



# The Pacific Loyalist

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada  
Vancouver Branch

Winter  
2012

## January 2012 Newsletter Outreach and Education

### Branch 2014 Project

#### An Invitation to Contribute Your Story

*Dr. Peter Moogk UE*

The 2014 Branch Project aims to produce a 200 page book, discussing the role which descendants of Loyalists played in the growth and development of British Columbia from the time of its early explorers and into the Twentieth century.

You can assist with this project by telling Peter what motivated your Loyalist descended ancestor(s) to make British Columbia their home and when they arrived in B.C.

Contributions should be between 5 and 8 double-spaced type-written pages and can begin with a brief identification of the Loyalist ancestor, followed by a summary of the generations leading up to the migration to British Columbia.

#### SEND YOUR STORIES TO:

Dr. Peter Moogk UE by e-mail [moogk@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:moogk@interchange.ubc.ca)  
or by Mail at  
4645 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.



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### Past Presidents

UELAC Vancouver Branch

Dr. Warren Bell UE	2010
Ms Wendy Cosby UE	2008, 2009
Mr. John Anderson UE	2006, 2007
Ms Mary Anne Bethune UE	2004, 2005
Mr. Douglas Jackson UE	2002, 2003
Mrs. Vona Smith UE	2000, 2001
Dr. Gerry Brown UE	1998, 1999
Mr. Richard Mackey UE	1995, 1996, 1997
Mrs. Rebecca Fraser UE	1992, 1993, 1994
Mr. John Graham UE	1991
Mrs. Audrey P. Shane UE	1989, 1990
Dr. Peter Moogk UE	1986, 1987, 1988
Mrs. Doreen Todhunter UE CMH	1984, 1985

**MEETINGS** third Tuesday of each month – September to June  
Bonsor Rec Centre, Metrotown, Burnaby at 7:30 pm

# President's Message

17 January 2011

## Carl Stymiest, UE

Most importantly is the recognition of those that contribute to the executive function of our organization offering advice and, of course, volumes of their time to the branch and the Association as a whole. Term one is over and one more to go.....Time does fly by!

I would like to thank the entire executive for their hard work and support this year.

We developed and completed two major projects this year that have been in the works for some time. Our present library has been at the home of Brendan Hallinan and Wendy Cosby UE for some years now and it was time to move our facility to a new home. Normally, it follows the genealogist, but not always is the case. Not having a home, the books were carefully boxed and are now in private storage until a new home can be found. The second part of the library acquisitions, the Branch's historical Archives was another matter. This was the first of our major projects to be completed this year.

Finding a home for the myriad of historical papers and documents of our branches history was indeed, no small task. I cannot thank Wendy Cosby UE and Mary Anne Bethune UE who assisted me in successfully finding a permanent home for our historical documents and ephemera. The three of us have met with the City of Vancouver Archives staff several times in 2011.

Head Director and Archivist, Les Mobbs, Archives Manager, Heather Gordon and Archivist, Chak Yung along with the Vancouver Branch UELAC Archives Committee are proud to announce that the Vancouver City Archives is now the NEW home of the UELAC Vancouver Branches history dating back 80 years. The 14+ boxes of historical documents, are now being Accessioned and Preserved into the City Archive's catalogue, and will be available to researchers online in the future.

While archival deposit and negotiations were going on, I discovered that several years of our branch history was missing. The Executive of the Vancouver Branch began a search to find out what happened to these important and LOST documents/papers. It was through the Manitoba Branch UELAC, "Loyalist Lines" Newsletters (April 2011; Vol 2, Issue3) where an answer came to light. A member of one of the Prairie Branches decided to do an archival search on Google to find Loyalist Archives that have been deposited over the years.

Lo and Behold, the UELAC Vancouver Branch missing documentation appeared under the Heading of **GLENBOW ARCHIVES & MUSEUM.....TITLE: MacKinnon, Sage family Fonds**. Two generations of the SAGE family were actively involved in the society: Walter and Donald Sage were members in the 1930s and 1940s, and their son, Donald Sage was President in the 1960s. Both Walter and Donald were involved with the University of British Columbia.

**Custodial History:** It appears that Bessie Choate, the recording secretary (at the time) of the Vancouver Branch UELAC, gave the society's papers to the Sage family for safekeeping. Eventually the Sage family moved to the prairies and at their deaths, the Sage family named here within, transferred The UELAC Vancouver Branch records to the Glenbow Museum Archives with their family papers. This find became our 2<sup>nd</sup> major project for this branch in 2011. After

contacting the Glenbow's Head Archivist, the request was brought before their Board of Directors in Calgary. Their reply was that they would only consider a return, if we had other materials deposited in an Archival environment.

Having completed this, the Glenbow Museum Archival Board is about to release the repatriation of our historical papers in early 2012. What a wonderful 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift to our Branch, membership and the public at large. A large piece of our lost history is returning to its rightful home. There are approximately over 2000 pages of documentation in these Fonds. This will cost some monies, so once again we approached Dominion Office for help with this regard.

This leads me to mention that in 2011, the following Grants have been requested and awarded to the UELAC Vancouver Branch.

- Spring Fleet 2011..... \$300.00 was granted by Dominion Grant's Committee and shared with the Chilliwack Branch to host the Pacific Regional Mini Conference during our Spring Fleet.
- BC Heritage Fair 2011.... \$375.00 was granted from Dominion Office Grants Committee for a programme started by Past President, Wendy Cosby UE. The British Columbia Heritage Fairs held May and June of each year in which many of us adjudicate and do outreach education to the Vancouver School District as well as 13 other BC school districts. In 2012, we will be asking for further funding.
- Sir Frederick Haldimand: unpublished papers and correspondence, 1758-1784 (on 115 reels of microfilm) – library acquisition – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 instalments (reels 1 to 41).....Grant# 2. \$1000.00. This is the second grant of \$1000 that we have been successful in obtaining.

Grants applied for in 2011; yet to be decided:

- Sir Frederick Haldimand : unpublished papers and correspondence, 1758-1784 (on 115 reels of microfilm) – library acquisition – 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 instalments (reels 1 to 41)..... Grant #3 is seeking a balance of \$2000.00 to help complete the microfilm acquisitions.
- 80<sup>th</sup> (1932 – 2012) Anniversary Vancouver Branch UELAC Archival Documents.....\$500.00. The monies sought are to obtain funding for photo digital copies and shipment of same.

This Project is not only a milestone for our up-coming 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 13 October 2012 when our Dominion President, Bob McBride UE will be in attendance, but also for the longer term, as part of our Centennial Project for our 100<sup>th</sup> National Celebration for Project 2014.

Outreach and Education also flourished in 2011. We participated in Vancouver's St. Patrick's Day Parade, New Westminster Multicultural Days, BC Highland Games, BC Heritage Fairs, Fur Brigade Days, Tri-Stakes Seminars and Workshops. Also, we again laid a wreath at the Cenotaph, at Remembrance Day, New Westminster. The two students selected by the Vancouver Branch as outstanding at the BC Heritage Fairs, brought their presentations to our June and September meetings.

Our Social events were well rounded out with the Pacific Regional Mini Conference and Spring Fleet in Chilliwack, our Fur Brigade Days Summer Picnic, and our annual Christmas Tea.

What strikes me the most is the positive and fun attitude of the Executive, no longer shackled with some of the formalities of our past officer roles. Stuff gets done with a smile and a laugh!

To the 2011 Executive and heads of all Committees, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your involvement.

This is a crucial year within our branch as we celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we also approach Our UELAC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014. We continue to try and fine-tune what we ALL do. We take time to thank not only one another, but also those at Dominion office who do much for us. Lastly, we appreciate the support and feedback from our members.

## VANCOUVER BRANCH EXECUTIVE

<b>President</b>	Carl Stymiest UE
<b>Vice President</b>	Clark Shea
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gwen Dumfries UE
<b>Secretary</b>	Diane Faris UE

### Appointments

<b>Genealogist</b>	Linda Nygard UE
<b>Assist. Genealogist</b>	Lynne Charles UE
<b>Membership</b>	Gwen Dumfries UE

### Committees & Chairs

<b><u>80th Anniversary/1812</u></b>	Carl Stymiest UE Mary Anne Bethune UE Rebecca Fraser UE
<b><u>Membership List</u></b>	Linda Nygard UE
<b><u>Branch Library</u></b>	VACANT

### Outreach/Education

Mary Anne Bethune UE  
Gwen Dumfries UE  
Linda Nygard UE  
Diane Faris UE  
Carl Stymiest UE  
Audrey Viken UE  
Janet White UE  
Anne Grierson UE  
Duncan Cameron UE  
Judy Czinege  
Carl Stymiest UE

### Phoning

### Webmaster

*(Liaison with Dom. Web)*

### Newsletter

Linda Nygard UE  
Mary Anne Bethune UE  
Marvin Millis UE  
Peter Moogk UE  
Mary Anne Bethune UE  
Carl Stymiest UE  
Mary Anne Bethune UE

### 2014 Project

### Leith Award

### Branch Archivists

*\*Liaison with the City of Vancouver Archives*

### Guest Speaker Committee

Carl Stymiest UE  
Linda Watson UE

## Fall Fleet October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Vancouver Branch at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club**  
**3811 Point Grey Road, Vancouver**  
*Mark your calendar*

## **T**RI STAKES SEMINAR FAMILY HISTORY CENTER, SURREY "FINDING YOUR ROOTS"



A full day of classes that included such subjects as Scrap Booking, Beginner Genealogy, Chinese Genealogy, Cite That Source, Dating Old Photographs, English Web Sites, USA Websites, Finding a Lost Home Child, and much more. This is one of my personal favorites of all the events we participate in throughout the year.

The Vancouver Branch has been active in this event for many years. This year the crowd was especially large so even more curious people visited our display than usual.

Close to a dozen Vancouver branch members helped with our display and also attended classes. We are also great shoppers as there are many used books for sale.

Participant Groups included the Cloverdale Library, Vancouver Public Library, BC Genealogical Society, DAR, Abbotsford Genealogical Society and others.

## Vancouver Branch Meetings

By Linda Nygard UE

Pictures by Linda Nygard

**September 20th**

### **War of 1812 Presentation**

Our Guest Speaker, Carston Cramer brought his presentation on the War of 1812 to our meeting. Earlier in the year, at BC Heritage Fair, Carston was



selected as one of two winners by the Vancouver Branch. He was very knowledgeable about this subject and just a delightful guest.

Carston later answered questions from members. Mary Anne Bethune UE and Janet White UE presented

Carston with A Certificate of Excellence and thank you gifts from the branch.



**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Show and Tell & Certificate Presentation**

Our guest speaker cancelled so we had a Show and Tell evening, which is always popular with our members. Lots of interesting information, stories, books, research resources and Web Sites were shared. It seems that there is never quite enough time for our “sharing” meetings.



Bill Rasmus UE received his first Loyalist Certificate for ancestor Jonathan Lane. Bill shared stories with the members about his Lane family and the Great Great Grandson of Jonathan who settled in Mission

B.C. and was the Provincial Constable who formed the posse to find the train robber Billy Miner.



**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Home Children**

Guest Speaker Marlene Dance UE of the Chilliwack Branch spoke in detail about her research with Home Children and the Barnardo Homes. Marlene has a family tie to this subject so took us from the beginning to the end of her most interesting search. She is a captivating speaker and members were very focused on everything that Marlene said.



*Suggested reading from Mary Anne Bethune UE*

### **For Maids who Brew and Bake**

*Rare and Excellent Recipes from  
17th Century Newfoundland*

**Sheilagh Roberts; Flanker Press; 2010 2nd edition**

A totally delightful book from the Corner Brook born author with so much more in it than historic recipes. There are old cures, excerpts from letters from Newfoundland, table manners, old photographs, what grew in the gardens and what came from the sea. These were settlers long before “our” ancestor Loyalists and this is a wonderful insight into their lives. Highly recommended.

Mary Anne Bethune UE

## Hiding in Plain Site

*By Gwen Dumfries UE*



I started my genealogy search in 1996 when my sister and I were introduced to Scrapbooking. My sister enjoyed putting the photos in the albums but I wanted to know who the people were in the older photos. After researching in the

Family History Centre in Burnaby, the Cloverdale Library and the Vancouver Public Library, my husband and I traveled to Salt Lake City in 2000. At the LDS library I found a book about The Ryckman Family. It mentioned that a Johannes Ryckman was a United Empire Loyalist. I researched his family on many microfilm and over the next few years found more and more about the family. I live at the Quay in New Westminster and in 2004 I visited the Vancouver Branch UEL display at New Westminster's Multicultural Days. It was then that I became a member of the UELAC. After joining the Vancouver Branch, I flew to London, Ontario several times to research the land where my Loyalist ancestors lived and died.

After all this research, including visits to the National and Ontario Archives plus a visit to Salt Lake City (2005) with the BCGS group, there were still two missing Ryckman proofs. In 2008, Wendy Cosby ordered the Township Papers for the area around London, ON which showed the original land grant. I ordered the Land Registry information re the passage of the land grant to others. My 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather sold one lot to his son, my 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather. At last I was getting close. There still was no census, birth and death records for his daughter Margaret, my 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandmother. I

could not make the connection between Margaret and her father.

In 2010, my husband and I returned to London, ON. While there, I visited the London Public Library and read many newspaper films looking for obituaries. I had taken my Grandmother's death to be in 1894 as I had lost track of her after the 1891 Census. There was an Obituary for a Margaret Burgess in the newspaper but there was no mention of family. So again I was still missing one proof.

This fall, Linda Nygard found a reference to William Burgess and Margaret Ryckman in a family tree connected to the DAR. The book of the family tree is in the DAR Library in Washington, DC. She then found that Margaret Burgess had crossed the border into Michigan in 1917, at age 87. One of her sons and family moved to Flint, Michigan and Margaret crossed the border in 1917 to join them. Lynne Charles found Margaret in the 1901 and 1911 Censuses in Petrolia, ON where she lived with her son and his family. The surname had been misspelled. So my Margaret was still alive and living in Michigan. Lynne then found her death certificate in Flint in 1918. The death certificate names her birth date, death date and her **father's name**. If Margaret had died in Canada it is doubtful that her father's name would have been listed.

THE MISSING PROOF! I could hardly believe it. Margaret's Death Record was online – and free – after all this time.

I have a large THANK YOU for Wendy Cosby, Linda Nygard and Lynne Charles.

### **Web Sites for Research**

#### **Royal Commission on the Losses and Services of American Loyalists**

(Online book with many Loyalist Claims for Losses)

<http://www.archive.org/details/lossesservicesloy00cokerich>

#### **The War of 1812 from A to Z**

(People, Places and Events from the War of 1812)

<http://www.thestar.com/news/insight/article/1112083-the-war-of-1812-from-a-to-z>

## Brigade Days at Fort Langley

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Pictures and story by Linda Nygard UE



Once again the Vancouver Branch participated in Brigade Days at Fort Langley. There was a good turnout of members with many in period dress.

For lunch we enjoyed a picnic under a large shade tree, which was welcome relief from the intense sun and heat.



**Friends of the Fort** set up their tents, and live without modern conveniences, over three days. Visitors are invited to experience activities such as candle wicking, wool spinning, gold panning, rug hooking and see clothing scrubbed on old washboards.



After lunch, a “Piper” lead visitors from the Fort, through the historic village, to the Fraser River where about sixty re-enactors (fur traders) in canoes paddle down the river from Mission. The landing at Fort Langley was recreated complete with Chief Factor James Douglas and his wife.



Above: Shirley Dargatz UE, Janet White UE, and Vancouver Branch President Carl Stymiest UE along the banks of the Fraser River.

## Remembrance Day

### New Westminster

Many Vancouver Branch members braved torrential rains to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony at New Westminster. We watched the initial ceremony on monitors at Queen's Avenue United church as the Armory filled quickly. Then we walked down the hill to the Cenotaph at the New Westminster City Hall. Vancouver Branch President Carl Stymiest UE and Secretary Diane Faris UE laid a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph.

Later, twelve members met for lunch at the local Pantry Restaurant.



There never was a good war or  
bad peace

*Benjamin Franklin*

## Certificates 2012

*Genealogists Linda Nygard UE & Lynne Charles UE*

**Lynne Charles UE** for  
Major Hooper and David Murray

**Phyllis Cosby UE** for  
Rebecca Field

**Robyn Kendall UE** for  
Jacob Anguish and his son Henry Anguish

**Barbara Wood UE** for  
Jacob Anguish and his son Henry Anguish

**Bill Rasmus UE** for  
Jonathan Lane

**Elta Joyce Land Peel UE** for  
Jonathan Lane

**Sherry King UE** for  
James Fowler, Ebenezer Hatheway, Rulof Rulofson  
and Joseph Canby

**Michael Hatheway King UE** for  
James Fowler, Ebenezer Hatheway, Rulof Rulofson  
And Joseph Canby

**Linda Watson UE** for  
Charles Church

**Gwen Dumfries UE** for  
John Ryckman

## *Christmas at the Drake's*

*December 2011*

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Our annual Christmas Social was once again hosted by Linda and George at their home, beautifully decorated for Christmas. We appreciate that they open their home to the Vancouver Branch and also put out their Christmas decorations earlier – I am sure - then they normally would. Thank you once again.



### 2011 Vancouver Branch Executive, UELAC

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<b>Genealogist</b>	<b>Linda Nygard UE</b>
<b>Assistant Genealogist</b>	<b>Lynne Charles UE</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Gwen Dumfries UE</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**February Meeting** (Black History Month) February 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

*"Keeping up with the Joneses – An African Canadian Family" Roger Jones*

**St. Patrick's Day Parade, Vancouver** March 18<sup>th</sup> 2012

**No March Meeting**

**Field Trip** to Museum of Vancouver Planetarium March 20<sup>th</sup> 2012

*"Creating Chuck's Capstone: Publishing Chuck Davis's History of Metropolitan Vancouver" Harvey White*

**April Meeting** – *"Daily Life of a Fur Trapper"* April 17<sup>th</sup> 2012

*With Gordon MacIntosh, Re-enactor of Fur Brigade Days, Fort Langley, B.C.*

**May Meeting** – Guest TBA May 15<sup>th</sup> 2012

**New Westminster Multi-Cultural Festival** May 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 (12:00-6:00)

**UELAC Conference - Winnipeg, Manitoba** June 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2012

<http://www.uelacconference2012.ca/Site/Welcome.html>

**Highland Games, Coquitlam** June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Brigade Days and Picnic, Fort Langley** August 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 (BC Heritage Day)

### NEWSLETTER

Mary Anne Bethune UE; Linda Nygard UE; Marvin Millis UE;

***If you have any suggestions, or items to submit to our newsletter, please contact us***

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