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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

While there is news from the branch this past two months, September has been focused on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on September 8th. This was followed by all the rituals of proclaiming a new King, announcing a new Prince of Wales and the Queen's funeral on September 19th at Westminster Abbey and St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

Many broadcasters were asking people their memories of seeing or talking with the Queen.

One of our members had a personal royalty story to share, as did her grandmother, and we have included it here beginning on page six.

For me, a different kind of memory came back. Some time in the fall of 1953, I stood on the sidewalk on Victoria Drive, Vancouver BC with some friends and watched, through the window of a television sales shop, a re-broadcast of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. This was the first time I had viewed television. It was black and white, but a marvel to me. This was also my first introduction to the Queen. I later just had to have the cut-out paper dolls of the Queen with the coronation coach, horses and the red coated footmen.

As has been said many times this past while, this was the only monarch many of us have ever known. Now it is time for a new reign.

Other items we are pleased to share include the 90th birthday of member Margaret Strocel UE on page five, and a picture of our Shirly Dargatz UE, taken recently with old friends Carl Stymiest UE and Jan Quellet. This picture was shared previously on Facebook, and we are pleased to share with you again. Please go to page four. Two new books added to our Library may be just what you have been looking for. Check out page eight and see if they can help you. A final tribute to Queen Elizabeth II is our final three pages. So much to choose from. A wonderful video montage of pictures from her birth to 93rd Birthday was circulated in 2019. I think it is wonderful and have included it as an attachment with this newsletter.

While the Queen seemed to look wonderful in any colour, my two favorite pictures near the end are the outfits in yellow and another in red. You may have seen this video before,

but please enjoy again.

Loyally yours

Marlene Dance UE

God save the King - Charles III
 (Kings new cypher to the right)



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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:

chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com

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

June 1-4, 2023 • Information is updated at uelac.ca/conference-2023/ as it is confirmed.

Learn more with this delightful YouTube presentation: [Click here](#)

**June 21, 2022 Extraction from the Report to the
UELAC Pacific Region Branches
from Christine Manzer UE, Pacific Region Councillor**

Once again as hosted in 1994, 2010 and 2015, the West Coast invites UELAC members and their guests to the beautiful Province of British Columbia. Come join the reunion of UELAC friends; enjoy the tours, speakers, entertainment and camaraderie we have missed for over two long years. The UELAC Pacific Region Branches of Chilliwack, Victoria, Thompson-Okanagan, and Vancouver will be your hosts for the **2023 UELAC Hybrid Conference and AGM**. Our chosen venue, the prestigious 4-Star Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel and Conference Centre is located in Richmond, (Greater Vancouver) British Columbia.

The registration form will be available Fall 2022!

These UELAC Pacific Region Branches are here to help you discover your Loyalist history.

Chilliwack • Vancouver Island • Thompson/Okanagan area and the Lower Mainland

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2022 UELAC Scholarship Fund Challenge



\$ 8,088.00

Goal for this challenge



\$10,096.26

Amount raised to date



64

Number of donors

Last updated September 20, 2022

Thank you so much for your support !

The challenge is complete.
What a wonderful result.
Do you know of someone who could
apply for a scholarship?

Go to www.uelac.ca

Visit [Scholars Wanted](#)

for eligibility details and application requirements.



A visit with Shirley Dargatz UE

On the weekend of August 27, 2022, Carl Stymiest UE was visiting with Jan Ouellette for the weekend. They had lots of catching up to do and possibly things to be donated to the UELAC Archives from Jan.

First priority though was an afternoon visit with Shirley. This wonderful picture was taken and you can see by the big smiles that it was a good visit. Carl posted this on Facebook and many of you took the time to post loving comments. Shirley really appreciated it. Please continue to use the 46486 Uplands Drive address if you would like to send messages to Shirley.

Queen Elizabeth II

reigned from February 6, 1952 - September 8, 2022



Branch member Margaret Strocel UE celebrates her 90th Birthday

August 20th saw over 80 family and friends gather at the Clarion Hotel in Abbotsford to help Margaret celebrate her 90th Birthday. She has been a member of the Chilliwack Branch since about 2000, when she joined to find her Loyalist. It has taken a few years and she has explored many paths as documentation has been hard to come by but she never gave up! She succeeded with helping hands back east and Asst. Branch Genealogist Cincy Frizell UE. Her Loyalist is Donald Cameron from Nova Scotia. Along the way she also found a DNA match to a branch member. Very exciting. In attendance were branch members Judy Scholz UE, Cindy Frizell UE, Jan Ouellet and Marlene Dance UE, who decorated their table for a special Loyalist presentation. Proudly holding their certificates are Margaret Strocel and her five children.

Below in back row: Terry and Ted
Front row: Elizabeth, Margaret, Susan and Tim.



Our presentation to the family told a story from the Loyalist records that were found, as well as a family tree run-down to Margaret. This was for any other members in the room who might be interested. We sure hope so. What a wonderful party. Thank you for having us. It was fun to be a part of your celebration.

Branch members in attendance with Margaret at left are:
L-r: In back are Cindy and Jan.
In front: Judy, Margaret and Marlene .



Royal visit of Prince Charles and Camilla 2009.

Recollections by member Gwendoline Gold UE

Prince Charles and Camilla arrived in Victoria on Friday Nov. 5th for a four-day visit to British Columbia. From the airport they travelled to the BC Legislature where a crowd of several thousand people were waiting to greet them with cheers, applause and flowers. From the Legislature they travelled to Government House on Rockland Avenue the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor of BC. During their time in Victoria, they stayed at Government House as the guests of the Lieutenant Governor Stephen Point and wife Her Honour Gwendolyn Point.

I worked as Service Manager for the Lieutenant Governor of BC for eleven years and was fortunate to work many Royal visits during my time there.

On the Saturday they returned from a day spent in Vancouver, which had included a tour of the Olympic Village, Hospital units and the VanDusen Botanical Garden. In the evening was a Reception and State Dinner. The dinner required a great deal of organizing, logistics and following protocol. What I can share is that for the State Dinner, my Service Team consisted of sixteen servers, four bus people and eight bartenders. The Kitchen Brigade was headed by Executive Chef Christophe Letard and was comprised of the who's who of BC Chefs. As well as the food and beverage requirements for the Royal Party and Entourage, the Service Team was responsible for cleaning and maintaining all the suites occupied by their Royal Highnesses, Entourage and Security Detail.

The Executive Chef Christophe Letard, had to create the menus for the meals for this entire group as well. In addition, he had to ensure his own team, the Service Team, Government House and Protocol staff, even the Piper and entertainers were all fed. In amongst it all, floral displays were done by the Government House floral designers for all events and in all the suites. I must not forget about the lovely coat check ladies who volunteered from the Victoria Art Gallery. All in all, this was a vast undertaking for which I am proud to have been a part of.

My daughter, Crystal Gold UE, was also selected to be one of my Service Team due to her years of working part-time at Government House.

On Sunday they attended a remembrance service at Christ Church Cathedral. On the Monday they visited CFB Esquimalt before flying on to Ottawa. Before their Royal Highnesses left Government house, some of the many, many people involved with the successful visit were asked to come and have a photo taken with them as well as a private word. I was one of the people selected. When it came to my turn, Prince Charles said to me "Gwendoline, the State Dinner was brilliantly organized and served, Bravo Zulu" (a military phrase for well done). I was gifted with a small trinket box, inside a lovely blue box with the Prince of Wales feathers. The top of the box is based on a painting by the Prince of Wales.

I was truly blessed in my years working at Government house and have many amazing experiences for which to be thankful.

Gift from the then Prince of Wales of a Trinket box below. More pictures on the next page.




Below Left to right: Executive Chef Christophe Letard, Private Secretary Jerymy Brownridge, GH staff Brenda Stewart, GH staff Aline Rorvik, HRH Camilla (now Queen Consort) Service Manager Gwendoline Gold, HRH Charles (now King) GH staff Paul Hammer, GH staff Heidi Elliott, GH staff Adrienne Dutton.



Left: The menu served at the State Dinner

Below:

A special keepsake of Gwen's, saved from the local paper from 1924, identifying her grandmother, Miss Dolly Bowcott, as also having waited upon Royalty in Victoria.



Grilled Qualicum Scallop
Cowichan Peking Duck Pastilla
Basil Purée, Provencal Relish
Venturi Shulze Balsamic Vinegar

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Cowichan Valley Venison Rack
Dry Fruits & Spice Granola Crust
Almond & Jerusalem Artichoke Pudding
Forest Mushroom & Belgium Endive
Trailing Blackberry Jelly, Venison Jus

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Candied Pumpkin, Semolina & White Chocolate Napoleon
Lime Rosemary Mousse
Pumpkin Frozen Yogurt
Orange & Spice Red Wine Syrup

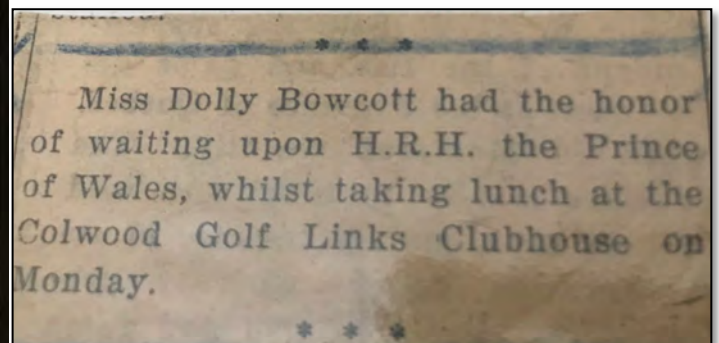
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Road 13 Fifth Element
Thornhaven Estates Gewurztraminer

DINNER IN HONOUR OF
 THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES
 THE PRINCE OF WALES
 AND
 THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009



Miss Dolly Bowcott had the honor of waiting upon H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, whilst taking lunch at the Colwood Golf Links Clubhouse on Monday.

NOTE:

HRH Edward, Prince of Wales became a Patron of Colwood Golf Links in 1929. Later in 1931, the club was bestowed with the honour of "Royal" and henceforth became known as Royal Colwood.

More from Gwendoline on next page:

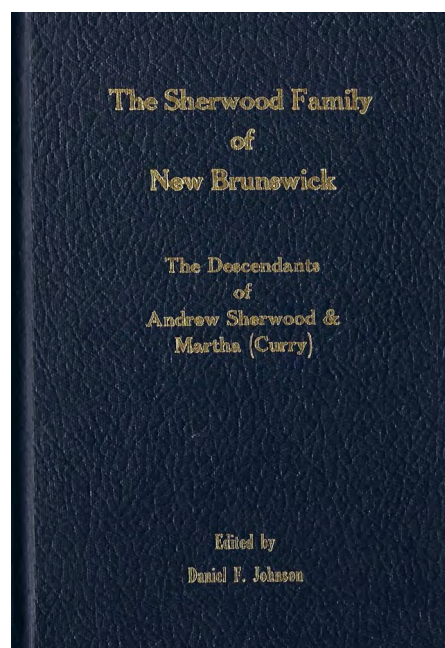


Gwendoline's story continues:

On Monday, September 19th,
Gwen was honoured to be
invited to a
Commemorative Reception
in honour of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
at Government House,
Victoria, BC
She kindly shared these
pictures.
Thank you so much for sharing
this wonderful story.

From our Bookshelf:

We are so pleased to advise that the following books have been added to our branch Library. If you would like us to "look up" someone that you think might be included in these books. Please send us an email at chwkuelcontact@gmail.com and we will be happy to have a look.



The Sherwood Family of New Brunswick—the Descendants of Andrew Sherwood and Martha Curry Sherwood - Edited and Published 1999 by Daniel F. Johnson

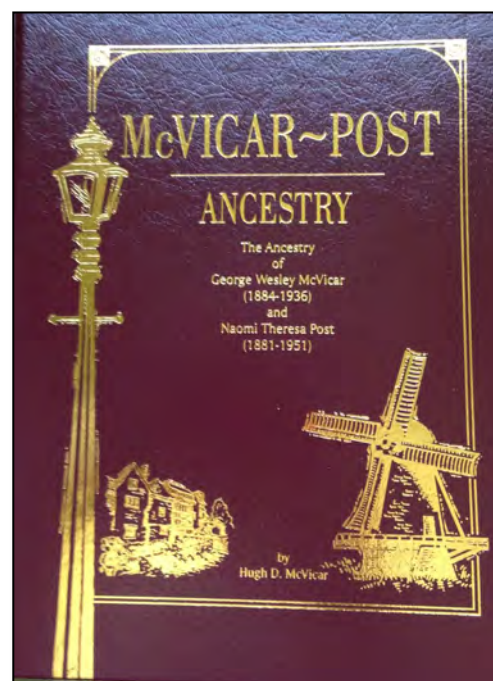
An extensive alpha index that includes many Loyalist names. I personally found a number of family members here including Sherwood, Kierstead, Johnson, Curry and Morton. All from New Brunswick, of course. Maybe you too will find someone and knock down that brick wall.

McVicar - Post - the Ancestry of George Wesley McVicar (1884-1936) and Naomi Theresa Post (1881-1951)

by Hugh D. McVicar published 2003

This book contains an extensive alpha index of 67 pages. I found some of my husband's line in this book including Hill, Parker, Johnson, and Joseph Merritt.

Please just ask. It would take just a minute to check.



[Gareth Davies](#), breaking news editor

[Victoria Ward](#), royal correspondent 8 SEPTEMBER 2022 • 6:50PM The Telegraph, London England



[Obituary: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 1926 – 2022](#)

The Queen, Britain's longest-serving monarch, has passed away at the age of 96 after 70 years on the throne.

Buckingham Palace has said the Queen 'died peacefully' this afternoon at Balmoral. The King and Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral and return to London tomorrow.

Buckingham Palace confirmed on Thursday lunchtime that Her Majesty had been under medical supervision at Balmoral after her doctors had become "concerned" about her health.

All of the Queen's children, as well as the Duke of Cambridge, travelled immediately to Balmoral. The Queen was last pictured formally appointing the new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, at Balmoral on Tuesday, her final public duty. She postponed a virtual Privy Council meeting the following day after being advised by doctors to rest.

Queen Elizabeth II is survived by her 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Her eldest son, Prince Charles, will now become King, while his eldest son, Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, assumes the position of heir to the throne and the title Prince of Wales.

On her first televised Christmas broadcast, in 1957, Queen Elizabeth II said, "I cannot lead you into battle. I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else – I can give my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations." And that she has accomplished through her 70-years of Service with dignity and grace. She remaining constant, faithful, loyal and resolute to her faithful subjects throughout the Commonwealth.
We will miss you Ma'am.





A selection of photos from various sources including news outlets & Facebook.

Above is a picture of the Queen, taken just before her meeting with the new Prime Minister, the day before her passing.



Above: A rainbow that appeared over Buckingham Palace before the announcement of the passing of Her Majesty.



Below: The BBC released this beautiful previously unseen picture of the Queen, taken last May, on the eve of the funeral.



www.bbc.com/news/uk-62951145

Above: The Queen's coffin arrives at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle for the Committal Service.

From Kingston and District Branch UELAC



When the call arrived, we knew that it was duty calling. She had done her duty by leading her nation with dignity, grace and good humour for 70 years and setting an example for many around the world. It was our turn to say good-bye with panache.

For Monday, September 19th, 2022, the muster call from David L. Smith UE of the Canadian Fencibles was 8:00 am.

With the 84th Highland Regiment, and many reenacting colleagues in attendance, members of the King's Royal Yorkers, Canadian Fencibles and Royal Artillery, fired 96 guns in honour of Queen Elizabeth II at Fort Wellington where she and Prince Phillip reviewed the troops in 1984. Except on a quite warm day, there can be a cutting and damp breeze crossing the St. Lawrence at Prescott, so Her Majesty was wise to wear the brilliant blue and purple warm jacket that day in 1984.

Others in chiffon may have yearned for something more cozy!

As recounted by our reenacting historian, David More UE, one of the highlights of that 1984 day was when Her Royal Majesty was informed that the program was 15 minutes ahead of schedule and that perhaps she would like to inspect the reenactor troops. She proceeded to do so and when talking with the gun crew, she said that the 3-pound gun gave a 'jolly good bang'.

Hereafter that gun was named such. Officially it is called Priapus.

It fired the first and Ninety-Sixth round on Sept 19th, the day of her funeral. The 96 shots rang out over 90 minutes on grounds of Fort Wellington only a few hours after a similar salute echoed over the tolling of the Big Ben and the marching band in the streets of London.

Prior to the gun salute, as a former Regional Vice President of UELAC, I was asked to speak 'to' the Queen. I reinforced that on such a day, when we chose to honour her memory, it behooves us to consider that The Monarch and the Crown are two distinct, though often confused entities. As members of historical groups, we should strive to understand the differences, and improve our knowledge of the roles of each. Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II served the length of any two full careers, with extreme dignity and good example. With her gentle yet convincing confidence, she made us feel that we could be better citizens of this nation and world.

God Save the King.

Submitted by: VP Kingston and District Branch UELAC, Anne Redish UE

Images: <https://digitalarchive.tpl.ca/objects/265205/prescottfort-wellington> and Brenda Craig UE



“A photograph is released today of the ledger stone now installed at the King George VI Memorial Chapel, following the interment of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth,” on Saturday, September 24, [Instagram](#) post on the royal family’s account read.

“The King George VI Memorial Chapel sits within the walls of St George’s Chapel, Windsor.”

The grave ledger, surrounded by several floral wreaths, sits beside one honoring Princess Margaret’s death, the queen’s late sister, who died in 2002, was cremated and her ashes were buried in the memorial chapel.

After the queen’s death, the royal family confirmed earlier this month that her casket would be “buried together” with the late Duke of Edinburgh.

