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**United Empire
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 for 2023

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President's Message

Well, the Thanksgiving celebrations are over and I hope you had a lovely gathering with family and friends. We are now onto Christmas advertising and the air is full of music for the occasion. I never tire of the songs and beautiful displays. October had a lovely fall feel to it, cool with lots of sun. But now with November, there has been many frosty mornings. It is time to organize the outdoor lights. But, first let me remind you to renew your membership. We need your support and look forward to hearing from you. The online system is open for 2024 renewals. Or print out the page 10 renewal form to accompany your cheque via mail. Our Christmas gathering will be with Vancouver Branch again this year. It is Sunday, December 10th starting at 1:00 pm at a Surrey, BC location. We sent out the invitation via separate email with the details. If you need the info again, please just email me.

A number of us are car-pooling again this year. Can you join us? We are starting to be busy on the genealogy front and are continuing work on our archiving projects. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help. But there is still more to do. Is anyone interesting in helping on the management team? We would love to welcome you. We have a couple of positions vacant as you can see from the list on the top right. In addition, another member has just mentioned retiring to Vancouver Island to be near family. I am sure that your plans for Christmas are well underway. We are working on our own family gathering now. Interior decor must come out now that the outdoor lights are up. We christened them the evening of November 25th as many of our neighbours have been turning theirs on for the whole month. They have reindeer, inflated snowmen, barrels of holly and cedar boughs and lots of lights. Ours are more modest.

I will close by wishing you the blessings of the Christmas season. Have a wonderful celebration with family and friends. And Happy New Year to all. Stay safe and well. See you in 2024.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE

May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump.
 May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump.
 May your yams be delicious and your pies take the prize.
 And may your Christmas dinner stay off of your thighs!

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Calendar of Events for 2023

Print and save with your calendar



Meetings will be scheduled individually.

Chilliwack Alliance Church, 8700 Young Rd., Chilliwack, BC

Unless otherwise advised.

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 2023:

December 10th Christmas Gathering hosted by Vancouver Branch in Surrey, BC

Details sent via email to all members.

Email chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com if you need the details.

Up coming Schedule for 2024:

February TBA AGM details to be announced in following issues.

June 6 - 9th Annual Conference in Cornwall, Ontario Canada

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 since 2019

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.





A special Remembrance Day report from Vancouver Branch member, Glenn Smith UE.

Lest we Forget.

I attended the Coqualeetza Longhouse in Chilliwack this morning to lay a wreath at the Stó:lō Veterans Memorial Pole. I was laying the wreath on behalf of a volunteer organization I am a member of; the Last Post Fund Unmarked Grave Program, which is HQ'd in Montreal.

Today, was the 1st time I had attended a Remembrance Day ceremony, outside the traditional ceremony we are all accustomed to. Although there was a military component to the ceremony, it was a Stó:lō Nation specific event, centred around the recognition of all the Stó:lō Veterans who served in theatres of conflict, including, WW1, WW2, Korean War, Vietnam and current duties that are taking place around the globe.

It was an honour to attend the Stó:lō Veterans Memorial today, not only because it was a different venue from the traditional Remembrance Day ceremony we are all accustomed to, but, I was especially honoured to be asked to participate as a flag bearer to represent the Stó:lō Veterans that have served not only in all branches of the Canadian Armed Forces, but, also in the United States military, hence, the American flag that I carried. When specific duties are asked of individuals, it is a tradition to be given a gift and the blanket I am wearing in these photos was given to me by the Stó:lō people. Such an incredible honour and I will cherish the blanket for a very long time.

The ceremony was attended by 250-300 people. A meal was shared in the Longhouse after the ceremony and, while having a conversation with an Indigenous family, the conversation turned to the unmarked grave program and has resulted in the family asking me for assistance in obtaining 3 more headstones for their family. Based on the information I was provided with today, it will be a project that I believe will generate widespread Reconciliation throughout Indigenous communities.



We will Remember!

**Chilliwack Remembrance Day November 11, 2023
Wreaths were placed at Garrison Crossing
and the Downtown Cenotaph.**

Overnight was rainy and very windy here in Chilliwack. It remained very cold, but the rain stopped just in time for the 11:am ceremonies. The wind had knocked out the PA system, downtown, but that didn't stop the proceedings. It was the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the cenotaph on April 9, 1923. The Chilliwack Progress reported "thousands gathered to pay respects to those who fought and died for Canada - Veterans, Legion members, dignitaries and the public were at the three locations".

Following the ceremonies, branch members Marlene Dance UE, Judy Schulz UE, Cindy Lyftogt UE, Jan Ouellet as well as three very nice young men from Judy's church met up for a lovely lunch at the Canton Gardens. They were Ethan Woodward, Joel Penner and Benoni Rempel. They are all from Manitoba, but are living and working in the Chilliwack area. Interesting stories were shared and it sounds like they are all good cooks. A lovely luncheon with new friends.



October was Women's History Month in Canada

Thanks to Kingston and District Branch UELAC Facebook page and to Anne Redish UE

Loyalist Women played an indispensable part – both during and after the war.

Here are some resources about these incredible women:

1. Loyalist Women in New Brunswick <https://preserve.lib.unb.ca/.../acva/loyalistwomen/en/>
2. Loyalist Women uelac https://www.uelac.org/.../Chapters/LOYALIST_WOMEN.html
3. Who were the Loyalist Women of Cambridge Massachusetts <https://historycambridge.org/.../who-were-the-loyalist.../>
4. Who is a Female Loyalist ? <https://commonplace.online/art.../what-is-a-female-loyalist/>
5. Uncovering the Experiences of Female Loyalists <https://www.amphilsoc.org/.../uncovering-experiences...>
6. The Lives and Letters of Black Loyalists Women's Lives <https://blogs.bl.uk/.../the-lives-and-letters-of-the...>
7. A Community of Suffering : The Robie Women in Loyalist Halifax <https://earlycanadianhistory.ca/.../a-community-of-.../>
8. Loyalist Women in Nova Scotia From Exile to Repatriation <https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/etd/5349/>
9. Books. While Women Only Wept.

<https://www.mgup.ca/while-the-women-only-wept-products...>

10. Stripped and Script Loyalist Women Writers of the American Revolution <https://www.amazon.ca/dp/1625344325...>
Image retrieved from The Loyalist woman <https://www.deviantart.com/.../The-Loyalist-Woman-210060626>



**From: Brian McConnell UE
President, Nova Scotia UELAC
Branch Facebook site:**

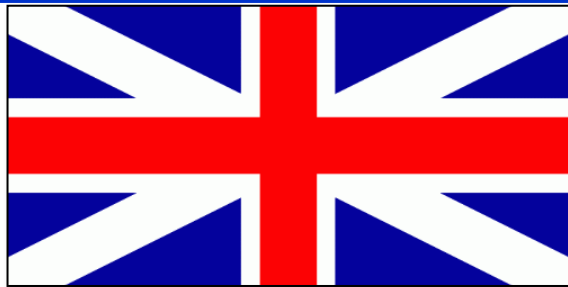
In September I visited an historic monument in Hants County, Nova Scotia. To see photos, video and link to article on new webpage of UELAC site to the monument to the 84th Regiment, 2nd Battalion go to:

<https://uelac.ca/.../monument-84th-regiment-2nd-battalion/>

THE LOYALIST DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE 1776

From the "Link Up" February 2019 Vol.8 Issue 1

We have all heard of the "Declaration of Independence" ratified in Philadelphia, Pa. July 4, 1776. But has anyone heard of a "Loyalist Declaration of Dependence" signed by 547 Loyalists in November of the same year?



Sandra McNamara UE of the Grand River Branch, has made it her mission to discover all she can about this document and has been researching for years. Sandra's story and article telling of her discovery and subsequent search has been published in the December 2018 issue of the "Journal of the American Revolution". A copy of the document is shown below.

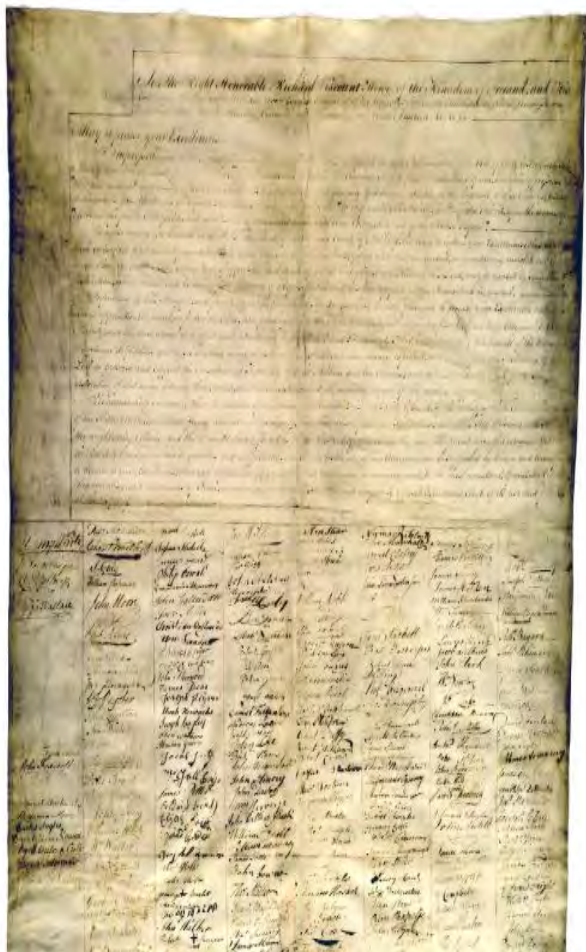
Report from Victoria Branch UELAC - Saturday, November 18, 2024

As a follow up on Saturday's talk on the Declaration of Dependence by Sandra McNamara, UE: Articles by Sandra were published in the Journal of the American Revolution and can be found here: <https://allthingsliberty.com/author/sandra-mcnamara/>

There is a podcast on YouTube on the Declaration of Dependence which can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2L-7mJNmno>

And, Revolutionary War Research is a private group on Facebook that one can join and there is a weekly chat group that meets on Thursdays at noon Toronto time, 9.00 a.m. Pacific time.

Connect here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RevWarRsch>





From UELAC Facebook page:

contributed by Lee-Ann Hines-Green UE

LAND, ROBERT, pioneer, farmer, militia officer, and public servant; b.10 April 1772 in Pennsylvania, sixth of the seven children of Robert Land and Phebe Scott; m. Hannah Horning of Barton Township, Upper Canada, and they had nine children; d. 21 Nov. 1867 at Hamilton, Ontario.

Robert Land, who is sometimes also designated Jr or II to avoid confusion with his father and second son, fled with his mother, a sister, and a younger brother from what is now Wayne County, Pennsylvania, to New York in May 1779 for protection from rebel harassment after his father, a magistrate under the colonial government of Pennsylvania, joined the British forces as a dispatch carrier. In 1783, while his father was based at Niagara (Niagara-on-the-Lake), Robert and the others embarked with the first fleet of loyalists for the Saint John River (New Brunswick) where his mother was granted 200 acres of land at Parr Town (Saint John).

In 1791 they made their way to Upper Canada and joined Robert Land Sr who, in the meantime, had become one of the first settlers at the Head-of-the-Lake (later Hamilton). As “the son of a zealous and active Loyalist,” Robert Jr petitioned for land in 1795 and was granted 200 acres in Middlesex County. Following military service in 1812–14, he received an additional 500 acres in Caledon Township (Peel County). He lived in Barton Township on land originally granted to his father, farming several hundred acres in the area.

In 1804 Land had begun a military career that was to span a period of 43 years by joining the West Lincoln militia as lieutenant. When the War of 1812–14 began, he entered the 5th Lincoln militia as lieutenant in Samuel Hatt’s company of flankers and was granted a medal and clasp for action at the surrender of Detroit. On the morning of the battle at Queenston Heights, 13 Oct. 1812, his company was the only force present at Queenston. He next took part in the skirmish at Frenchman’s Creek. At Stoney Creek, acting under orders of Colonel John Harvey*, he is credited with helping to prevent a junction between American troops landed at Burlington Beach and the main force at Stoney Creek. After the battle of Lundy’s Lane, Land, his nephew Joseph Birney, and Major Hatt, were recommended for the medal of the Loyal and Patriotic Society by their commanding officer, Colonel Andrew Bradt, having behaved “with every mark of intrepidity during the action saving the Major who was severely wounded.” After the war Land maintained his active connection with the militia; he was gazetted Lieutenant-colonel of the 3rd Gore militia in 1830, and commanded the post at Hamilton during the rebellion of 1837–38. In 1847, at age 75, he retired from command of the 2nd Wentworth militia.

Land was appointed commissioner of customs for the Gore District in 1834; he was reappointed in 1840 and resigned in 1847. He also served as postmaster for the district for a period around 1847. He was appointed general commissioner of the peace on four occasions between 1827 and 1838, and an associate justice of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the counties of Wentworth, Halton, and Brant on 12 March 1852. Land was a member of the Church of England and the Masonic Order; he had been initiated in the Barton Lodge on 7 Nov. 1796 and at his death was believed to be the oldest mason in Canada.

He died at his home and was given a funeral on 24 Nov. 1867 attended by “the Volunteers of the City, together with the mayor and civic authorities, and a large representation of the Masonic fraternity.”

“A very large number of private citizens joined in the procession and thus lent testimony to the great respect in which the deceased gentleman was held by all classes of the community with which he has been so long identified.”

Township and Lot surveys along the St. Lawrence River with thanks to St. Lawrence Branch. Posted on the UELAC Facebook Page

In March 1784, Loyalists were anxiously waiting in refugee camps for news of completed Township and Lot surveys along the St. Lawrence River. https://heritage.canadiana.ca/.../oocihm.lac_reel.../1226...
For several years, Loyalists were located at many different camps. Some of these camps were along the Richelieu River (Ile aux Noix, Saint Jean sur Richelieu, Chambly, & Sorel), on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River (La Prairie), on the Island of Montreal (ville Montreal, Lachine, & Pointe Claire), and Isle Jesus and Terrebone, and further east along the St. Lawrence River, (L'assomption & Machiche).

-1779 Victualing Lists for some of these camps https://heritage.canadiana.ca/.../oocihm.lac_reel.../624...

-Sept 1784 Victualing Lists for some camps Image 145-163

https://heritage.canadiana.ca/.../oocihm.lac_reel.../145...

-June 1782 Saint Jean sur Richelieu https://heritage.canadiana.ca/.../oocihm.lac_reel.../909... and

-Oct 1783 https://heritage.canadiana.ca/.../oocihm.lac_reel.../928...

-May 1784 Loyalists at Machiche wanting to go to Missiquoi Bay https://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_h1654/317?r=0&s=3

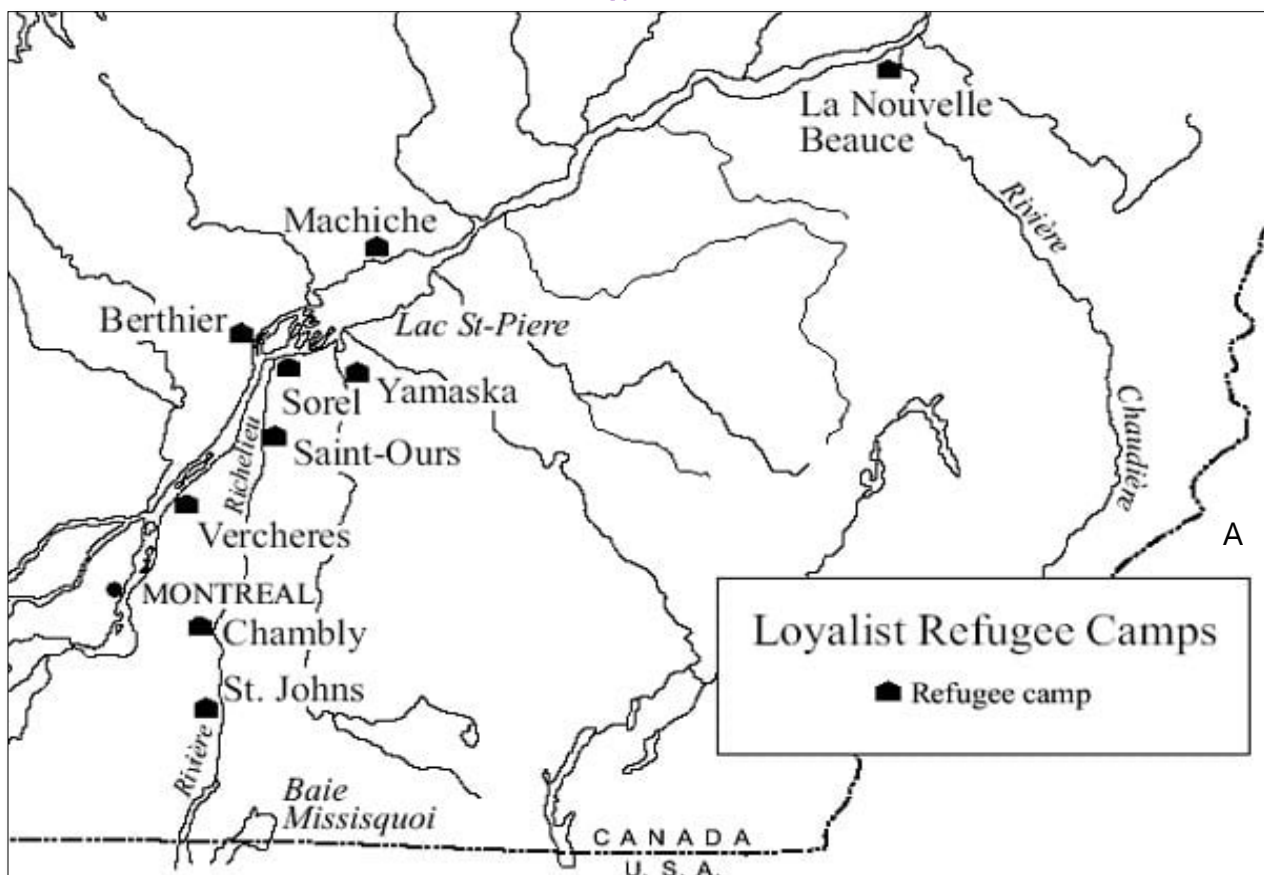
-early Marriages at Montreal <https://archive.org/.../reportoncan.../page/n165/mode/2up...>

-early Baptisms at Montreal <https://archive.org/.../reportoncan.../page/n181/mode/2up...>

A good book re: Loyalist Refugees is Watt, G. "Loyalist Refugees:
Non-Military Refugees in Quebec 1776-1784"

<http://globalgenealogy.com/.../loyalist/resources/101069.htm>

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Nova Scotia Branch

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

www.uelac.org/NovaScotia/index.php

Please check out the Webpage and maybe join this branch as an associate member.

Main Areas of Loyalist Settlement

HALIFAX – When General Howe abandoned Boston in 1776, he brought many of the King's supporters to Halifax, which had been settled in 1749.

SHELBURNE – Settled after the evacuation of New York in the Spring of 1783, Port Roseway was renamed Shelburne for the British prime minister.

BIRCHTOWN – The largest settlement of Black Loyalists

DIGBY – Settled by Loyalists in June 1783

PORT MOUTON – Named Guysborough for Sir Guy Carleton. After a forest fire in 1784 most of the settlers moved on to what is now Guysborough.

GUYSBOROUGH – Chedabucto, renamed for Sir Guy Carleton, was settled by disbanded British regiments, including the Duke of Cumberland's regiment.

SYDNEY – Loyalists from New York & Connecticut arrived 1784.

RAWDON – Loyalists fleeing the Siege of Ninety Six, South Carolina.

KENNETCOOK – Settled by the troops of the 84th Regiment of Foot.

COUNTRY HARBOUR & SHIP HARBOUR – Granted to soldiers from loyal Carolina regiments.

WALLACE – Remsheg and area settled by Loyalists from Westchester New York.

TUSKET – Settled by Loyalists from New York and New Jersey in 1785.

UPPER BIG TRACADIE – Black Loyalists from South Carolina.



#1) Loyalists and Land Settlement in Nova Scotia

A list compiled by Marion Gilroy

under the direction of D.C. Harvey Archivist of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

Loyalist started arriving about 1782

#2) Planters and Pioneers Nova Scotia, 1749 to 1775 by Dr. Esther Clark Wright

Planters or Loyalists: not both: don't confuse these two categories.

From the October 29, issue of Loyalist Trails, I found this quite interesting:

- 25 Oct 1760** London. [George William Frederick was crowned King George III of Great Britain & Ireland](#). George's reign, which was longer than his predecessors, was marked by military conflicts involving much of Europe, Africa, the Americas, and Asia.
- 26 Oct 1768** Quebec, CA [Sir Guy Carleton](#) arrives and begins his long service as Governor General of Canada. His governance would be steady, although rocked by colonists to the south.
- 28 Oct 1770** NYC Sons of Liberty [attacked the King Street office](#) of Tory printers John Mein & John Fleming, whose ads impugned John Adams and listed establishments continuing to import British goods.
- 25 Oct 1774**, 1st Continental Congress sent a [petition to King George III](#) to inform his majesty that if it had not been for the acts of oppression forced upon the colonies by the British Parliament, the American people would be standing behind British rule.
- 26 Oct 1774** Cambridge, Mass. Provincial Congress reorganizes the colonial militia. Making them better trained & prepared & able to turn out at [a "minute's notice," the famed Minutemen](#). Other colonies follow.
- 24 Oct 1775** [Norfolk VA. With the arrival of Col Wm Woodford's](#) forces, the patriot militia drove back British land & sea forces, capturing 2 ships. When the British got back to their ships, VA riflemen began picking off British troops from the decks.
- 25 Oct 1775** [Col Benedict Arnold's](#) Canada expedition struggles to get through [rough terrain & weather near Dead River](#). Col. Roger Enos abandons the expedition and returns home with his 300-strong brigade. Undeterred, Arnold presses northward.
- 27 Oct 1775**, [King George III](#) speaks before the British Parliament to discuss rebellion in America, which he viewed as a traitorous action against himself & Britain. He read a "Proclamation of Rebellion" & urged Parliament to bring order to the colonies.
- 26 Oct 1776** [Benjamin Franklin departed for France](#) on the USS Reprisal with the hope of negotiating a formal alliance. He traveled with his grandson William Temple Franklin and ambassadors Silas Deane and Arthur Lee.
- 27 Oct 1776** White Plains, NY British [advance guard skirmishes](#) with Gen Alexander McDougall's brigade, reinforced by Col John Haslet's crack Delaware Regt. American defenders suffered 30 casualties.
- 21 Oct 1777** [Col Karl von Donop](#) crosses Delaware R. with 1,000 Hessians and prepares to avenge the humiliating loss at Trenton with an assault on Ft Mercer and its 1,000-strong garrison under Col Christopher Greene.
- 22 Oct 1777** [Battle of Red Bank](#). British moved quickly to control the Delaware River. A force of 2000 Hessians under Col von Donop was sent to capture the American Fort Mercer but was turned back by a force of 400 Patriot defenders.
- 22 Oct 1777** Philadelphia, PA Realizing his support from the Secretary for the Colonies, [George Germain was lacking, British General William Howe](#) asked to be relieved of command.
- 23 Oct 1777** Adm Richard Howe orders a squadron to [attack Ft Mifflin on Mud Island on the Delaware R](#). American armed galleys drive 64-gun *HMS Merlin* & 18-gun *HMS Augusta* aground on Hog Island, where they are burned. Merlin is largest British ship lost in #RevWar
- 26 Oct 1779** [Lt Colonel John Graves Simcoe](#) was captured in an ambush by Americans at South River Bridge, NJ. Simcoe's Queen's Rangers lost 3 killed & 6 prisoners while Americans lost 1 killed & 3 wounded.
- 24 Oct 1781** British fleet of 25 SOL plus frigates & a relief force of 7K Regulars under [Adm Graves](#) enters Chesapeake Bay. But with news of Cornwallis's surrender & presence of the French fleet blockading the approaches, he turns back to NY on the 29th
- 24 Oct 1781** [Warrenbush NY Some 750 Loyalists& Iroquois under Maj John Ross](#) attack and torch the American settlement.
- 25 Oct 1781** [Johnson Hall, NY Some 750 Loyalists & Iroquois marauders under Maj John Ross](#) are attacked by 400 NY militia under Col Marinus Willet. They escape Willet, but only after losing 65 to the Americans' 35. Willet vigorously pursues them.
- 29 Oct 1812**, [French & Russian forces clashed](#) in what is one of the most underrated battles of the Napoleonic Wars: Maloyaroslavets. The fighting was inconclusive, but Napoleon was forced to take an unfavorable route out of Russia, to disastrous results.

All these links should still work. If not go to www.uelac.ca and click on Loyalist Trails. Sign up it is free.



UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH NEW/RENEW MEMBERSHIP 2024

Many thanks for your continued support.

Annual dues are as follows:

Individual Memberships: \$40.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$55.00

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.

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Or Please use our online New/Renewal at: www.uelac.ca

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6 issues of the “Link UP” – the Chilliwack Branch newsletter as well as email reminders for events,
sign ups and items of interest.

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If renewing by mail: Please return this form with your membership.