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**United Empire
 Loyalists' Association
 of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

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 for 2022

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President's Message

Another two months has flown by quickly.

Earlier, the weather was giving us a little too much rain for this time of year. But the gardens always love it. Everything was looking lush and many plants looked the best they had in a very long time. Now the heat-wave is upon us and we are all wilting. Let's send out special congratulations to member Evie Cramer. See her story on page 3.

June found us planning the Three Berry Social. Time for a little history. First held in June 1991 and called the "Strawberry Social", the event included the awarding of the branch's first Loyalist Certificate to Mildred Hall UE. Then while not regularly scheduled again until 1997, it became an annual outdoor afternoon garden party at the home of Ken and Shirley Dargatz. Often the perfect time for the awarding of many Loyalist Certificates to members. The pictures abound. Always in June, it was just in time for the local strawberry harvest. The name was revised to Triple Berry Social in 2015 and moved to Carman United Church Hall, when the local harvest failed due to bad weather and there were few strawberries to be found. But, the tradition has carried on using a combo of all berry fruits available.

June 2 - 5th saw a wonderful televised celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. So many events and the crowds were amazing. Please see page 5 for pictures and a few comments. Four of us traveled to New Westminster to join with Vancouver Branch at Queen's Park to celebrate Loyalist Day and the Jubilee. What a lovely day it was, with shade, sun, a breeze, good company and cake for dessert. See pages 7-8.

The calendar for the fall is a bit bare at the moment as we plan for upcoming events. We will let you know as soon as plans are in place for October, November and December. I hope you have air conditioning. If not, find the many cooling centers that have been

set up in many communities. I am making do with a portable unit and a number of fans. Don't laugh, it works.

Check on your neighbours to ensure all is well with them.

Stay safe and well and keep out of the heat.

We hope to see you all soon.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE



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Calendar of Events for 2022

Print and save with your calendar



Monthly Meetings will be scheduled individually.

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:

October	Fall Fleet event details TBA
November 11	Remembrance Day & Luncheon to follow TBA
December	Christmas Social details TBA

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to:

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



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

www.heritagechilliwack.org/

"On the Porch" - beautiful old homes in Chilliwack.
Just Google to find all eight episodes on YouTube.

Featuring:

Hazel House, Carmichael House, Higginson House,
Gwynne Vaughan House, Brock House, Skelton House,
Gibbons House. As well as

District 1881 - the new downtown rejuvenation





WHERE THE SEA MEETS THE SKY

2023 VANCOUVER CONFERENCE & AGM

Plans are well underway for the 2023 UELAC Conference and AGM.

June 1 - 4th, 2023 in Richmond, BC

Please go to <https://uelac.ca/> and scroll down to this logo.

Here you will find all the up-to-date information.

Details of the tours being offered and the hotel venue are shown.

The registration form will be available in the Fall of 2022.

Take a moment to enjoy the YouTube video created by the committee,
inviting everyone to Richmond, BC next year.

Two medals awarded to Branch member.

Evie Cramer was awarded two medals at her Grade 5 commencement ceremonies on Wednesday, June 22nd.

The first medal was for "Creative Thinking" and the second was an academic award for "Critical Thinking".

These skills will take her far as she enters middle school in the fall. She has been accepted into the Integrated Technology and Arts School program which is part of the new Imagine High School near A.D. Rundle Middle School here in Chilliwack.

Proud parents are, mother Sarah Cramer UE and father Rainier Schoock. Evie is working on her certification for her Loyalist, John Thornton. Chilliwack Branch was chartered in 1990, and since that time, over 40 certificates have been presented to descendants of John Thornton.

Congratulations, Evie!

We are all very proud of you.



**2022 UELAC
Scholarship Fund Challenge**



\$ 8,088.00
Goal for this challenge



\$ 7,500.38
Amount raised to date



44
Number of donors

Last updated July 29, 2022

We are pleased to advise that in June, your Management Team sent a \$200 donation on behalf of our Branch to the [UELAC Endowment Fund](#)

The Scholarship Fund Challenge is making excellent progress. See the update at left. Consider a donation yourself.

Please go to:
<https://uelac.ca/scholarship/challenge-2022/>



Three-Berry Social June 25th, 2022 Chilliwack Alliance Church


Thanks to Judy Scholz UE for preparing the cake and the mixed fruit compote for our shortcake, as well as the picture at left.

We began at 1:00 pm, with the presentation of the Loyalist flag by Alan Reid UE; God Save the Queen and the Loyalist prayer. While we were a small group, it was so nice to see people after a long absence due to Covid. Following refreshments, the agenda included

a slide show of the following items: Queen’s Jubilee pictures; invitation to the 2023 Conference; invitation to the Vancouver Branch Loyalist picnic in Queens Park; slides of the Heritage Homes here in Chilliwack thanks to our partner “Heritage Chilliwack” and the “On the Porch” video series (list on page 2).

In addition, Chris Hay UE, who is always treating us to news of his wonderful finds, told us of a new website that provides free Online Access to BC Historical Newspapers:
<https://go.proquest.com/>

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QUEEN'S JUBILEE

What a wonderful celebration. Did you watch the various programs televised? I loved the "Paddington Bear has tea with the Queen". Just delightful!



The crowds were amazing!

While there were pictures of a number of balcony appearances. This one on the final day was a favourite. All pictures are from the Royal Family Facebook page.



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Happy Birthday CANADA - July 1st - 155 years young!



New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Canada are united in a federal state, the Dominion of Canada, by the British North America Act (July 1, 1867). The province of Canada is divided into Ontario and Quebec. The United States of America proclaims the purchase of Alaska from Russia (June 20).



BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT of JULY 1, 1867 included:
Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia as Canada.

Then joined by: 1870 Manitoba and Rupert's Land

1871 British Columbia

1873 Prince Edward Island

1898 Yukon

1905 Alberta and Saskatchewan

1949 Newfoundland

1999 NWT/ Nunavut

11th Annual Loyalist Day Picnic - July 24th, 2022

Queen's Park, New Westminster, BC

Hosted by Vancouver Branch, four Chilliwack Branch members drove in and joined the festivities. Here is the happy group of 35 in attendance with two well-behaved canine friends. There was lots of catching up to do. Also the presentation of two Loyalist Certificates to Carl Stymiest UE (his 13th loyalist William Wishart) and to his new-found cousin Christine Williston Wright UE (loyalist William Williston). Picture below centre right l-r: Vancouver Branch Genealogy Linda Nygard UE, Christine, Carl and Vancouver Branch President Coco Anders-Weremczuk UE. The program included announcements of the upcoming 2023 Conference June 1-4 in Richmond, BC hosted by the Pacific Region Branches. Also three prospective members were introduced who have Loyalist heritage from New Brunswick and had found their way to the picnic via social media advertising.



More Pictures
on the next
page.

The quartet from Chilliwack Branch:
Picture at right: Back: Judy Scholz UE, Marlene Dance UE.
In front Jan Ouellet and Margaret Strocel UE.

More pictures from Loyalist Day Picnic in Queen's Park, New Westminster, BC.

Thanks to Linda Nygard UE, Carl Stymiest UE and Judy Scholz UE for the pictures.

It was a beautiful sunny day as you can see from the pictures.

Picnic Shelter #2 was reserved and wonderful Loyalist displays decorated the covered space. Everyone was presented with a Jubilee pin.

This design was replicated in the beautiful cake shown at left that was served for dessert. I didn't see any cake left when the picnic was over.

There was a draw for many door prizes at the end, all donated by various members. Thank you so much to the organizing committee.

You outdid yourselves in welcoming everyone.

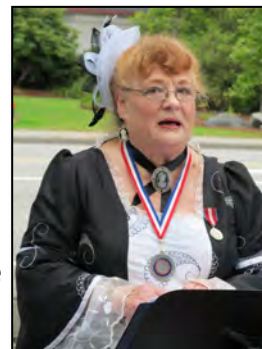
And thank you for including Chilliwack Branch.

We had a wonderful time catching up with all our friends.



Happy 9th Birthday Prince George!

At the Loyalist flag raising ceremony held at Chilliwack City Hall on July 22, 2013, we see President Shirley Dargatz proudly announcing the birth of Prince George at our Loyalist Day event.



It's a BOY!

Born July 22nd on BC Loyalist Day,
@ 4:24pm London time weighing 8 lb. 6 oz.
Prince George Alexander Louis
Third in line to the throne of England.
Parents the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.



Below left is the announcement from our Link Up issue in August of 2013.

And below right, looking the spitting image of his father William at the same age, we have the picture released for his 9th Birthday taken a month earlier.
Photo credit to the Dutchess of Cambridge.



Happy Birthday



From the Chesterville Record, Thursday, May 19th, 2022 Chesterville, Ontario

UELAC moves archives to Cornwall

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The board of directors for the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada recently announced that the dominion office and archives have been relocated to the Cornwall Community Museum. Toronto's George Brown House had served as the organization's head office and archives for 15 years but had outgrown this location.

UELAC Dominion archivist Carl Stymiest U.E. explained the collection includes archival material; artifacts; and organizational documentation dating back over 120 years. Due to the large number of donations from a variety of sources, the collection had outgrown the 250 square foot Butler's Room in the George Brown House. Patricia Groom was tasked a few years ago by the UELAC board of directors to look for new facilities.

Stymiest continued, after the 2021 conference hosted by the Bridge Annex Branch, Jennifer de Bruin contacted Jean-Yves Lemoine, curator for the Cornwall Community Museum, with negotiations between the SDG Historical Society, the Cornwall Community Museum and the UELAC beginning last summer. He mentioned how this was a good move for the UELAC as they retain ownership of the collection and have



The Wood House, shown here, forms the main section of the CCM; it was once home to the loyalist Wood family and now will house this important historical collection.

Thompson Goddard Photo

begun a partnership with the SDG Historical Society.

He noted the collection, currently located in boxes at the CCM will eventually be housed in one of four wings that will be constructed at the museum. The CCM is located near the site where loyal refugees landed, camped; and drew land lots after the conclusion of the American Revolution on the waterfront in Cornwall. The Wood House, which forms the main

above ground section of the museum was formerly owned by the Wood family who were loyalists. Stymiest also mentioned the UELAC will share the expenses of an employee with the CCM and the SDG Historical Society.

The St. Lawrence Branch of the UELAC will share a table with representatives of the UELAC at the upcoming Cornwall 1784 celebration, scheduled for May 20-22 at the Lamoureux Park in Cornwall.

Chilliwack Pioneers and the Loyalist Connection.

As July 22nd was BC Loyalist Day, the theme of the Sardis Genealogy Group meeting on Wednesday, July 20th was the Loyalist connection to our community via so many of its pioneers. A special project by the Chilliwack Branch back in 2014 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Charter of the UELAC was to explore this topic. What was found resulted in the idea of the branch gaining permission of the Chilliwack Museum to place a plaque in commemoration. Saying in part: "This plaque is placed to honour the many families of Loyalist descent who traversed the continent westward and crossed the Rockies finding their way to Chilliwack in the early 1850's. These names are memorialized throughout the district on landmarks, streets, parks and buildings."



Marlene Dance UE, (right) who has led this genealogy workshop group since April of 2014 answered a myriad of questions. As usually happens during these presentations, someone in the group says they have loyalist connections and are eager to check the reference material provided.



Hopefully a new UELAC Chilliwack Branch member who mentioned the Kierstead family in New Brunswick. We have now sent them the information on page 10 of this newsletter on the Kierstead family. Fingers crossed it is the right connection.

From the Bookshelf:

Sarah Morton's Day - A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl by Kate Waters.

This little book harkens back to a period of time prior to the Loyalists and focusses on a young girl in the "Plimoth Plantation" in the new world. This book is part of the "Scholastic Book Shelf" series that includes other books of the same era, many by the same author.

The photographs that illustrate the story are well done.

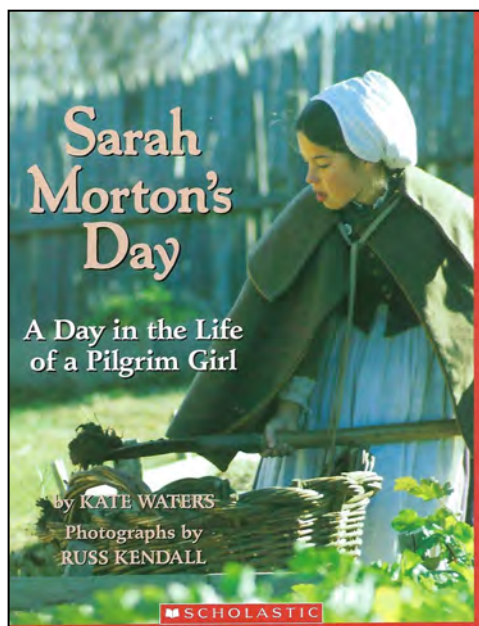
This book is suitable for a young child up to about age 9.

Reasonably priced and found on Amazon.ca.

I was interested in this book as it is set in an area of the world and at the same time as when my 9th Great Grandparents landed in Plimoth in 1623 aboard the ship Anne. They were George Morton and wife Julianna Carpenter, who arrived with five children, the youngest born on board ship a few days prior to landing in Plimoth. This book refers to that same voyage and the last name of the little girl is also my maiden name. So I had to buy it and have a look.

I hope you agree and enjoy.

Marlene Dance UE



The Loyalist Keirstead Family and The Collina Store, Kings Co., N.B., c1820-1969

by Sherrill (Keirstead) Chown & Barb Pearson catwoman@bellaliant.net

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Collina NB, roughly half-way between Saint John and Moncton, is located 2 km south of Kierstead Mountain in Studholm Parish, Kings County. The name Collina comes from the Latin word for hills.

The Keirstead Family Arrives In New Brunswick, 1783

Reviewing Samuel Keirstead's store Ledger of 1851-1859 has brought back memories of the fascinating history of the early residents of this community of Collina and the surrounding areas of Irish and English Settlements, Gibbon and Keir-stead Mountains, East and West Scotch Settlements, Marrtown and Bull-moose Hill. Samuel was one of the merchants of Collina who helped to shape the community's early history.

His son, Alfred, also became a merchant in 1871.

Samuel's grandfather, **Samuel** and grand-mother, **Mary (Johnson) Keirstead** had arrived in New Brunswick in May of 1783. They had come from Jamaica, Long Island, New York with at least six of their sons to St. John, New Brunswick at which time Kings Square was still a wilderness. Some time later a Grant of 500 acres of land was given to Samuel and his youngest son, near the Kennebecasis River in Kings County. The married son, **James**, with his wife **Elizabeth (Shaw) Keirstead** received land not far out of St. John, at Gondola Point. **Isaiah** and **Benjamin** went farther up the Kennebecasis to its tributary, the Mill-stream, and took up land in the Parish of Studholm. Here, when he was 27 years old, Benjamin married **Jemima Bunnell**, descendent of **William Bunnell**, who had come from England to Connecticut in 1638/9.

They raised a family of eleven children on Keirstead Mountain.

On January 18th 1791, Samuel's father, Isaiah, now nearing 30 years, married **Elizabeth**, daughter of **John and Lois Lester**. Isaiah at this time must have been in Queens County as the marriage is notated in the Gagetown Marriage Records. Isaiah was born 18 Nov 1761 at Jamaica, Long Island, New York. Elizabeth was born 27 Feb 1776 at Long Island, New York and had come to Kings County with her Loyalist parents in 1783 to the Hampstead area of Queens County. By the birth of their first son in 1793 they were living on Gibbon Mountain just opposite the Thomas Gibbon farm. On December 12th, 1809 Isaiah received a land grant of 400 acres in the Millstream area. Isaiah and Elizabeth raised a family of twelve children, only one of which was a girl. They were **John Isaiah, Mary, Samuel, Amenzie, Gilbert Lester, Isaiah Jr., Jasper Belding, Scotch William, Abra-ham, Oliver Coney, and James Dudley Keirstead**. All married into local families in the area.

Isaiah and Elizabeth's marriage lasted 60 years, Isaiah living to 90 years of age and Elizabeth to age 93.

From Elizabeth Keirstead's obituary we find that Isaiah died before 1866. Actually he died in 1851.

Isaiah is believed to be buried with Elizabeth at Keirstead Mountain Cemetery. On April 26th, 1866, the newspaper Christian Visitor of Saint John reported: d. 12th inst., Millstream Mountain, Studholm (Kings Co.) Elizabeth, relict of Isaiah Keirstead, Studholm, age 93. The deceased was born on Long Island, New York and came to New Brunswick with the Loyalists in 1783. She leaves two sisters (the elder of whom is 98 years of age); eight sons (the eldest of who is 75 years of age); 58 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren. Funeral service by Rev. Elias Keirstead.

Read the full story. Click on the link below:

<https://uelac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-Collina-Store-Keirstead-Family.pdf>

NOTE: I found this item of great interest while reading Loyalist Trails one Sunday morning a couple of weeks ago. This is because Samuel Kierstead and wife Mary (Johnson) Kierstead are my 5th Great Grandparents. This is so exciting. Anyone else in Chilliwack Branch find that you are related to this group? Let me know. This could be fun. Marlene Dance UE