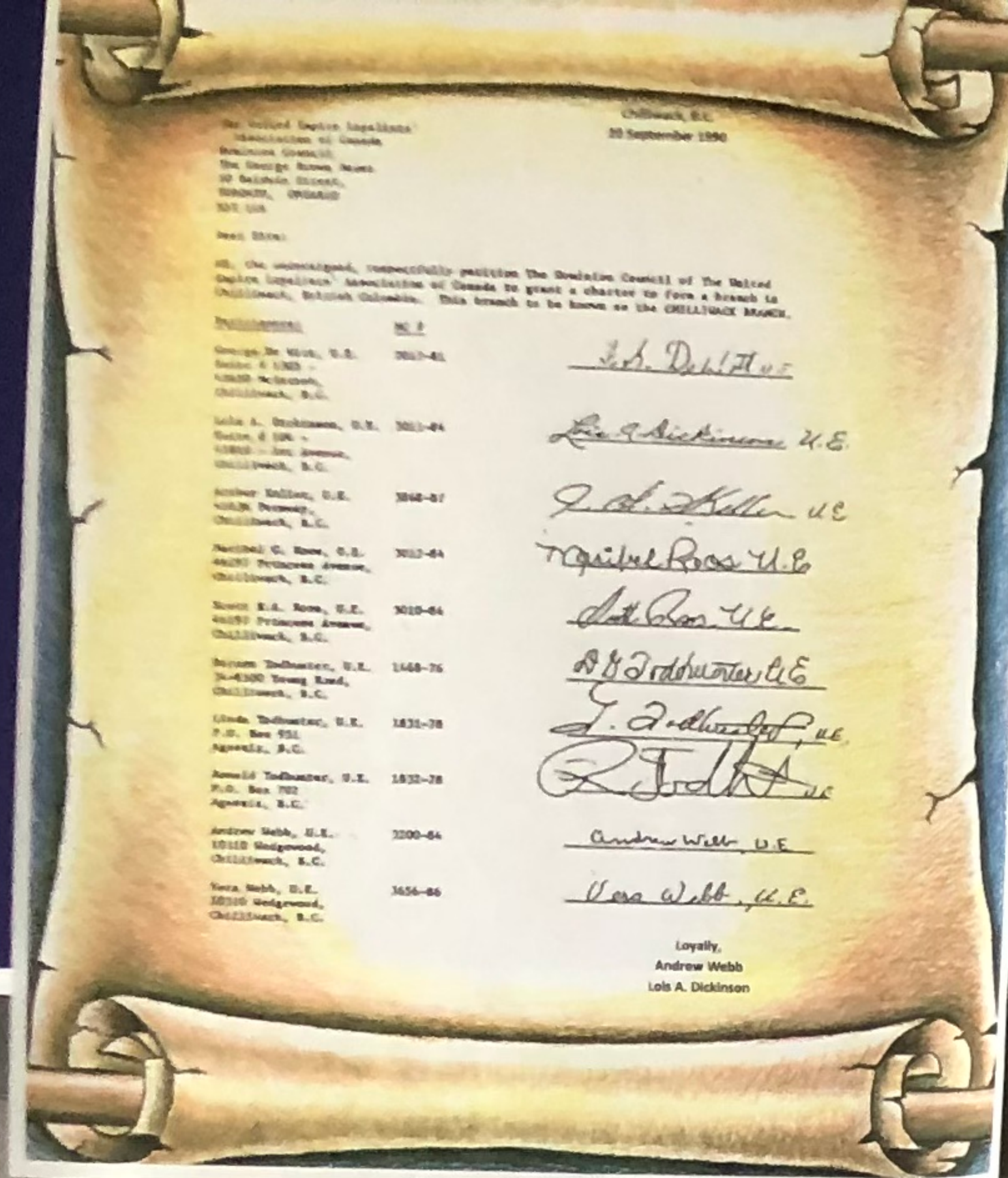




Loyalists start branch

By Lois Dickinson
Descendants of United Empire Loyalists met Thursday night at the Chilliwack Museum to officially charter a branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

Dominion president Arnold W. Nethercott, of London, Ontario, came from headquarters in Toronto to officiate at the chartering ceremony.

The Chilliwack Branch is the first new branch in B.C. in almost 60 years. It forms part of the Dominion Association, organized in 1914 to make Loyalist descendants aware of their history and upon proof of Loyalist ancestry, they may apply for certificates allowing them to affix the letters U.E. after their names.

This honor was granted by Governor Carleton in 1793 to "those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783 and all their Children and their Descendants by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following Capital letters affixed to their names U.E."

The Chilliwack Charter was

granted on petition of 10 regular (certificable) holders: members George De Witt, Lois Dickinson, Arthur Keller, Maribel Roos, Scott Roos, Doreen Todhunter, Linda Todhunter, Ronald Todhunter, Andrew Webb, and Vera Webb.

Approximately 70 people attended the potluck supper and program.

Scott Roos, in the uniform of a Butler's Hangers' officer, carried the flag and Maribel Roos in Loyalist costume brought the charter contained in the historic document box of John McCulloch, first reeve of Chilliwack Municipality in 1871.

President Nethercott signed the charter and presented it to Andrew Webb, holder of 10 U.E. certificates.

John Graham, vice-president of the Vancouver branch, made the presentation of reference books on Loyalist history to the new branch.

The Chilliwack Branch executive presided in president, Lois Dickinson, vice-president, Arthur Keller, secretary, Maribel Roos, treasurer, Betty Keller, and genealogist, Andrew Webb.



Vera Smith, from the Vancouver branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, was on hand to witness the charter meeting of the new Chilliwack branch Thursday night.

Chilliwack Executive pro tem

President Lois Dickinson, U.E.
Vice-President Arthur Keller, U.E.
Secretary Maribel Roos, U.E.
Treasurer Betty Keller
Genealogist Andrew Webb, U.E.

PROGRAM

- Welcome and Introduction of Guests . . . Lois Dickinson, U.E.
- Blessing . . . Maribel Roos, U.E.
- Pot Luck (Loyalist Hospitality)
- Cutting of Cake . . . Vera Webb, U.E. and Betty Keller
- Greetings:
 - District of Chilliwack . . . Alderman Gary Mason
 - Chilliwack Museum & Historical Society . . . Peggy Still, President
 - Vancouver Branch, The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
- Granting of Charter:
 - Procession . . . Scott Roos, U.E.
 - Introduction of Dominion President . . . John Orr, U.E., Regional Vice-President, Western Canada
 - Remarks . . . Arnold Nethercott, U.E., Dominion President
 - Acceptance of Charter . . . Andrew Webb, U.E. (to be joined by the ten petitioners)
 - Extending the Charter to the Assembled Guests
 - Presentation . . . Arthur Keller, U.E.
 - Appreciation and Announcements
 - Closing Comments

CHARTER NIGHT

Chilliwack, B.C.

Chilliwack Museum
(former City Hall 1912)

Thursday 19 October 1990



The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada



To All and Every Member of

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Know Ye that whereas by an Act passed by the Parliament of Canada, on the 27th day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and Chapter 146 of 4-5 George V 1914, the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, hereinafter called "Association," became a body corporate and politic, with the powers in the said Act contained.

And Whereas a Petition has been presented to the said Association to grant a Warrant or Charter under the name of the **Chilliwack Branch**, with its office or place of meeting at the **City or District of Chilliwack** in the Province of **British Columbia** in Canada, and it is advisable to grant the Prayer of the said Petition, and to issue a Warrant for the institution of such Branch under the said Act, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

Now Know Ye that the petitioners are hereby constituted a Branch of the said Association under the name of the **Chilliwack Branch**, to hold meetings at or near to the **City or District of Chilliwack** in the Province of **British Columbia** in Canada, with all the privileges and powers contained in the said Act and the By-Laws of the Association, subject to such provision and conditions as are now or may hereafter be declared by the Constitution and By-Laws respecting the Association, and Branches thereof.

In Testimony Whereof the President and Secretary of the Association have hereunto set their hands, and the seal of the Association has been affixed, at Toronto, this 22nd day of **September** in the year of our Lord, 1990

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Bill Russell, President
Carolyn Johnson, Secretary



The Chilliwack Progress Friday, October 30, 2015

Community United Empire Loyalists mark 25 years

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC) Branch celebrated its 25th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Chilliwack Museum (formerly the 1912 City Hall building).

Ten residents of Chilliwack petitioned to form a branch of the UELAC. The charter was granted and signed at this same location on Oct. 18, 1990.

Special guests on Saturday included Mayor Sharon Gaetz, MP Mark Strahl, and Taryn Dixon, Electoral Area Director for District H.

Adding to the pageantry was a contingent from the Fraser Glen Camp 220 of the Sons of Scotland. Piper and branch member David Avery of Abbotsford led the colour party and dignitaries into the room including flag bearers Alan Reid U.E. and Shay Thornton U.E. On hand to cut the cake were original petitioners Art Keller U.E. and Vera Webb U.E. together with Linda Todhunter U.E., daughter of Doreen Todhunter U.E.



Art Keller and Vera Webb, two of the original petitioners for the formation of an United Empire Loyalist chapter in Chilliwack 25 years ago, are joined by their daughter, Linda Todhunter U.E.



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