published in *The Journal of the Clay Hay Society, Scotland, No 53 - 2020 page 15*

Part Two: (we begin by repeating the last paragraph of part one).

Verifying this James Hay born in 1747 to these British Army records had now positively connected me back another generation to his father, an even earlier Jonathan Hay born 17 September 1724 in Kirkintilloch, Dunbartonshire. This same Jonathan was also a witness on the above pictured parish birth record of his grandson James Hay born in Glasgow 04 August 1778. This was an important find as it was this identical Jonathan Hay born 1724 in Kirkintilloch who had first come to Glasgow over 275 years ago.

Although my common first name of Jonathan suggested this to very likely be the case I could never verify this family connection until now. While searching in the *ScotlandsPeople* website records I decided to try a general search for 'James Hay' in the old parish birth registers which revealed a total of 1,406 Scottish birth entries from the 1500's to civil registration in 1855. The result for the name 'Jonathan Hay' for all of Scotland in this exact same time period gave a total of 8 births, 4 marriages and 3 deaths which shows the rarity of this particular name. Nearly all of these entries for Jonathan Hay now fit perfectly into my family tree.

In a much later internet *Google Search* on 22 September 2018 I had contemplated my most recent 'Hay' family discovery now linking me back to Kirkintilloch, Scotland. I thought that I should just try a search for the parents of my earliest known Scottish ancestors John Hay and Jean Kirkwood married 23 November 1709 at Kirkintilloch, who had a son Jonathan Hay born in 1724. The very first result took me to the website Richardpyoung.org titled '*Our Family Tree' genealogy of the Richard Young & Laurel Hogan family*.

Here appeared the exact same match for this family including my Jonathan Hay born in 1724.

After so many years of frustration, I had just found an incredible connection to my elusive 'Hay' family going back 8 generations to over 300 years ago.

As amazing as this family discovery may seem I was soon to realize that this actually was not the end of my story. A week later in early October 2018 I was thinking about how I could help celebrate my birthday. I suddenly thought that I should try to find the owner of the website and try to call him. I found the website owner was a Richard Young who lived in Utah and I was soon able to find his phone number.

I called and when Richard Young answered I asked if he had posted a large family history website on the internet. He said that yes he did.

I told him who I was and that it appeared that I had a connection to his family tree. He then asked me where we actually connected and I told him about my Jonathan and his Robert Hay both sons of John Hay and Jean

Kirkwood married in 1709 at Kirkintilloch, Scotland. He thought it was incredible as his 'Hay' family line had continued on 4 generations and that Mary Hay born in 1821 at Paisley, Renfrewshire was his great grandmother. Richard Young then began to tell me the fascinating story of his great grandmother.

Mary Hay was born 21 April 1821 at Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland to William Hay and Margaret Fraser. Eventually Mary decided to settle in Glasgow, where, still unmarried, she worked as a warehouse girl. In the 1850's, she joined the Mormon Church who at that time were encouraging their members to come to Utah.

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Pushing, Pulling and Praying: Bound for Zion by E. Kimball Warren © By Intellectual Reserve, Inc.

Lacking funds for their travel, church leader Brigham Young believed that the use of handcarts would help speed the journey for these settlers. Mary Hay made the decision to go and, on 23 March 1856, left for America from Liverpool, England on the ship *Enoch Train*. Disembarking at Boston, the settlers traveled by train, first to New York, then on to the end of the westbound railway line at Iowa City, Iowa.

It was there that Mary was assigned to the Second Handcart Company under Captain Daniel D. McArthur.



Handcart Pioneer Women by Julie Rogers

The party consisted of 48 carts, 4 wagons, 191 men and women, and 30 children who trekked overland to Salt Lake City, Utah.

On 11 June 1856, two days following the First Handcart Company under Captain Edmund Ellsworth, they began their trek to the Mormon outpost at Florence, Nebraska. Following repairs and outfitting, they began the remaining long journey on 24 July 1856. After a two-month trek of pulling and pushing their carts nearly 1300 miles with seven deaths en-route the Second Handcart Company finally arrived at Salt Lake City, Utah on 26 September 1856.

The success of the first three handcart companies was considered important in having helped to demonstrate the feasibility of settlers immigrating west with the use of

handcarts. By the end of this venture, a total of 10 handcart companies had enabled 3,000 Mormon settlers from England, Wales, Scotland and Scandinavia to reach Salt Lake City. The faith and sacrifice of these handcart pioneers is now well recognized in Mormon Church history.

Soon after their arrival on 08 October 1856, Mary Hay married Thomas Cunningham Young whom she had known in Glasgow and they later had a large family.

I was fascinated to discover that my family tree now included an historic Utah Mormon family descended from my 3rd cousin Mary Hay. Mary, her husband Thomas Cunningham Young and their eldest son Thomas Cunningham Young Jr. are all officially recognized as pioneers in establishing the State of Utah, and their descendants remain faithful members of the Mormon Church.

My three confirmed family tree branches dating from a 1709 Kirkintilloch marriage, should now help me to eventually achieve my ultimate goal of reconnecting with an actual living 'Hay' Cousin.

Hopefully, it will also lead to even more new discoveries of lost 'Hay' family lines and their stories originating from both early Kirkintilloch and Glasgow.

Chilliwack Branch Archives Still a work in progress.

Chris Hay UE, accepted the task of preparing a master list of all Loyalist Certificates issued to our members since the granting of our charter in October 1990. From the first one issued to Mildred Evans Hall UE in March of 1991 to the present day. To date we have over 290 names and counting. This is quite an achievement for a small branch such as ours. The list includes the name of the member, the date granted, the Loyalist name and the certificate number issued. We will share the master list in PDF format on our web page shortly.

Thank you Chris, for taking this important work on.

<https://www.uelmanitoba.ca/conference2022>

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“From Heartbreak to Hope in the Heart of the Continent”

Dominion Conference 2022



25 - 29 May, Winnipeg, MB

Hosted by the Manitoba Branch of the UELAC

Click here for details and to register online:

<https://www.uelmanitoba.ca/conference2022>

All presentations are being done online. Sign up for those you would like to attend.
Cost \$50 per person.

You do not have to be a member of the UELAC to register.

You do have to be a member to vote at the AGM. Additional registration required.

The Conference will be concurrent with the AGM and other Dominion meetings. There will be nine presentations and one tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Go to the webpage and see the short articles on the content of the presentations and biographies of the presenters.

NOTE: All programs are listed in Central Daylight Time

For Example – 12pm Winnipeg time is 2:30pm Newfoundland and 10am Vancouver

**You are cordially
invited:**

Let's get re-acquainted!

**Saturday, April 30th
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Chilliwack Alliance Church
8700 Young Road
Chilliwack BC**

Good company and Tea/Coffee and Goodies
Masks are a personal choice and are not required.



Prince Phillip - Service of Thanksgiving

From the Royal Family Facebook page

On March 29, 2022 at [Westminster Abbey](#), The Queen was joined by members of The Royal Family, Foreign Royal Families, The Duke of Edinburgh's wider family and friends and representatives from over 500 of The Duke's patronages and charities to celebrate his life at a Service of Thanksgiving.

The Service in particular paid tribute to The Duke of Edinburgh's contribution to public life and steadfast support for the over 700 charitable organisations with which His Royal Highness was associated throughout his life.

Some elements planned for the HRH's Funeral last year, which were unable to go ahead due to Covid restrictions in place at the time, were featured at the Service. This included [The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#) Gold Award holders and representatives from the Cadet Force, who lined the route into the Abbey.

[https://www.royal.uk/service-thanksgiving-life-duke-edinburgh?
fbclid=IwAR1GuMRCMaa6vnKsCJ3x_CT2Cz3sWhhQaF2eAQzBJBfzHWkQwgT5t0rGkeo](https://www.royal.uk/service-thanksgiving-life-duke-edinburgh?fbclid=IwAR1GuMRCMaa6vnKsCJ3x_CT2Cz3sWhhQaF2eAQzBJBfzHWkQwgT5t0rGkeo)

So lovely to see the Queen out for this special event. It was mentioned that she came in by a side door, using her cane, so as to not have to walk as far to get to her place.



Merkley and Myers - Loyalist Families

Over the past few weeks on three different occasions, I have learned of connections to one or both of the above-named families from three different friends.

Coincidence or a meant to be? Needless to say, I had to have a look into the information two of them had from family trees put together by previous generations of their respective families.

There were various spellings of many names. And a couple of curious last names that seem to be from the same families - maybe distantly related? We used abbreviations we would not normally use to fit the format we chose.

We found a good number of the children's names on the Merkley side, but not on the Myers side. We did not include the names here. Lots more work to be done, but to the left is what we came up with.

What do you think?

Can anyone help here?


- 1) Any mistakes please let me know.
- 2) Can you offer other information?
- 3) Did we miss a generation with all these Jacobs in both families?

Please send your input to:

chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com

Submitted by

Marlene Dance UE,
Chilliwack Branch Genealogist

<p>George Harold Merkley Born 15/12/1883 Chesterville, Ontario Died 25/02/1962 White Rock, BC</p>	<p>Married 21/06/1905, Ontario 3 children</p>	<p>Elizabeth Grace Myers Born 05/10/1884 Osnabruck, Ontario She Died 11/06 1951 Coquitlam, BC</p>
Son of:		Daughter of:
<p>Jacob Merkley Born 26/11/1845 Dundas Co., Ontario Upper Canada Married 13/10/1868 Dundas Co., Ontario Upper Canada Annie Maria Cord (Coard) (10 children) He died 14/10/1918 Dundas, Ontario</p>		<p>Thomas Myers Born 31/08/1848 Stormont, Upper Canada Married Elizabeth Grace (Lizzie) Wallace on 08/18/1874 Osnabruck He died 26/04/1923 Stormont, Ontario</p>
Son of:		Son of:
<p>J. Adam Merkley Born 4/01/1811 Stormont Co., Ont. Married Elida Marcellus (9 children) Died 10/12/1891 Stormont Co. Ont.</p>		<p>Jacob Myers Born 15/12/ 1823 Ontario Married Mary Jane Taylor (immigrated from Sligo, Ireland) Died 14/03/1913 Stormont, Ontario</p>
Son of:		Son of:
<p>Jacob H. Merkley Born 20/08/1781 Jefferson Co. NY Married Elizabeth Stratta (no date yet) (8 children) Died 2/06/1864 Dundas, Ontario</p>		<p>Jacob Daniel Myers Born 02/06/1805 Ontario Married 1822 to Susanne Wallace He died 8/10/1886 Ontario</p>
Son of:	Loyalist	Son of:
<p>Johann Jacob Merkley Born 17/10/1747 Wurttemberg, Germany Married Maria Shaver 9/05/1772 Schoharie, NY (at least 5 children) He died 02/05/1818 Williamsburg, Upper Canada</p>		<p>Daniel Myers Born 20/09/1772 Schoharie, NY Married Anna Schaefer He died about 1835 Osnabruck, Ontario, Upper Canada</p>



UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH NEW/ or RENEW MEMBERSHIP 2022

Many thanks for your continued support.

Annual dues are as follows:

Individual Memberships: \$40.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$55.00

Student Memberships (25 yrs. or younger Name of school/university below) = \$25.00

Family Membership: \$55.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$70.00

(A Family membership is for all persons residing at the same address)

If already a member of another branch = \$15.00

Please indicate name of branch: _____

If it is July 1st or later, the membership fee for the balance of the year is ½ price.

Please make your cheque payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch

Your Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Loyalist Ancestor (s) if known: _____

Membership Fees: Please circle the membership category chosen above.

Please mail to Marlene Dance UE, President
5546 Highroad Crescent
Chilliwack, BC V2R 3X9

Or better yet - Please use our online New/Renewal at: www.uelac.ca

Your membership includes receiving a copy of our Magazine “The Gazette” twice yearly,
6 issues of the “Link UP” – the Chilliwack Branch newsletter as well as email reminders for events,
sign ups and items of interest.

Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires that our Branch have your consent for us to contact you electronically. By joining our Branch, you are consenting to receive electronic communications from us. You may ask us to remove you from the group email list at any time by replying to one of our communications and asking us to remove you.

If mailing in your membership: Please return this form with your membership.