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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee for 2021

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- Pacific Regional Councillor: Christine Manzer UE



President's Message

The past two months have flown by. Can't say much good about the weather. It looked so promising in April. But then stayed cold and wet. But after the heat dome last year the gardens seem to love it as the blooms are happening everywhere. Sadly, a number of my plants did not make it through the freeze and thaw in January. All have been dug out and the ground prepared. Time for new plantings.

April saw a few branch members gather together for the first time since February 2020. It was time to get re-acquainted. It was so nice to actually talk face to face and shake hands.

Thank you to the Alliance Church of Chilliwack for letting us book their lovely gathering space. We plan to be back the end of June. See page 6 for details.

While this was an informal gathering, we took the opportunity to present three Loyalist certificates. They have waited a long time. Please go to page 3 for the write up.

We say goodbye to Marion Claxton UE at the age of 101. Please see the last post on page 5.

On pages 7-10, you will find a summary of the annual Conference and AGM held via Zoom May 25-29. The program was excellent, but I do miss the excitement of an annual road trip and seeing people in person. There were some wonderful announcements. Of special note is the move of the Dominion Offices to Cornwall, Ontario.

A recent chat with Shirley Dargatz UE, found her in good spirits.

But, like the rest of us, she misses the gathering of friends.

Our plans going forward are briefly outlined on page 2. Your suggestions are so welcome.

Please send them to the email listed. Like all organizations we can use volunteer help.

If you are interested, please contact me via email.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of Elizabeth II becoming queen. I remember seeing the broadcast of the coronation as it was the first time I watched television. I stood in the street with other people on Victoria Drive in Vancouver, BC and viewed the screen through the store window of the TV sales shop that was near my uncle's Donut shop.

It was probably later in 1953 or even the next year, but memorable and exciting nonetheless.

Stay safe and well, and hopefully we will see you soon.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE.



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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:

June 25th	Strawberry Social (see page3)
July 1 st	Canada Day TBA check your local community listings
July 22 nd	BC Loyalist Day – TBA
July 24 th	Vancouver Branch UELAC Loyalist Day Picnic
October	Fall Fleet event TBA
November 11	Remembrance Day & Luncheon to follow TBA
December	Christmas Social TBA

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Partnering with Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

www.heritagechilliwack.org/

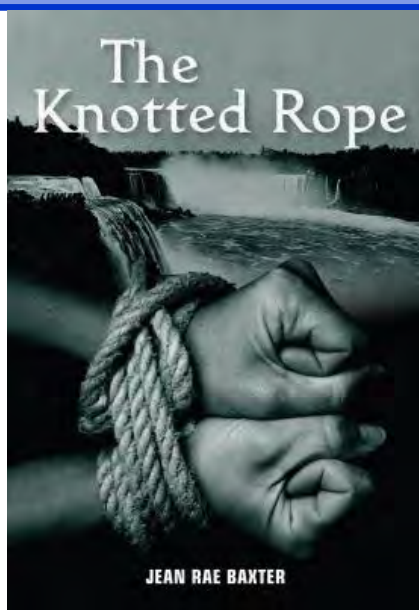
“On the Porch” some beautiful old homes in Chilliwack.
Just Google to find all seven episodes on u-tube.



Let's get re-acquainted on April 30, 2022
at Chilliwack Alliance Church



Twenty happy people gathered together for the first time in over two years. While this was kept as an informal gathering, we took the opportunity to present three Loyalist certificates. Assistant Genealogist, Cindy Frizell UE, did the honours and presented Margaret Strocel UE with her certificate for Loyalist Donald Cameron. Bonnie Corcoran UE accepted two certificates for Loyalist Jacob Bonesteel (Sr) on behalf of her grandchildren Daniel James Corcoran UE and Margaret Bonnie Onufruw UE. Bonnie will present them when she returns home to Hinton Trail, Alberta, later in May and hopefully send us a picture. See them sitting side by side front and centre. A moment of silence was offered for members no longer with us; a reminder that there was still time to register for the UELAC Conference hosted by Manitoba Branch and news of the new location of the UELAC Dominion offices to Cornwall, Ontario rounded out the agenda. It was time for refreshments. Both Bonnie and Margaret will be celebrating their 90th birthdays later this year. Don't they look great? Happy early Birthday wishes to you both ! See you again soon.



From the Bookshelf:

The Knotted Rope by Jean Rae Baxter

This is the sixth volume in Jean Rae Baxter's United Empire Loyalist series. The year is 1793, and a law has been passed to end slavery in Upper Canada. The new law is not perfect; it will leave hundreds enslaved for life. Broken Trail, of the Oneida First Nation, has long witnessed his own people treated with injustice and is angered by the unimaginable suffering of black slaves. When 12-year old Rosa and her father are sold to a slave dealer, Broken Trail has a plan to rescue them and set them free for life.

Paper back from Amazon.ca \$12.82.

See page 6 of The Loyalist Gazette.

Google www.amazon.ca

**Commemorating the coronation of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
on June 2, 1953**

**Painted by Sir Herbert James Gunn
(1893-1964)**

**Completed in 1953/1953 and hangs in the
Garter Throne Room of
Windsor Castle**

Royal Trust Collection:

<https://www.rct.uk/collection/404386/queen-elizabeth-ii-in-coronation-robcs>

Full-length, standing, in Coronation dress and robe, facing slightly to the left; Her Majesty is wearing the George IV diadem and is holding the sceptre in her right hand which rests, with the Imperial State Crown, on a table to the left.

The state portrait of The Queen (b. 1926) was commissioned to commemorate Her Majesty's Coronation, which took place on 2 June 1953. Wearing her coronation dress and the purple Robe of Estate, The Queen stands in the Throne Room at Buckingham Palace. Her robe falls over the throne specially made for the occasion and the Imperial State Crown and the sceptre are placed on the table beside her. The Queen wears the Diamond Diadem made for George IV, Queen Victoria's collet diamond necklace and diamond drop earrings, and the Collar and Badge of the Order of the Garter.

Her Majesty's dress, made of white satin, was designed by Sir Norman Hartnell, The Queen's principal dressmaker. The embroidery design incorporates national and Commonwealth emblems executed in seed pearls, crystals, coloured silks and gold and silver thread. The decoration on the robe comprises a border of wheat ears and olive branches, symbolising peace and plenty. It was embroidered by the Royal School of Needlework, who worked for a total of 3,500 hours.



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Our [weekly e-newsletter](#) is full of information, research, and community events.

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I really enjoy the items from "Ben Franklin's World", new "Loyalist Directory" entries, "This week in History" and the "Clothing and related items".

I look forward to my Sunday morning read. There is always something of interest.

Read a few of the back issues and I am sure you will want to subscribe.



LAST POST:

Marion Avery Claxton UE
July 30, 1920 - March 4, 2022

Photo credit at left Jenna Hauck/Chilliwack Progress 2013.

We were saddened to recently learn of the passing of Marion at the grand age of 101. Marion was born and raised in Whitewood, Saskatchewan just east of Regina. Her parents were Arthur E. Avery and Muriel Dean Carman. She met and married Edgar B. Claxton in 1944 and located to Chilliwack



sometime in the 1970's with children Arthur, Paul and Richard. Marion's UE application lists her occupations as Registered Nurse, Real Estate Agent and Homemaker. But she was so much more than that. She was very involved in the Chilliwack community and was a member of many organizations: Chilliwack Chapter 49 Order of the Eastern Star for over 70 years; Probus Club of Chilliwack from 1995; Chilliwack Toastmasters Club; Chilliwack Horticultural Society and of course the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC. The Chilliwack Progress mentions Marion winning "Best Floral Art Display" many times throughout the 1980's. In addition, she served on the executive at some point with most of these organizations until the loss of her vision limited her participation. Always interested in her family history, she did not let her vision loss get in her way. She had many stories to tell, and one particularly interesting one was written up in the Chilliwack Progress October 8th, 2013, when she told of the quilt her great grandmother Isabel Black, had made about 1900. It had been handed down through the generations and was then in her possession. Marion was donating it to the Chilliwack Quilters Guild for archiving and preservation. <https://issuu.com/blackpress/docs/i20131008070023596/11> see page 11

Marion was over 90 with limited vision, when I met her and helped her put together her loyalist application. She had managed to do a lot on her own. I found the last few proofs needed and submitted the application. She was so proud to be presented with her certificate on Sept. 20, 2014 by the Mayor of Chilliwack at a special event held at the Chilliwack Museum and Archives as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the UELAC.

Her loyalist is Richard Carman.

Marion left Chilliwack sometime the following year to reside in a seniors complex in Surrey. This was much nearer to her family. I was able to visit her there a few times.

She was a vibrant happy lady with a lovely laugh.

Our condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



Submitted by Marlene Dance UE, President Chilliwack Branch UELAC

Pictured at right: l-r: Mayor Sharon Gaetz, Ron Denman, Marion, Shirley Dargatz, at rear are Alice Mansell w/son Pat



We are the chosen.

*In each family there is one who seems called to find the
ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and to make them live again.
To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.
Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts.
But instead, breathing life into all who gave gone before.*

We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Author unknown



THE THREE-BERRY SOCIAL IS BACK! Please come.

June 25th, 2022 @ 1:00 pm

Chilliwack Alliance Church

8700 Young Road, Chilliwack, BC

Come for berry shortcake with whipped cream.

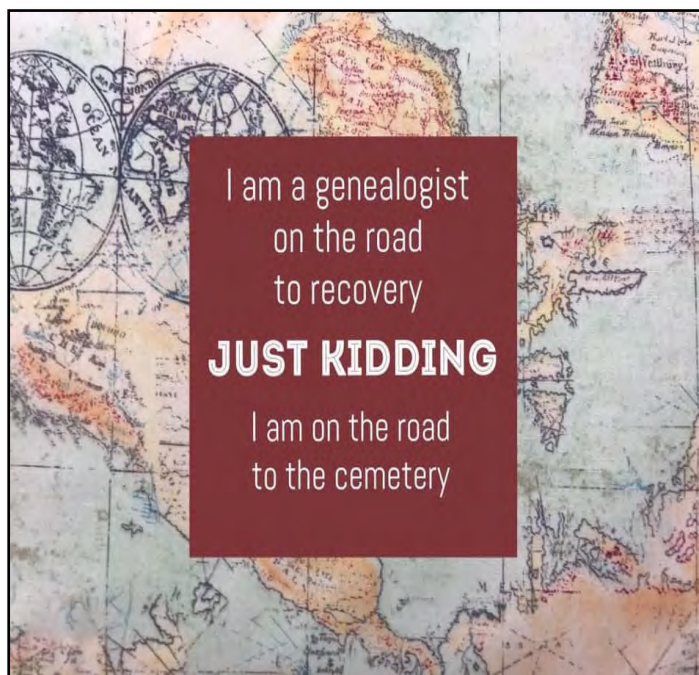
Refreshments served: coffee, tea, juice and water.

The agenda will include items planned for the branch going forward, slide show announcing the 2023 Conference, update on our archiving project, and we will be asking for ideas from you for the future.

Please mark on your calendar.

See you there for a berry good time.

Everyone attending will receive a free lapel pin pictured at left.



Just some Genealogy fun!

"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

Report on the Dominion Conference for 2022 hosted by Manitoba Branch.

A list of the wonderful guest speakers that were on the agenda via Zoom:

- 1) Dr. Carl Benn presented "John Norton & the Indigenous Great Lakes 1790-1820" and also "The Ohio War, the Toronto Passage & the birth of Urban Toronto".
- 2) Dr. Cecilia Morgan presented "Family, Friends & Wild Turkey: Amelia Ryerse Harris's Loyalist History".
- 3) Dr. Bonnie Huskins presented "Life in Exile: How

Loyalist Women in the Maritimes Contributed to a Families Survival & the formation of Community".

- 4) UELAC members Bruce and Alice Walchuk UE presented: "So What Now?" an in-depth investigation using non-traditional evidence to prove a lineage.
- 5) Dr. Janet Noel presented "Apocryphal Ambulation? The Many Walks of Laura Secord".
- 6) Barbara Andrew UE presented "Loyalist Descendants' Journeys West to become Pioneers of the Prairies".
- 7) Dr. Jarvis Brownlie presented "Tecumseh" a Reassessment of his Legacy for our times.
- 8) Dr. Richard Monture presented "Joseph Brant".

In addition, on Friday May 27th, there was a virtual tour of "[The Canadian Museum for Human Rights](#)".

All this was all well organized and moved along smoothly with few bumps. Also scheduled were the annual Branch Genealogists' meeting and the Membership Chairs' meeting.

I am pleased to say that I attended every one of the speakers listed here and they were very good.

Report on the Annual General Meeting (a summary of events)

- 1) The AGM was called to order at 8:05 am PST. There were 63 members signed in via Zoom. Some video boxes were for two people. So with proxies the quorum was met.
- 2) A video of the parade of flags together with the playing of the anthems was shown. Thank you to David Ellsworth UE for preparing the video.
- 3) Presentation of the Dorchester Award to Angela Johnson UE.
- 4) The reading of the Last Post for the passing of UELAC members during 2021, together with a moment of silence and the reading of the Heritage Prayer.
- 5) Notice of Meeting, Roll Call of Officers and Board, and Credentials of the Committee was presented.
- 6) The agenda and minutes from last year were adopted as presented.
- 7) The Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented. The Auditors for 2023 appointed.
- 8) All other committee reports were adopted into the record.
- 9) The Trustees appointed are: Diane Faris, Susan Ellsworth and Warren Peters.
- 10) Nomination report of the Board members for the coming term were elected as presented.
- 11) The swearing in of all officers present and Adjournment.
- 12) The playing of O' Canada and the retiring of the flag video completed the meeting.

A list of the elected Board of Directors for the 2022-23 term is on the following page.

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2022 Nominations for UELAC Board of Directors AGM 2022

Executive of the Board of Directors		
POSITION	NAME	BRANCH
Dominion President	Patricia Groom, UE	Bridge Annex
Dominion Acting Past President	Barbara Andrew, UE	Assiniboine
Dominion Vice-President	Carl Stymiest, UE	Vancouver
Dominion Treasurer	Scott Hazelwood, UE	Saskatchewan
Dominion Secretary	Jo Ann Tuskin, UE	Gov. Simcoe
Regional Representatives of the Board of Directors		
POSITION	NAME	BRANCH
Atlantic Region V-P	Stephen Bolton, UE	New Brunswick
Central East Region V-P	Bill Russell, UE	Kawartha
Central West Region V-P	Heather Smith, UE	Grand River
Prairie Region V-P	Barbara Andrew, UE	Assiniboine
Pacific Region V-P	Frans Compeer	Victoria
Atlantic Region Councillor	Angela Donovan, UE	New Brunswick
Central East Region Councillor	Richard Parry, UE	Kingston & District
Central West Region Councillor	David Hill-Morrison, UE	Grand River
Prairie Region Councillor	Liz Adair	Assiniboine
Pacific Region Councillor	Christine Manzer, UE	Vancouver



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE AGM:

UELAC Board of Directors and the UELAC Volunteer Recognition Committee are pleased to announce that they have established a new Family History Genealogy Award to be presented annually. This award is to be called the "Suzanne Morse-Hines UE Memorial Genealogy-Family History Award".

The first award will be presented at the 2023 UELAC Hybrid Conference, "Where the Sea Meets the Sky", in Vancouver/Richmond, BC (June 01-04, 2023) during the award ceremonies at the banquet on the Saturday evening. The newly-created award will be open to any UELAC member who has displayed exemplary research on their family's Loyalist Ancestor(s), on their heritage and their family history in general. The deadline for nominations from branches or regions will be annually, 28th February (Midnight EST), and sent directly to the Chair of the UELAC Volunteer Recognition Committee at genealogy-family-history-award@uelac.org

Watch for the nomination form on the website shortly.



UELAC ANNOUNCEMENT

The UELAC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our Dominion Office and Archives will be relocated to the historic city of Cornwall, Ontario, in Spring 2022.

HISTORIC MOVE TO HISTORIC CITY

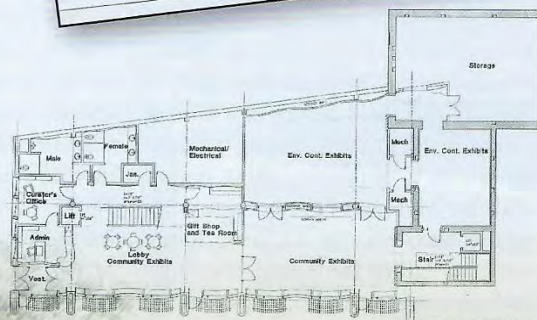
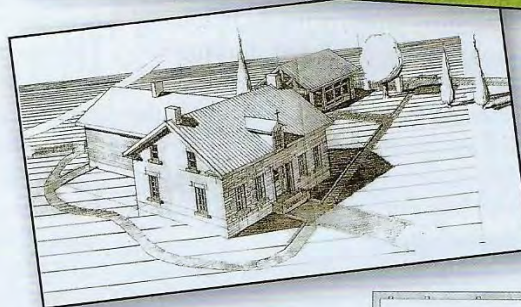
The historic significance of Cornwall will be familiar to many UE Loyalist descendants, as in 1784 New Johnstown (now Cornwall) was established by those looking to begin anew after the American Revolution. Many may also recognize it from the famous James Peachey sketch, *Encampment of the Loyalists at Johnstown on the St. Lawrence* (below). Through hard work and determination, these Loyalist settlers build homesteads, businesses and a future for generations to come. These same traits carry UELAC forward into this new chapter.

COLLABORATION & ACCESS

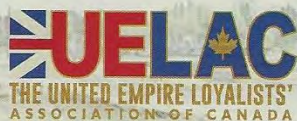
The catalyst for this move is the opportunity to expand access to our collection, outreach through projects and events, and the collaborative nature of the City of Cornwall, and particularly, the SDG* Historical Society, who operate the Cornwall Community Museum.

Exciting plans are underway for a major expansion of the Cornwall Community Museum (plan drawings: middle and bottom images), once home to UE Loyalists Jonas and Sarah Wood. The historical interpretation within this new space will see many communities come together to share the rich history of the region and Canada, among those represented will be the Kanien'kehá:ka/Mohawk People, United Empire Loyalists, French, and many more.

Our new UELAC Cornwall Headquarters will be a "hub of history," where our rich past connects to a vibrant, diverse community that will provide visitors in person, or online, with a memorable experience. We look forward to welcoming you to our new home.



* Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry; www.cornwallcommunitymuseum.weebly.com



“WHERE THE SEA MEETS THE SKY”

Carl Stymiest UE, VP UELAC was pleased to announce the location of the Dominion Conference for 2023 as being in Richmond, BC on June 1 – 4th at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. A short video was shown highlighting the beauty of the area. This will be both in-person and hybrid, to help as many members as



possible participate. Details and registration will be announced and put on the UELAC.ca website in the new year as the Pacific Region Committee finalize the agenda, tours, speakers and events. Stay tuned.

Above is the official logo adopted by the committee designed by:

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Think history is in the past?
You'll be surprised to discover...



...THE STORY CONTINUES

UELAC 2024 | Immersive Experience Weekend

Recently, while doing some Google searches, I encountered the Reinhardt University History blog of Dr. Johnathan Good UE on Loyalist Heraldry. Reading it, I learned that this article was previously published in the Loyalist Gazette Fall 2020 issue. I thought it a good read, and worth repeating here. Please enjoy:



DR. JONATHAN GOOD UE

Dr. Jonathan Good UE was born and raised in Port Hope, Ontario. Currently he is professor of history at Reinhardt University in Waleska, Georgia, United States of America, and a Fellow of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. He is a descendant of Everhart Wager UE (c. 1732-1796) of the King's Royal Regiment of New York.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I first met Jonathan when he was a student at Dr. Hawkins Senior Public School in Port Hope, Ontario, and I was a Consultant for Gifted Education in the Northumberland – Newcastle Board of Education, providing him with Gifted Education material that he faithfully completed for me. Jonathan, seen below in his yearbook, graduated from Dr. Hawkins Senior Public School in 1985.



Jonathan Good

LOYALIST HERALDRY IN CANADA

Take fierce Barbarians grinning at their prey. Approve the Crows and enjoy the Day. The Patriots' capacious fury for nations' blood. Upon Execution on this Place intended. A glorious Union which antedates the World. Shall reach a Juncture never can be tried.

It stands to reason that Canadians of Loyalist descent would be well disposed towards *heraldry*, a symbol-system that both identifies and serves as a mark of honour from the Crown. Prior to 1988, Canadian persons or corporations wishing to receive a legitimate grant of arms would apply to the College of Arms in London or, if especially Scottish, to the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh. The United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada certainly did: in 1972, it received a grant of arms through the College of Arms, that is doubtlessly familiar to all UELAC Members.¹

tomahawk, all extending outwards, surround a crown, neatly symbolizing Loyalists from the thirteen colonies, and their Indian allies, who defended the monarch against the American Revolutionaries. The symbolism is repeated on the crest: a colonist's arm and a native's arm both hold up the eighteenth-century British flag under which the Loyalists fought.



It's a beautiful composition, and its meaning is straightforward. On the shield, thirteen swords and one



The UELAC was also granted a badge, a secondary mark useful for when a full coat of arms might be a little too elaborate. The UELAC badge consists of a cypher of King George III (1760-1820), surrounded by a wreath of maple leaves and oak leaves. I was pleased to see the badge in use on a sign for a UEL cemetery in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, last summer. As John Ruch once noted in the *Loyalist Gazette*: "the Royal Crown, the old Union Banner, and the Royal Cypher of George III can be granted only with Her Majesty's permission. To receive any one of these is regarded as an especial honour, but to be given three is very rare indeed."²

Persistent lobbying by the Heraldry Society of Canada paid off in 1988

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when Prime Minister Brian Mulroney arranged for the foundation of the Canadian Heraldic Authority as a Canadian alternative to the College of Arms or the Court of the Lord Lyon.³ Since the CHA is headquartered in Ottawa, and not in London, and since the fees it charges are much lower than those required by the College of Arms, heraldry has become a lot more accessible to Canadians, whether individuals or corporations. By any metric, the CHA has been a great success, having granted or registered over three thousand different arms, flags, and badges to worthy citizens over the course of its thirty-two-year history. A new and enthusiastic Chief Herald of Canada, Samy Khalid, took office in June 2020, and is set to continue this legacy.

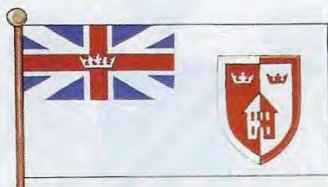
Canadians of Loyalist descent are understandably interested in recognizing their heritage, and the three symbols established by the granting of arms to the UELAC in 1972 have all made appearances in grants of arms from the Canadian Heraldic Authority. The most obvious is Great Britain's eighteenth-century flag, a combination of the Cross of St. George and St. Andrew's Saltire, the product of the parliamentary union of England and Scotland that went into effect in 1707. Since this flag was modified in 1801 by the addition of St. Patrick's saltire for Ireland, in recognition of the

Irish parliamentary union that took place that year, the previous version is now historic, and used quite a lot by the UELAC to honour those who fought under it, as a perusal of this magazine demonstrates. Settlements with Loyalist connections have also availed themselves heraldically of the flag. The Town of Gananoque, Ontario, whose arms was granted in 2000, displays it on the top left of its shield.

One of the lion supporters in the arms of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, granted in 2013, also holds it:



Loyalist-founded towns can also have it included it as a canton on their flags, as do the Town of Picton, in 1989, and Village of Bath, in 1997, both in Ontario. This design makes for a handsome flag, in the mode of Ontario's flag or the old Canadian Red Ensign.



Our second symbol, the royal cypher of King George III, is also definitely historic, as it represents the actual king whom the Loyalists fought for. The Anglican Church in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, founded by Loyalists, received a cypher of "GR", for "*Georgius Rex*", on its coat of arms, granted in 2006.



As far as I am aware, this is the only Canadian Heraldic Authority grant to include this mark. It would be nice to see more use made of it. One might say that it is a little too detailed, and purists claim that letters do not belong on coats of arms, but the cypher does help to rescue George III from the calumny heaped upon him by the United States Declaration of Independence. It would have been great if George III had a royal personal badge parallel to Richard II's White Hart, Edward IV's rose-en-soleil, or Richard III's boar. However, this essentially medieval custom was abandoned by the eighteenth century in favour of royal cyphers.

Yet the Loyalists were not just fighting for a particular king, but kingship in general. Our third symbol, the royal crown, unambiguously represents the monarchy as a concept, and not just a particular monarch. Insofar as Canada is still a monarchy, however, that also presents us with a slight problem. The crown is not just historic; it is current, and used by many official agencies to represent the power they exercise on behalf of the ultimate grantor of it.

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It is likely that significant overlap exists between descendants of Loyalists and supporters of Canada's monarchy, but these are two separate things, and it is good to maintain a symbolic distinction between them. Furthermore, the royal crown, as an emblem, is not available to just anyone. Generally, the only *people* allowed to put it on their own coats of arms are Governors General. What's a good Canadian Loyalist to do, if he wants to represent his heritage?



Image from Wikipedia..

The answer: use one of the two *Loyalist coronets* devised in the early days of the Canadian Heraldic Authority. The great thing about a coronet is that it references a crown without actually being one. The coronets consist of alternating maple leaves and oak leaves, as suggested by the wreath surrounding the royal cypher in the UELAC badge. This is a great combination: since they're both leaves, they're graphically parallel to each other; furthermore, the oak leaf is *royal*, representing a political principle; it's not ethnically "*English*" necessarily. It is true that the Loyalists themselves might not have recognized a maple leaf as symbolic of their new homeland, but the maple leaf was certainly in use by 1867 to represent Canada and has remained a pre-eminent national symbol ever since. Finally, the Queen's permission is not required to use a Loyalist coronet, only proof of descent of the sort required by the UELAC.

As a graphical mark it has several advantages. It can be shown in any colour or combination of colours. It can be shown on the shield in two dimensions, or on the crest or

supporters in three dimensions, and since it is circular, it can surround some other object. A separate "*military*" coronet, with pairs of crossed swords, is reserved for the descendants of those who actually fought for the king in the Revolution; otherwise, the "*civilian*" coronet can be used by individuals or corporations alike. Several Loyalist coronets may be seen in the grants of arms above. Others appear in the shield of the City of Quinte West, Ontario, granted in 1998:



On the supporters of the arms of Albert College in Belleville, Ontario, granted in 2017:



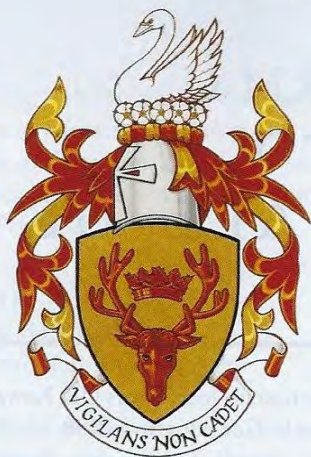
and on all three of the shield, supporters, and crest of the Black Loyalist Heritage Society of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, granted in 2006:



Three examples of Loyalist coronets in personal arms may be seen on the shields of David Dorward, granted in 2004; Robert Bengry, granted in 2011; and Kenneth Calder, granted in 2000. This is only a small sample of the many Loyalist coronets that the Canadian Heraldic Authority has granted to Canadians of Loyalist descent.



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One more heraldic symbol may be mentioned. As you can see on the arms of Gananoque, above, Loyalist-founded settlements can sometimes depict *actual Loyalists* as their supporters. Gananoque's is designated "a Loyalist woman tempore 1784." The Village of Bath and Loyalist Township, formed from the amalgamation of Bath, Amherst Island, and Ernestown, in 1999, both show a "woman habited as a Loyalist settler" and a "man habited in the uniform of the Jessup's

Loyal Rangers tempore 1784." Loyalist coronets and the 1707 Union Flag may also be seen in these grants.



The problem with human supporters, however, is that they come with a very high opportunity cost. Any person depicted automatically excludes everyone else! Thus does the Canadian Heraldic Authority tend to discourage them, although there can be no doubt, in these cases, whom they are supposed to represent.

Anyone interested in the possibility of a grant of arms, with or without any Loyalist symbolism, should contact the Chief Herald of Canada at Rideau



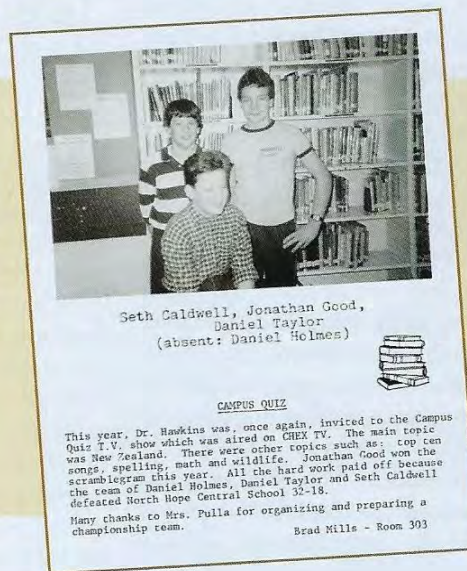
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ENDNOTES

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