



The Pacific Loyalist

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
Vancouver Branch

Spring
2008

June 2008 Newsletter Outreach and Education



Audrey, Gwen, Mary Anne,
Carl, Wendy and Pablo

Our New Branch Library

President Wendy Cosby UE and her husband Brendon have kindly allowed us to take over one room in their home. The library has been moved and re-shelved.

Mary Anne Bethune UE is our new Library Coordinator and will set the hours of operation to begin in September, *after our Open House*. Volunteers for the library are signing up and more are always welcome. Please email Mary Anne at imab@telus.net to join in.

The library is only minutes from the West end of the Oak Street Bridge.

Future plans include a reader and collection of microfilm to help with Loyalist research.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Vancouver



March 16th, 2008

Once again the Vancouver Branch UELAC participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade along side the British Columbia Genealogical Society. It was a cool day in March but close to thirty people marched from these two groups, many in costume.

This parade is a major event in Vancouver each year and offers us an excellent opportunity to reach out to the community.

**If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are
dead and rotten; Either write things worthy of
reading, or do things worthy of writing." --
Benjamin Franklin, May 1738**

Message from our President Wendy Cosby UE



The most prominent events on the radar for our branch at the moment are the AGM and our first lottery.

I have lost count of how many people from the Pacific Branches will be attending the AGM and the 225th Anniversary of the Loyalist Landing festivities in Saint John in July. The Pacific branches have rented a hospitality suite (Room 1218) to hang out in for the evenings of July 11th and 12th. Please join us to share stories, meet old friends and make new friends. This invitation is open to all attendees at the Conference.

This is also the summer of our first raffle. We ask all Vancouver branch members to sell a book of tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each and there are 25 tickets in a book. Net proceeds will be used to build a Pacific Region Loyalist Library of microfilmed documents. Each book of tickets will buy two microfilms. This is the carrot at the end of the stick for our members. Everyone will share in the wealth, the community will have a fine library, and the first prize winner takes home a premium Sony laptop in a choice of color. Make mine pink! There are also good secondary prizes. Please contact me for tickets.

Loyally,

Wendy Cosby UE

President, UELAC Vancouver Branch

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Past Presidents

UELAC Vancouver Branch

Mrs. Doreen Todhunter UE CMH	1984, 1985
Dr. Peter Moogk UE	1986, 1987, 1988
Mrs. Audrey P. Shane UE	1989, 1990
Mr. John Graham UE	1991
Mrs. Rebecca Fraser UE	1992, 1993, 1994
Mr. Richard Mackey UE	1995, 1996, 1997
Dr. Gerry Brown UE	1998, 1999
Mrs. Vona Smith UE	2000, 2001
Mr. Douglas Jackson UE	2002, 2003
Ms Mary Bethune UE	2004, 2005
Mr. John Anderson UE	2006, 2007

MEETINGS third Tuesday of each month – September to June

Bonsor Rec Center, Metro Town, Burnaby at 7:30 pm

LIBRARY – Contact Mary Anne for information - imab@telus.net

Pacific Region Mini-Conference, Fall Fleet Celebration

Honored Guest – Our New Dominion President
Friday, 26 September
Shoot-off at the Chilliwack gun range
Saturday, 27 September
Mini-Conference and Luncheon in Chilliwack
Sunday, 28 September
Fall Fleet Celebration and Social at Fort Anderson,
Burnaby (*Invitations & information to follow*)

Spring Fleet Luncheon

March 2008, Confederation Park, Burnaby



Audrey, Gwen, Vona, Wendy, Duncan & Mary Anne



Certificate Presentation...



Speaker John Atkins, "Myths of Historic Vancouver"



Carl & Wendy present certificates to Marvin Millis UE and Duncan Cameron UE

This packrat has learned that what the next generation will value most is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we loved. In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage.

-Ellen Goodman

Recent Certificates awarded

Duncan Cameron UE

Ancestors Hugh Munro and Hugh McGregor.

Marvin Millis UE

Ancestor Patience Rose

SHANE Beahen UE

Ancestor David Springer

Erin Beahen UE

Ancestor Robert Hutchinson

Elizabeth Anderson UE

Ancestor Henry King

Cecilia Susan Newton UE

Ancestor Henry King

Tammy Newton UE

Ancestor Henry King

Mary MacDonald UE

Ancestor Henry King



**FIRST SENIOR EXECUTIVE MEMBER, DOMINION OFFICE,
NOMINATED FROM WESTERN CANADA**
Submitted by Wendy Cosby, UE

Excerpts from Wendy's letter to Doug Grant UE, nominating Carl Stymiest UE as Senior Vice President, UELAC 2008-2009



"Dear Doug,
The UELAC, Vancouver Branch is proud to nominate one of its dearly held members, Carl Stymiest, for Senior Vice President, UELAC."

"His academic achievements include a Master's degree in Education and he is a certified genealogist. More important and beyond his academic credentials is his love for the UELAC."

"As a member of our branch, Carl seeks opportunities to attend outreach and education events usually dressed in one of his many period-appropriate Loyalist uniforms. His self-evident pride and knowledge of his heritage engages new members and keeps our existing branch members motivated."

"Carl is always there, with a smile, ready to help. He is our diplomat. He is the rock upon which the Vancouver Branch rests and is a gift we would like to share with Dominion. We believe he has much to contribute to the already strong talent pool comprising the next UELAC Executive. Please accept this nomination of Carl Stymiest for Senior Vice President, UELAC 1008-2009."

Wendy Cosby UE

President, Vancouver Branch UELAC

I think I represent all Vancouver Branch members in wishing Carl luck as he embarks upon this new adventure. The only negative I can see is that we will have to share Carl with the entire UELAC of 2,500 members across Canada ☺

Linda Nygard UE

Secretary, UELAC Vancouver Branch

Duncan Cameron UE, 3rd Great Grandson of Hugh Munro

Hugh Munro (1748-1821)

Hugh Munro and his wife Catherine Campbell were both from *Faluis, Dingwall, Scotland*. They and many of their neighbors left their homes from America in 1773. Then they were forced to winter in Ireland after encountering problems with their ship.

Spring 1774 Hugh, Catherine, and others arrived in America where they settled in *Tyron County, N.Y.* (now Fulton, north of the Mohawk Valley)

During the Revolutionary War, Hugh joined the British Army where he served for six and one-half years. He was discharged in 1783 with the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

Hugh and his family fled to Canada after the war where they were granted land – *Lot 22, 1st Concession south of the Raisin River.* (now Charlottenburgh Twp., Glengarry Co., Ontario)



Vancouver Branch Meetings



Recent speakers/presenters at our regular monthly meetings include The Black Powder group from Chilliwack and Dr. Anne Marie Goodfellow who presented her film about ancestor Simon Girty.



Bottom: Our May executive meeting and Carl Stymiest UE's 65th birthday.



"Super Sized Research"

A trip to Salt Lake City, Halloween 2007

Wendy Cosby UE

The rising Canadian dollar was the catalyst that prompted my first visit to the **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City. This seems to be a yearly event with the BCGS. Eunice Robinson led the way and organized our party.

As a novice, I kept my expectations low, wanting only to understand what material was available and how to locate the documents that I needed. While I attended an Orientation Class, the repeat visitors were prepared with a list of microfilm numbers and could be found sitting in a group among the computers – pulling rolls of microfilm. The search was on!

One good idea was to photocopy the page if you found what you were looking for on microfilm or in a book. Then you could record your findings on that page. At five cents a copy, it was a good way to note the source of your information accurately and completely. Soon I was in the groove – papers everywhere, pulling books, scanning material on film...

The ability to scan images from film and fiche to a jump-drive was invaluable. In the evening I would upload the material to my laptop. There is so much information to be had, writing by hand simply would not do. Find your material, scan it and move to your next task. There is time to digest the material once you return home.

We stayed at a modest hotel within walking distance of the library. The Mormon Office cafeteria had excellent and well priced meals. We saw the Mormon Tabernacle choir but mostly we researched from morning to night.

If you have not visited the Family History Library, I encourage you to make the trip. Each year the BCGS visits the library and would welcome fellow researchers. The end of October seems to be one time when the library is less busy, so a good time to visit. Perhaps our branch should consider a trip to the library...



Mary Anne, Duncan and Marvin
**The British Columbia Historical Federation
 Conference, May 9 & 10**

Seven Vancouver Branch members helped with this event. It was quite quiet but gave us a good opportunity to visit with each other.

A Good Read

These books should be easily found at local libraries...

The Book of Negros

By Lawrence Hill

"fiction based on fact"

Loyalists and Layabouts

By Stephen Kimber

"the rapid rise and faster fall of Shellburne, Nova Scotia, 1783-1792"

Skulking for the King

By J. Fraser

Wendy says, "talk about real people, fabulous story..."

The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor

By Sally Armstrong

The story of Carl Stymiest UE's 4th great grandmother

The Long Road to Change

By Dr. Eric Nellis, retired professor UBC

Our guest speaker at our June meeting

Welcome

New Member - Janet Skinner

Ancestor Mathias MARCH

Capt. Lieutenant Hasting Militia

Update on our Honorary Vice President, Clark Shea

Finally, after months in the hospital, Clark is back home. He is now waiting to start physiotherapy. I am sure that Mary Anne and I speak for all our members when wishing Clark a continued and complete recovery. *Welcome home...*



**Simon Fraser's Birthday
 New Westminster Quay, May 17, 2008**



Our Branch is pleased to offer Colonial Period outfitting for sale. The clothing was once used in the television series "Hawkeye" (Partial List)

Sample prices below – Boy (B), Ladies (L) Men (M) Native (N)

Blouse	L	\$20
Breeches	M	\$30 abt
Coats/Capes	L	Indiv.
Gaitors	M	\$8
Infantry hat	M	\$25
Tricorn hat	M	\$25
Jackets (Brocade & other)	L	\$30-\$35
Native Dress	L	\$15-\$20
Native Shirt	M	\$20-\$40
Pants	M	\$10-\$45
Pattaloons/Petticoats	L	\$15-\$20
Shawls	L	\$15-\$30
Ruffled Shirts	B	\$20
Vests & Waistcoats	M	Indiv.

Thank you Wendy and John for preparing a new home for the costumes. Contact Wendy, John, Carl for more info.



A Snippet from the Journal of Rebecca Fraser UE

A tour of the Mohawk Trail and the
Golden Ball Tavern

*Rebecca's Loyalist was Ephraim Jones, son of
Col. Elisha Jones*

The Golden Ball Tavern was built in 1766 on the *Boston Post Road, Weston, Massachusetts* by **Isaac Jones**. He was first Deacon of the town and the grandson of the town's founder **Josiah Jones**, a prominent citizen of Weston. *Josiah raised a militia for the defense of the British.* Isaac served as Captain-Lieutenant.

In 1760 Isaac opened a store with a license to retail liquor. In 1770 his Innkeeper's license was approved and he became a very wealthy man in Weston, certainly keeping up with his cousin Col. Elisha Jones.

Before the Revolution, Elisha and Isaac were both very political. Elisha, known as a "Tory" was elected to the General Court. When the *Tea Act of 1773* was enacted, Isaac was very cautious and would not buy 'teas exported by the East India Company'. For the Patriots, tea had become a symbol of British oppression. Trouble brewed when letters were sent to the **Massachusetts Spy** (newspaper) and Isaac was accused of being 'a rank Tory'. By this time Col. Elisha had been driven out of Weston by the patriot faction and fled to Boston where he died some months later. Not wishing to follow the same fate, Isaac gave a satisfactory apology and he was able to live in relative peace.

The sign of the Golden Ball became a symbol of Tory activity in parts of Massachusetts. Isaac Jones was accused of treason, while in nearby Sudbury, the *Sudbury Convention 1775* ordered the Golden Ball Tavern closed. The inn was stormed by dissenters but in fact, never did close. Isaac continued to be torn by the untenable nature of the situation. He was a Tory in his

sympathies as well as by his actions but he was not prepared to follow his cousin to Boston.

By 1777 it seems that Isaac Jones had changed sides. He accepted a contract for hauling goods for the American Army and because of his previous sympathies; he was still suspect among the Patriots.

Paul Revere wrote in his memorandum book of his suspicions regarding stolen goods from the Inn, suggesting that the Inn's owner could have stolen the goods. Yet in a letter to England November 1777, *British Lieutenant Thomas Anbury* – a prisoner of war captured at Bennington – wrote that 'the landlord is a friend of our government'. Somehow Isaac managed to play both sides during the Revolution, emerging as a respected innkeeper, merchant and politician.

The Inn today is known as **The Tavern and the Tory**. It is operated as a historic museum by the *Golden Ball Tavern Trust*. This is a fascinating monument to the history of the times and the town of Weston.

References: The Tavern and the Tory, The Story of the Golden Ball by Howard Gambrell, Jr. and Charles Hambrick-Stowe; Weston Archives; Early Settlers of Watertown, Waltham and Weston by Henry Bond, M.D.; One Town in the American Revolution, Weston, Massachusetts by Brenton H. Dickson and Homer C. Lucas.

Members

If you have a story about your ancestor, please submit it to Mary Anne or Linda before October 1st, 2008 for our Fall Issue.
(See back page for more information)

Branch's 2014 Project

An Invitation to Contribute Your Story to the Vancouver

Dr. Peter Moogk UE

The proposal is to publish a 200 page book, with black-and-white illustrations, that is divided into five time periods:

The era of exploration and fur trade, 1790-1855

The mining frontier period, 1856-1885

The railway age, 1886-1930

A time of economic depression and war, 1931-1948

Recent arrivals, 1949-2000

If you would like to participate in this centennial venture, please contact

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Library Dates Our Library will re-open in September at its new location after the Open House. In the meantime please email Mary Anne jmab@telus.net if you have any questions. (Away June 22-August 5)

Upcoming Events

B.C. Highland Games	June 28
2008 UELAC Convention (St. John, N.S.)	July 10-13
Fur Brigade Days (Fort Langley)	Aug 2-4
Library Open House (Vancouver)	Sept TBA
Pacific Regional Mini-Conference & Spring Fleet (Chilliwack & Vancouver)	Sept 26-28
Tri-Stakes Seminar (Family History Center, Surrey)	Oct 18
Remembrance Day	Nov 11
Christmas Luncheon	Dec TBA

**Because of prior commitments, we will not be able to participate (as a group) in the B.C. Highland Games and Fur Brigade Days this year*

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If you have any suggestions, or items to submit to our newsletter, please contact Mary Anne at jmab@telus.net or Linda at linda_nygard@telus.net

Submission deadlines are February 1, June 1 and October 1