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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee for 2022

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President's Message

I think that in every issue of this newsletter I say that the past two months have sped by. And here I am doing it again. During the past two months, I have had cataract surgery (both eyes), had all my eye checkups following and now am waiting for another eye exam because my present prescription no longer works.

Wow, such a change! The colours I see are brighter, and the images are no longer blurry.

While I will still need glasses for reading, I no longer need them for distance.

In between the above, I facilitated a six week Beginners Genealogy class for Chilliwack ElderCollege. It was well attended, and I believe that four of the attendees have roots in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and are possible Loyalist descendants. They were very interested in the "Loyalist" segment presented and found names in the material provided that we think are part of their family tree. New members, I hope. I am working on them!

It started to snow on Tuesday evening, November 29th. So my husband was out early the next day clearing our driveway and sidewalks. Warmed up to 3c by noon and it is gradually melting. I shouldn't complain given the snow in the rest of the country. I talked with my brother in Alberta this morning, it is -22c and lots of snow on the ground.

I am sorry that we have said good bye to the "Bridge Annex" Branch. Thank you for leading the way. You taught us not to be afraid of new technology and especially Zoom.

The virtual conference in 2021 was just wonderful. I tried to attend everything. Well done! Remembrance Day services on November 11th were back to normal, and there was a good turnout here in Chilliwack at all three locations. It was a cold morning but spirits were high. See the item and pictures on page 3.

If there is a contest for most Great-Grandchildren, I think that Judy Scholz has a good lead on everyone. Go to page 4 for the newest sweet arrivals and news of another on the way.

It is that time of year again, when we start asking for your membership renewals. Please see page 4 and 9 for the information. We have already had a good number use the online system. Thanks! I will close by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year. Celebrate safely with your loved ones and see you in 2023 when we hope to get back to normal.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE



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Membership renewal form



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:

December 11 Christmas Social with Vancouver Branch

Schedule for 2023:

February 4th AGM - via Zoom as the weather is so uncertain. Our quorum for doing business is 10 members.

April TBA Spring Fleet meeting and possible guest speaker

June 1-4 "Where the Sea meets the Sky" Annual Conference in Richmond, BC - please see page 7. More details to come.

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

chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com

Please visit our branch 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.



Remembrance Day, November 11th, 2022

We will remember them!



After two years of scaled back events, things were finally back to normal for 2022. Veterans Memorial Park, All Sappers Memorial Park at Garrison Crossing and Coqualeetza Longhouse all had large turnouts on a cold and overcast day. Judy Scholz UE attended the ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, while Marlene Dance UE went to Garrison. Wreaths from the branch were placed at both locations. The picture at top left is from the Chilliwack Progress, while the others are courtesy of both Judy and Marlene.



A special day of remembrance was held as part of the genealogy class at the UFV campus on November 12th and at the downtown Library Genealogy Workshop on November 16th. Both were facilitated by Marlene Dance UE.



Above is the memorial plaque at Coqualeetza in memory to Sto-lo Veterans Their Service and Sacrifices - Not Forgotten.



Kevin and Vicky UE Heibner welcomed two new grandsons this year. This makes Judy Scholz UE a great grandmother again.

Let's introduce our newest little Loyalists.

Judy reports that she now has seven Great Grandchildren - four girls and three boys. And another on the way!

Lots of precious little feet at my table. Welcome to the world, little ones!

First we have Kai David Heibner, son of Kole UE and Alyssa Heibner. Grandson to Kevin and Vicky UE and great grandson to Judy Scholz UE. Kai was born July 15, 2022 in Chilliwack General Hospital. This picture was taken at the Fort Langley Brigade Days in August.



Next we have Beau David Siemens, son of Jon and Karaline UE Siemens. Grandson to Kevin and Vicky UE Heibner and great grandson to Judy Scholz UE. Beau was born October 22, 2022 in Chilliwack General Hospital. Here we see Beau with proud Mom Karaline and proud Great Granny Judy.



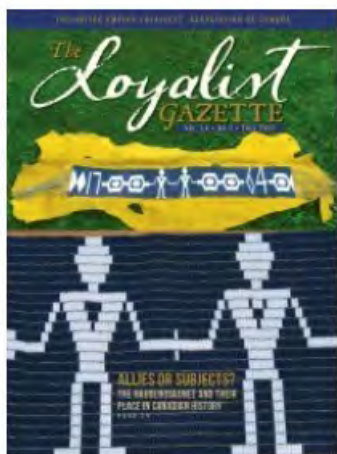
Time to renew your Membership!

If you have not already done so, please take some time to renew your membership for 2023.

The system is now accepting renewals on line at: www.uelac.ca

The last page of this newsletter contains instructions for online renewal or for mail payments.

Thank you so much for your support.



Loyalist Gazette Fall 2022

Paper Copy is in the Mail

The printed copy of the Gazette was delivered to Canada Post on Thurs 17 Nov. Jim Bruce of Dominion Office received a bulk shipment same day.

The Guest Editor for this issue, Nathan Tidridge, Honorary Fellow, UELAC received his shipment on Friday. He noted his appreciation to the team who helped make it happen. "My copies of the Loyalist Gazette arrived here today, and I have to say how wonderful it is to see the magazine "in the flesh." It turned out beautifully - the formatting is excellent Amanda [Faskin UE]. Jennifer [deBruin UE] - thank you for your very kind article - "I am overwhelmed by the generosity you and the rest of the Loyalist family have shown me. It was an extraordinary thing to navigate a major world event together during the creation of this magazine.

Carl [Stymiest UE SVP] I really appreciated your support and motivation throughout these past few months.

Patricia [Groom UE, President], your message quoting Albert Dumont, was very moving. It is a privilege to be with you on this journey of learning. This is not an easy path, but it gets us closer to reconciliation. Thank you so much for this experience".

The digital version is available to members at uelac.ca.

In this issue you will find articles such as:

- Guest Editor Nathan Tidridge Brings his Love of History into the Present
- Scholarship Challenge 2022
- The Chapels Royal in Canada
- Allies or Subjects? The Haudenosaunee and their place in Canadian History
- Book: *The Knotted Rope* by Jean Rae Baxter UE
- British-Indigenous relations during the War of 1812
- The Queen is dead! God save the King!

From Loyalist Trails Newsletter November 21, 2022

Are there any Female Loyalists in the UELAC Directory?

This question was recently posed to Branch Genealogists on a Facebook forum. This site was created a while ago to provide quick assistance to Branch Genealogists to help each other and thus our members. The answer - YES! A number of us have proven female Loyalists.

If you go to the UELAC.ca webpage and scroll down to Loyalist Directory you can find more.

Here are a few names: Hannah Sypes #8144; Catharine Leech #4638; Agnes Hutchinson #4123; Mary Cline (Clyne)#1605; Elizabeth Cline (Clyne)#1585; Martha Phillips #6613; Rachel Doan #2305; Mary Polly Jarvis Dibblee #2228; Mary McGinnis De Forest #2113.

There are more if you look at the names in the Old UE List - Ontario; Loyalists of New Brunswick and many others in references to Land Grants during the period.

Here is an interesting article that you might find informative from the American Philosophical Society by Elizabeth Lilly from October 21, 2020:

<https://www.amphilsoc.org/blog/uncovering-experiences-female-loyalists?>

Thank you to Heather Smith, Genealogist Grand River Branch for this reference.

NEWS from the New Brunswick Genealogy Society: Sir Guy Carleton's Ledger: The Book of Negroes



The New Brunswick Genealogy Society is pleased to announce the addition on their website of the complete transcript of Sir Guy Carleton's Ledger: The Book of Negroes, edited and enhanced by Stephen Davidson.

From the transcript we learn that "In New York, the Book of Negroes listed the names and some distinguishing details of the 2,744 people evacuated as free people on the evacuation ships that were inspected by American and British commissioners from April to November 1783.

The ledger contains the name of Black Loyalists, indentured servants, slaves and their designated escorts. Also in the ledger are details of their military service, the names of the ships, dates of departure and destinations. Two versions of the ledger are included. One is a transcript of the full ledger; the other included only those bound for the St John River and Fort Cumberland.

This item is available in the "Members only section".

If you are interested in New Brunswick genealogy and its history, then this is a "must join" group. The "members only" section not only includes the above, but also: First Families of New Brunswick, Anglican Registers, Cemetery Records, Land Records, Marriage Records, Ancestral lines and Family Histories, just to name a few of the twenty-seven categories.

Please go to the home page www.nbgs.ca/ and click on "Genealogy Resources".

You can easily see what is available to the public and members only in this well organized website.

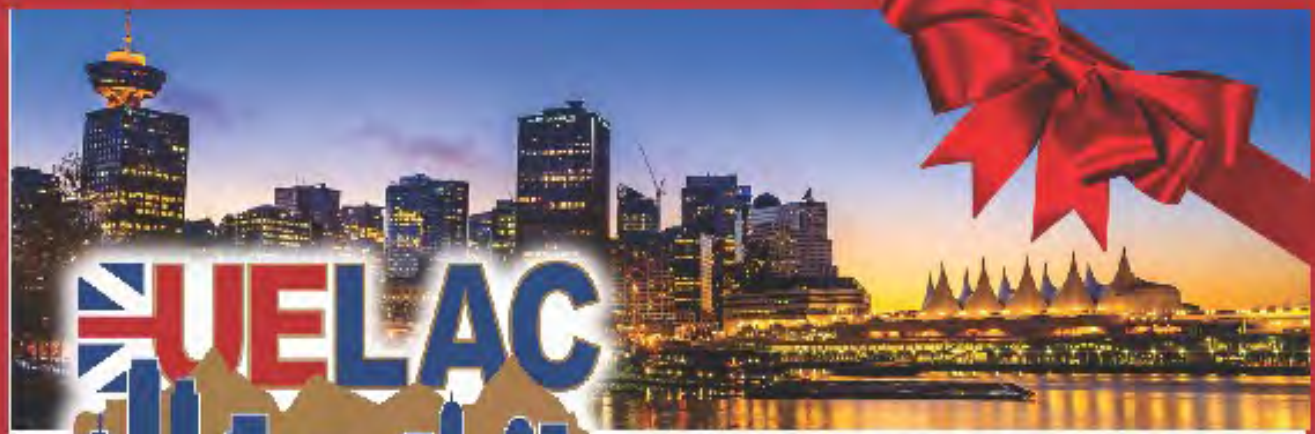


As an association, we are dedicated to remembering and documenting Loyalist history and the Loyalist contribution to Canada. In doing this we are also telling our family stories and saving them for posterity. If you don't recount your family story, it will be lost. Tell and share your stories with your family and with others. Genealogy is not the cold gathering of facts. It is breathing life into those who have gone before. Be the storyteller of your tribe.

Vancouver Branch is an affiliate member of the British Columbia Genealogy Society, and we thank them for including this notice in their Newsletter.

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WHERE THE SEA MEETS THE SKY

Where the Sea Meets the Sky
2023 Conference & AGM
June 1-4, 2023
uelac.ca/conference-2023/



Merry
Christmas!

These four UELAC Pacific Region Branches
are here to help you discover your Loyalist history.
Chilliwack - Victoria - Thompson/Okanagan
Vancouver

Find us at www.uelac.ca/branches/





Thank you

The UE Loyalists Bridge Annex Board of Directors would like to thank our branch members and the historic community for supporting our efforts over the last few years.

We have made the decision to close Bridge Annex as a branch. We founded the branch with an innovative technology-based approach, but we're happy to see that many more branches and organizations have embraced this as a way to connect with others.

We are proud of the work we have done as a branch from installing the John Baker Memorial in Cornwall, Ontario, to creating an historic tour of the Mohawk Valley, New York, and hosting the *first ever* virtual UELAC annual conference in 2021. Of course, there are many more achievements, and we thank you for joining us in the adventure!

Are we disappearing? NO!

Our website will remain available for research and information purposes.
www.uelbridgeannex.com



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UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH NEW/RENEW MEMBERSHIP 2023

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) = \$15.00

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 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: Please return this form with your membership.