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## President's Message

Happy 2022 - I wonder what this year will have in store for all of us?

Well, that was some cold January we have just endured here in Chilliwack. Looking at my hydro and gas statements, the average temp for the month of January was  $-4c$ . Brrrrr !! The previous year for the same period of time was  $+4c$ . But at least the last few days have been sunny with the cold. I do love cold days like this as long as the wind is not blowing. They remind me of when I used to walk to school (uphill both ways of course) back in the day.

But don't you dare ask what year!

We would like to remind you to please renew your membership. Instructions to go online or mail a cheque to us are on page ten. We need your support. Thank you to the thirty plus who have already renewed - we so appreciate it. We want to see you in 2022.

Fingers crossed that things change sufficiently to host an in-person meeting soon.

Next item is that the Pacific region has three AGM's scheduled for the month of February. First is Victoria, which is celebrating it's 95th Anniversary. Second, Vancouver Branch and then Chilliwack Branch. Page 3 has the details for Chilliwack Branch and page 5 has Victoria and Vancouver. Please note that all are welcome. Mark the dates on your calendar.

Zoom links will be emailed directly or shared by other members.

We are so pleased to advise you that Shirley Dargatz UE has been awarded Honourary Branch Life Membership by your executive. This was done as a tribute to her many years of service, both to the UELAC but in particular to our Branch. We couldn't think of a better way to honour her and say thank you.

Chris Hay UE has done it again. He has submitted a delightful article on a Scottish relative who is not a Loyalist, but served on garrison duty in New York City at the close of the American Revolution. Part one is on pages 7 - 9. Then, if he doesn't go and present us with the delightful picture of his newest granddaughter. See page 4.

I will close by sending condolences to the family and friends of Sue Hines UE. See page 4. She was a past President of the UELAC and was a delightful women. I will miss her sense of humour, her laugh and her friendship.

Now to you all, let's make 2022 a great year.  
Stay safe, stay well and look after each other.

Loyally yours  
Marlene Dance UE



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  
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and Rebecca Heibner UE

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



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# Calendar of Events for 2022

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.

**2022 We are putting together our schedule right now.**

February 26 AGM via Zoom 2:00 pm. Details on page 3

April Spring Fleet TBA

May 25-29 Annual Conference hosted by Manitoba Branch

June Strawberry Social TBA

July 1st Canada Day

July 22nd BC Loyalist Day

October Fall Fleet TBA

November 11 Remembrance Day & luncheon to follow

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.



## United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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

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:

[Episode 7: On The Porch With Heritage Chilliwack - YouTube](#)

Beautiful Skelton House on Spadina Avenue, Chilliwack, BC





## AGM CHILLIWACK BRANCH 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for UELAC Chilliwack Branch will take place on Saturday, February 26th, 2022 @2:00 pm via Zoom.

Please put this date and time on your calendar and join us.

The meeting will be open at 1:15 pm for an opportunity for a Meet and Greet for you to chat and catch up with old friends.

The AGM booklet will include:

Agenda, Minutes from the AGM 2021, President's Report, Financial Statement for year ending 2021, and an update on any pending or completed projects from 2021.

All documents will be in PDF format and sent via email together with the Zoom link 7 days prior to the Meeting. Only current members for 2022 may vote, but all are welcome.



### **Victoria Branch celebrates 95th Anniversary !**

2022 Marks the 95th Anniversary of the UELAC Victoria Branch.

Here is a paragraph on the first meeting held on February 4, 1927.

Text below was written by Gene Aitkens, UE

on the occasion of the branch's 75th anniversary in 2002:

On 4 February 1927, the descendants of the United Empire Loyalists in Victoria held their first meeting in the Assembly Room of the Parliament Buildings Library with 24 present. Most of those gathered were Victoria businessmen, some having previously belonged to the B.C. Historical Society, but they were anxious to form a Loyalist Branch in British Columbia and to become part of the Canadian Association, headquartered in Toronto. Major Beaumont Boggs convened this meeting, and was requested by those present to act as the Chairman. Colonel T.B. Monk became Secretary-Treasurer. Those two men could be considered as the Founding Fathers. It was moved by Mr. F.E. Winslow and seconded by Mr. Alexander Fraser that the Meeting for Incorporation be held on Friday 4 March at 8 p.m. The Provincial Librarian, Mr. Hosie, kindly offered the Assembly Room of the Parliamentary Library for the occasion. The offer was accepted with thanks, and all but one of the meetings that first year were held there. At that first meeting, Mr. Winslow, a New Brunswick Loyalist, gave an address on the Winslow Papers, the records of his family.



Warmest congratulations to Victoria Branch from everyone in the Chilliwack Branch.

Notice taken from the Facebook page of Victoria Branch UELAC.





### Last Post:

### Hines UE, Suzanne "Sue" 1948 - 2021

Hines, Suzanne "Sue" of London, Ontario and formerly of St. Thomas passed away at London Health Science Centre-University Hospital (LHSC) on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 in her 74th year.

Dear sister of Beth Morse (George Russell) of Port Bruce and Mark Morse of Goderich. Sister-in-law to Carolyn Miners. Loving Aunt to Josh, Melissa and Victoria. Also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Sue worked for 35 years for St. Thomas and Elgin Family and Children Services. She was very interested in genealogy and was a President and a long-time member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

She was born in Yarmouth Township, Ontario on May 21, 1948.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Aylmer Cemetery.

Donations to the LHSC Foundation would be appreciated.

Share memories or condolences at [www.kebbelfuneralhome.com](http://www.kebbelfuneralhome.com)

Thoughts and prayers are sent to the family and friends of Sue.

We shall miss your smile and laugh dear friend. Rest in peace.

### Management Meeting December 13, 2021

at the home of Judy Scholz UE

These smiling faces are a few of the management team who were able to get together for a light lunch and discuss our plans for 2022. Things keep changing in BC with regards to group meeting guidelines.

But, we are hopeful that Dr. Bonnie will be able to relax things in the near future.

Then hopefully venues will be available to rent to us again. See you in 2022.

L-R: Jan Ouelet,  
Carle Lefler UE,  
Judy Scholz UE,  
Cindy Lyftogt UE.  
Marlene Dance UE



Haylie is proud to show off her new sister  
Sophie Mackenzie Foulds  
who was born January 12, 2022  
weighing in at 8 lbs 9 oz.

A second daughter for proud parents  
Ryan and Jennifer UE Foulds nee Hay.

And a second granddaughter for  
Chris UE and Monica Hay.

Welcome to the world little one!



# UELAC - VICTORIA BRANCH

95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1927 - 2022

Member Meeting  
February 12, 2022 - 10.00 a.m.  
Via ZOOM - Online



Summer 1938 - Picnic at Thetis Lake  
From the UELAC Victoria Archives

Presentation:

**TBA**  
with the next  
e-mail invitation

Please reply to [membership.vic.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:membership.vic.uelac@gmail.com)  
to let us know if you plan to attend this zoom meeting  
Attendance is free

Next meeting: Member Meeting, by ZOOM, LIVE ?? on April 9, 2022



## Notice of Annual General Meeting Of the Vancouver Branch

6:30 pm: Zoom sign in and optional  
pre-meeting visit. Members & friends welcome  
7:00 pm Pacific Standard Time - Call to Order.

**Tuesday February 15, 2022**

Agenda & Zoom link will come by email.



**FROM THE BOOKSHELF: #1**  
**The United Empire Loyalists & You**  
 By Brian McConnell UE  
 This new book discusses the topics

- Why do the Loyalists matter?
- What does the United Empire Loyalists' Association do?
- How do you obtain a Loyalist Descent 'UE' Certificate?

It includes information about 125 Loyalist Certificates that have been presented to United Empire Loyalists in the Atlantic provinces.

The book is indexed.

The book is available without cost on Kindle if you have Kindle unlimited. If you do not subscribe to Kindle unlimited it can be downloaded for less than \$5. The app can be downloaded for free.

The book is also available in paperback format for those who prefer that.

All proceeds from sales of the book will be donated to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

More [details about the book](#) at Amazon.



**FROM THE BOOKSHELF: #2**



**ELIZABETH II: A QUEEN FOR OUR TIME**  
 is a lively and affectionate celebration of the beloved monarch and a beautiful visual record of her extraordinary reign over the recent twenty years leading up to her platinum jubilee.

[Elizabeth II: A Queen for Our Time: Jackson, Chris: 9780847870714: Amazon.com: Books](#)

**FROM THE BOOKSHELF: #3**

**The First Nova Scotian by Mark Finnan**

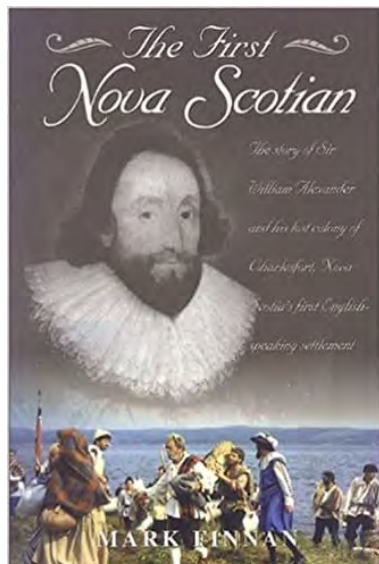
This book tells the fascinating story of Sir William Alexander and the almost-forgotten origins of the province of Nova Scotia. Alexander conceived and named New Scotland (which became "Nova Scotia" in the more fashionable Latin) as a counterpart to New England.

In 1629, a group of Scottish settlers led by Alexander's son built a settlement, Charlesfort, at the site of present-day Annapolis Royal, where they found a land that yielded good crops.

Historians found little in the written record about Charlesfort, and there was even uncertainty about its location. Recent discoveries have illuminated much about the settlement, and an archaeological dig at Annapolis has confirmed its exact location.

*The First Nova Scotian* tells the story of William Alexander and Charlesfort, offering intriguing speculations about the role Nova Scotia played in early-seventeenth century European affairs.

[The First Nova Scotian: The Story of Sir William Alexander and His Lost Colony of Charlesfort, Nova Scotia's First English-Speaking Settlement: Mark Finnan: 9780887804106: Amazon.com: Books](#)



## Old Military Records Finally Reveal My Hay Family Lineage in Glasgow



Jonathan Hay, ca. 1891  
Bradford, England

Submitted by: Chris Hay UE

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

My 'Hay' family were believed to have lived in Glasgow, Scotland for well over 100 years. I have always had a keen interest in their history but when I began to research my family lineage, surprisingly, I could not find many of their records

from the usual sources. The search for these 'Hay' ancestors became a long and arduous task as I tried to identify various family members. Most knowledge of my "Hay" family history had focused on the time of their arrival in Canada. My grandfather, Jonathan Hay born 16 September 1860 in Glasgow, had immigrated to Vancouver, BC in 1909 with my grandmother Elizabeth (Montgomery) and two young children, my father Edward and his sister Letitia. Johnathan was 23 years older than my grandmother and in 1915 after 10 years of marriage, he decided to separate and move back to Glasgow leaving his young family behind. Due to the separation, my father (Edward) knew very little regarding his father or his "Hay" family background and always had many questions.

Later in his life, he did begin to correspond with his twin Scottish cousins.

I suggested to my father that he ask his cousins if they had any information regarding his father, Johnathan. Soon a detailed story came back as his cousin's parents had often discussed many details about him over the years.

Not long after another letter arrived containing several old 'Hay' family military documents believed to have belonged to a great uncle or distant cousin also named Jonathan Hay. Although both cousins were married, neither had children, therefore they wanted to pass on these documents to family.

It would be only years later that I would discover that these old papers were actually connected to our direct ancestor, Jonathan Hay who was born 06 April 1776 and died after 1841, the great grandfather of both my father and his twin cousins. Regrettably, by that time, my father and his cousins had all passed.

I had a British military researcher look for additional documents and an amazing story soon appeared about the 17.5 years of military service of Jonathan Hay, first in the Argyleshire Fencibles from 1793 to 1802 at the time of the Irish Rebellion, and then during his enlistment in the Dumfries Militia prior to and during the Napoleonic wars from 1804 to 1814. During this research it was also discovered that James Hay, born 1804, the son of Jonathan Hay (b. 1776), had also continued on with a military career.

James, my dad's grandfather, had joined the 64th Foot (2nd Staffordshire) Regiment on 23 May 1838 serving for 15 years in England, Ireland and India until his discharge on 12 September 1853.

At that time, unlike the modern army, the soldier's family would have followed wherever the soldier was posted but the 'Hay' family had always returned to Glasgow when possible. Jonathan Hay was married in Ireland while his son James had children born in India and England as well as in Scotland.

When I first started to research my 'Hay' family in Glasgow, many census and church records were sporadic or missing completely. The discovery of their documented military service now helped to explain my initial difficulty in finding their family records.

With the help of these documents I had now verified back to Jonathan Hay born in Glasgow 06 April 1776 to parents James Hay, born 1747, and Ann Hood.

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I was also fortunate that my family naming pattern appeared to always alternate with the uncommon name of Jonathan but the farthest I could now positively verify was back to 1776. I had always hoped to eventually link my tree to find a 'Hay' cousin but this looked very unlikely so my research was set aside for almost 10 years with very few developments during that time.

On Boxing Day 2018 while searching Revolutionary War records on the internet military site Fold3, I suddenly had the thought to try a general search of their British UK Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Records for the surname 'Hay'. The result was 494 entries so I then quickly narrowed the search to 'Hay and Glasgow' which now showed just 4 entries: a Samuel Hay, and 3 separate listings for a James Hay. Immediately, I recognized my above James Hay of the 64th Regiment of Foot but wondered about the other two documents which listed an earlier James Hay discharged in Ireland after 23 years of military service. His birth date of 1747 in Glasgow appeared very familiar and a quick check of my family tree now verified that I had amazingly just discovered the earlier military discharge papers for James Hay the father of the previously mentioned Jonathan Hay, born in 1776. They were both listed as weavers by trade. Adding to my astonishment was the fact that through three continuous generations from James Hay (b. 1747), Jonathan (b. 1776) and James (b. 1804) my direct 'Hay' family had served a total of 56 years in the British Military.

S E R V I C E .							
CORPS.	Serjt. Major.	Qu. Ma. Serjt.	Serjeant.	Drummer.	Corporal.	Private.	Total Service.
	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.
• 2 <sup>o</sup> Batt <sup>o</sup> Royals			5-6 Mo.			11	11-6 Mo.
• 83 <sup>o</sup> Foot.					2		2
• 71 <sup>o</sup> d <sup>o</sup>						4	4
• 41 <sup>o</sup> d <sup>o</sup>							
Total - -			5-6 Mo.		2	15	22-6 Mo.

D E S C R I P T I O N .						
N A M E .	Height.		Age.	Trade.	Where Born.	County.
	Feet.	Inch.				
James Hay	5	6 1/2	45	Weaver	Glasgow	Lanark

Given under my Hand, and Seal of the Regiment, at Mullingar  
this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1792

Royal Hospital Chelsea: Soldiers Service Records WO 97, National Archives of the UK – fold3

James Hay, born 1747 in Glasgow, began his military career about 1766 enlisting in the Second Battalion of the First or Royal Regiment of Foot the oldest and most senior infantry regiment of the British Army. James was to serve here for 11 years until the formation of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Foot Royal Glasgow Volunteers in early 1778 which is well described in early Glasgow city records.

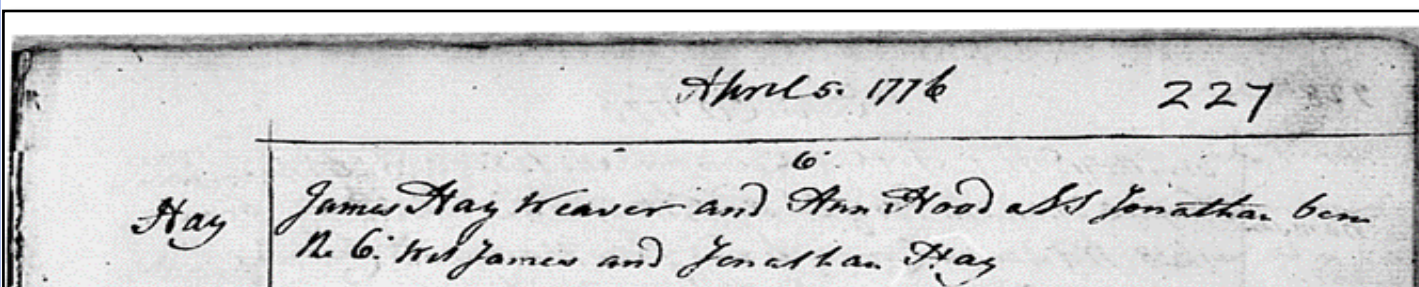
At the time of the American Revolution several prominent Glasgow citizens resolved to raise an infantry regiment to serve King George III. On 26 January 1778 a recruitment parade led by these Glasgow dignitaries marched through the streets of Glasgow. It was noted that as of the first day they had recruited a piper and a Sergeant (both unidentified).

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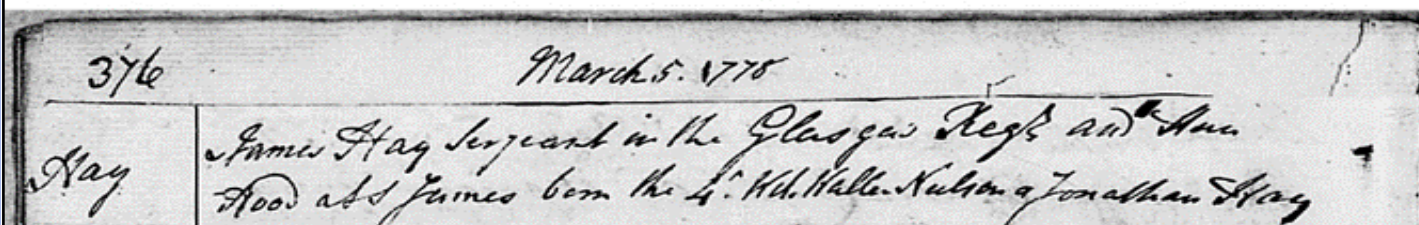


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The mystery of this unnamed Sergeant may now have been resolved. The military documents of James Hay born 30 August 1747 in Glasgow verify that he was enlisted as a Sergeant since the formation of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Foot and is now the earliest documented Sergeant known to have served the entire 5.5 year span of the existence of this regiment. The birth record of his son James, born 04 March 1778 in Glasgow, just a month following the formation of the regiment, also helps to confirm this interesting piece of Glasgow history. The 83<sup>rd</sup> Foot served during the American Revolution at the Battle of Jersey (Island) 06 January 1781 and later in 1783 served on garrison duty in New York City at the close of the war.



06/04/1776 HAY, JONATHAN (Old Parish Registers Births 644/1 160 233 Glasgow) Page 233 of 472  
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07/03/1778 HAY, JAMES (Old Parish Registers Births 644/1 160 382 Glasgow) Page 382 of 472  
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Glasgow, Scotland birth records for two of the children of James Hay and Ann Hood verify this James Hay as the person listed on the British Army 41st Foot Regiment of Infantry discharge document dated 30 Sept. 1792 Mullingar, Ireland.

After the disbandment of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Foot in 1783 James Hay enlisted in the 74<sup>th</sup> (Highland) Regiment of Foot raised in Glasgow in October 1787 and served just two years until due to injury James had enlisted in the 41<sup>st</sup> (Royal Invalids) Regiment of Foot where he remained for 4.5 years for an extensive army career of over 23 years of service. 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.

End of Part One.

Over the years we have had many contributions from Chris Hay UE about his Loyalist ancestors and about his family history searches in general. Once we start down the genealogy path, there is no stopping us. And Chris is particularly good at finding relative information on whatever subject he tackles. So many of our stories are intertwined. Recently, I discovered that my ancestors were next door neighbours to Chris' in New Brunswick. I thought this article would make a lovely addition in encouraging our continued searches on all branches of our family trees.

Thank you Chris, please keep your stories coming. We love to read them all. Loyalist or not.

Watch for the April 2022 issue of the "Link Up" for Part 2.



## UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH NEW/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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Renewal at: [www.uelac.ca](http://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.