

2016 UELAC Conference — Loyalists, Lighthouses, and Lobsters in Summerside, PEI



Members of the Vancouver Branch at the 2016 Conference. The picture was taken in front of the Loyalist Inn, Summerside, P.E.I

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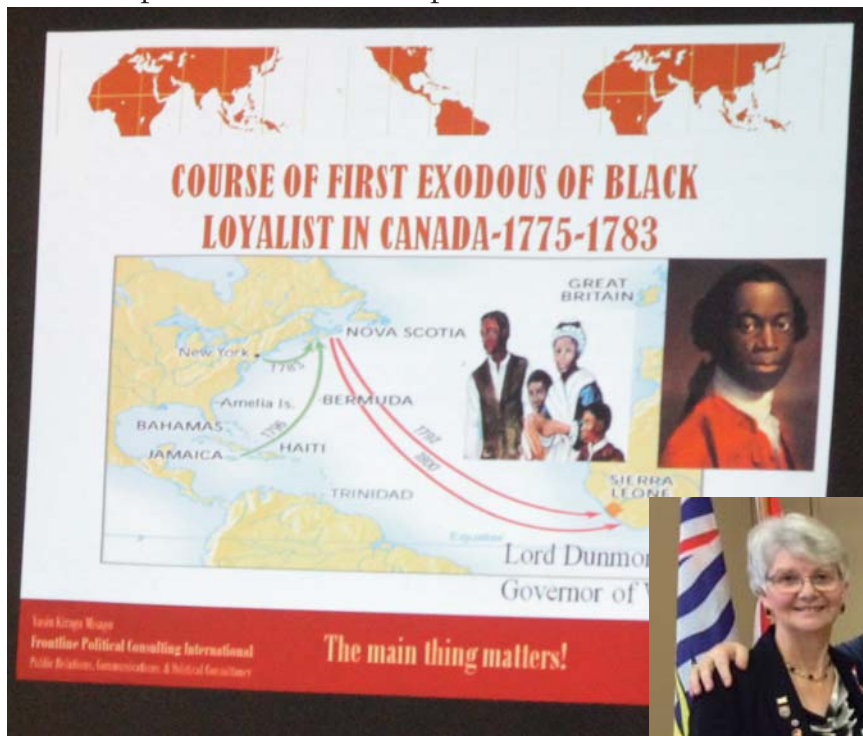
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February, 2016

For our February Regular meeting, our guest speaker was Vancouver Branch member Yasin Misago who spoke on the Black Loyalists, some of whose descendents settled in an area of Vancouver known as Hogan's Alley. The area and the black community was destroyed by the building of the Georgia Viaduct --- an off-ramp for a freeway that in the end, due to protests was never build. Recently the Vancouver City Council voted to tear down the Georgia Viaduct. The African Descendents Society hopes to raise funds to include a community centre as part of the redevelopment of the area.



Members of the Vancouver Branch also attended the Chilliwack Meeting in February, as they celebrated Heritage Week and Black History Month.



Right – Mini West Coast Council Meeting?
 Left to right: Marlene Dance U.E., Pacific Regional Councillor; Carl Styjemist U.E. Dominion Archivist; Diane Faris U.E. Pacific Regional Vice-President; Joyce Lidster U.E., Prairie Regional Councillor;



Left to right: Joyce Lidster U.E., Prairie Regional Councillor; Marlene Dance U.E., Pacific Regional Councillor; Shirley Dargatz U.E., Chilliwack Branch President; Carl Styjemist U.E. Vancouver Branch President and Dominion Archivist; Diane Faris U.E. Vancouver Branch 1st Vice-President, and Pacific Regional Vice-President; Marvis Pickett U.E.; Donna Little U.E.

March — St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Vancouver Branch did not officially participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year, but several members of the branch joined the B.C. Genealogical Society's Parade Entry. As usual, the Little's dog, Noobi, stole the show.



Kevin Little U.E., Donna Little U.E., Kirra Little U.E. and front and centre, Noobi



Judith Ueland and family



Noobi Little, looking sharp for the St. Patrick's Day Parade

Kirra Little U.E. (third from the left) and Judith Ueland (third from the right) with members of the BCQS. Judith is BCQS President and is also active in the UELAC Vancouver Branch.



Grandpa Wilson Hartell's Birth Home and other adventures

by Linda Nygard U.E.

For my Mom's 87th birthday my sister Sandi and I surprised her with a trip to the birth place of her Loyalist Ancestors in and around Cornwall, Stormont County, Ontario. Mom's dad - Sandi and my Grandpa Wilson Hartell - was born in Avonmore on July 6th 1883. He was the eldest son of George Hartell and Lydia Harris and the second eldest of 11 children.

In preparation for our adventure I contacted Mom's cousin "Diane" who lived in Cornwall. Unfortunately she was heading to Victoria, B.C. while we were on our way to Ontario. They had never met but knew of each other. Now they stay connected via long phone calls. "Diane's" son, and my second cousin "Rick", arranged to meet us in Cornwall and take us to the old Hartell homestead.

We stayed at a wonderful old B & B near downtown Cornwall. Chesley's Inn was built in 1814. Thomas Edison worked on the wiring when it was built and Charles Dickens stayed at Chesley's Inn in the early 1840s when on an American Tour. Robert is the proprietor of this wonderful, old home and both Robert and Chesley's Inn have a rather eccentric charm. I would imagine that three nights at Faulty Towers would offer a similar experience! It was a perfect home base for our explorations.

Although "Rick" had not visited his - and our - Great Grandparent's home in a number of years, he was able to find it without too much trouble. We headed north from Cornwall on Highway 15, towards Avonmore and Moose Creek. At the corner of Highway 15 and Cornwall/Roxborough Boundary Road East we turned right. The Hartell



home was a short drive and on the left (north) side of the road. A middle age couple have lived in this home for a number of years and the home has been updated. Fortunately the owners arrived home while we were there and invited Mom and I inside. Mom was thrilled to walk the floors that her grandparents, father, aunts and uncles had walked over 130 years previous. This was the highlight of Mom's adventure.



Chesley's Inn Bed and Breakfast in Cornwall, built in 1814

I had also contacted a local Historian before our arrival in Cornwall. Don made arrangements to take us to the St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery in Long Sault (Ingleside). This cemetery opened in the mid 1950s and served as the final resting place for those graves and remains moved from the 16 Loyalist Villages that were flooded in 1958 - during the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Sandi and my Great Great Grandparents Adam and Mary (Warner) Hartell are buried at the St. Lawrence Cemetery. It is a beautiful little cemetery along the banks of the St. Lawrence River. After lunch Don took us to the original land granted to our Loyalist Ancestors John Hartle and his son Adam Hartle. This Adam was the father of Adam Hartwell in the St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery. The original Hartle land is a short drive from downtown Cornwall. It runs between Toll Gate Road and Cornwall Center Road. There are homes in the area but it is still mainly farm land.

My favorite family story came from "Rick". There was an old musket at the home of Lydia and George Hartell. Orlen, my grandpa's youngest brother, never married and lived his life with his parents. When "Rick" was a child, Orlen told him that when he was as "tall as the musket", it was his. My Grandpa Hartell lived in Saskatchewan but was visiting his parents in Ontario in 1954. "Rick" was now as tall as the

musket so Orlen asked Grandpa to take the musket to him. The story gets better... On the wooden handle of this old musket were the carved initials A. H. I assume that this was our Great Great Grandfather Adam Hartell (buried in St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery). There is also the possibility that this musket belonged to Adam's father - Adam Hartle, our Loyalist. When "Rick" was older he decided to clean up the musket. This included sanding the initials A.H. off the wooden handle!



Mom, Sandi and I had a wonderful trip East. It was the first time any of us had visited Ottawa, Montreal and Cornwall. While in Cornwall we drove to Prescott for lunch and visited Upper Canada Village - like Fort Langley on steroids. The original dining room of Jeremiah French

has been preserved. So many Loyalist homes and businesses - Chrysler, Cook, Ross, Robertson. We visited Iroquois Lock, Fort Wellington, walked along the St. Lawrence and explored little country cemeteries. Everywhere were reminders of our Loyalist history. It felt like home.

*I changed the names of my Mom's cousin to "Diane" and her son to "Rick" as I did not ask for permission to use their names before submitting this story to the Newsletter Editor.

Dating and Identifying Old Photographs

This article was provided to Carl Stymiest U.E. by NBGS-Miramichi Branch. It is a handout prepared by Vera Zimmerman in 2013 and given out at a genealogical workshop on October 12, 2014.

I. Cased Images – 1839 -1867

A. Daguerreotype (Da GARE o type) 1839 – 1865
Peak Years: 1852-1858

B. Ambrotype (AM bro type) 1854 -1865 Peak Years: 1857 – 1859

Datable Elements

Photographic Process/Printing Process – Subject
Daguerreotypist/Plate Maker/Photographer –
Clothing and Hairstyle Case/Mat/Album Style
–weapons & props

Tax Stamps and Postage Stamps – Houses & Cars

C. Tintype (Melainotype or ferrotype) 1865-1867*
Peak Years: 1860-1863

*Last cased tintypes produced in various other forms through 1940's

II. Photography on Paper – 1839 to present

A. Calotype (CAL o. type) 1841-1862 Peak Years: 1852-1857

Positive image on salted paper from salted paper



Mom at the headstone of her Great Grandparents Adam Hartwell and Mary Warner

negative.

B. Wet Plate/Albumen Prints 1850-1910
Peak years: 1860-1890

Positive print on paper coated with egg whites from collodion on glass negative.

C. 1. Carte de viste (cart dih vis EET) 1854-1905 Peak Years: 1859-1866

Albumen print mounted on 2 ½” by 4” calling car sized mount

D. 1. 1.a. Tax Stamps – August 1864-August 1866

2. Cabinet Cards 1863-1920-s Peak Years: 1870-1900

Albumen print on heavy white card mount 4 ¼” by 6 ½”

E. 1. Stereographs 1851-1925 Peak Years: 1858-1905

2. Crayon Portraits 1860-early 1900's Peak Years: 1890-1910

F. Dry Plate/Gelatin Prints 1871 – present
Peak Years: 1880 - ?

1880 – Gelatin-based paper called Bromide

or Silver-Bromide paper

1884 – Gelatin-based roll film introduced by Eastman Kodak

1888 – Kodak camera brought photography to the masses

G. Cellulose nitrate film 1913- 1950 Flammable, unstable, deteriorates easily

H. Safety Film – 1947 –present

Cellulose triacetate, polyester introduced 1960

Books:

Bryk, Nancy Villa. American Dress Pattern Catalogs, 1873-1909. Dover Publications, NY 1988. LCC 88-10873; ISBN 0-486-25654.5

Dalrymple, Priscilla Harris. American Victorian Costume in Early Photographs. Dover Publications, NY, 1991. LCC 90-22012; ISBN 0-486-26533-1

Gagel, Diane Van Skiver. Windows on the Past: Identifying, Dating, and Preserving Photographs, Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, MD 2000. ISBN 0-7884-1620-0

Gorsline, Douglas. What People Wore: A Visual History of Dress. Bonanza Books, Viking Press, NY 1952. LCC 52-12392

Mace, O. Henry. Collectors Guide to Early Photographs. Krause Publications, Iola, WI 1990. LCC 89-51557; ISBN 0-87069-547-9

Peacock, John, Costume 1066-1900's. Thames and Hudson, NY 1986m 1994, 1996. CLL 94- 60271; ISBN 0-500-27791-5

Reilly, James. M. Care and Identification of 19th Century Photographic Prints. Kodak Pub. No. G-25, Rochester, NY 1986. CLL 85-081727; ISGN 0-8785-365-4

Severa, Joan. Dressed for the Photographer: Ordinary Americans and Fashion 1840-1900. The Kent State University Press, Kent, Ohio & London, 1995. LCC 95-1155; ISBN 0-87338-512-8

Taylor, Maureen. Uncovering Your Ancestry through Family Photographs. Betterway Books,

Upcoming Events

Monday August 1st—Summer picnic at Fort Langley; meet under the big tree just inside the fort at 10:30/11:00 am; bring a picnic lunch and enjoy Fur Brigade Days at Fort Langley (www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/bc/langley/activ.aspx) Entrance fee required.

Tuesday September 20—Heritage Fair student presentations

Saturday October 15th—Finding Your Roots seminar day in Surrey, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. The Branch will have a display and members will be needed to attend the table in short shifts.

November 11th—Wreath presentation at a local cenotaph. TBC

November 12th—Regular 1:30 meeting. Speaker Marlene Dance UE. WW II Airman Father: A Case Study

December Annual Christmas tea at Audrey Viken's home in West Vancouver.

In Case You Missed It

From Loyalist Trails, a link to ads from newspapers 250 years ago.

<https://advert250project.org/2016/04/15/april-15/>

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April 2016 — Anvil Centre Visit

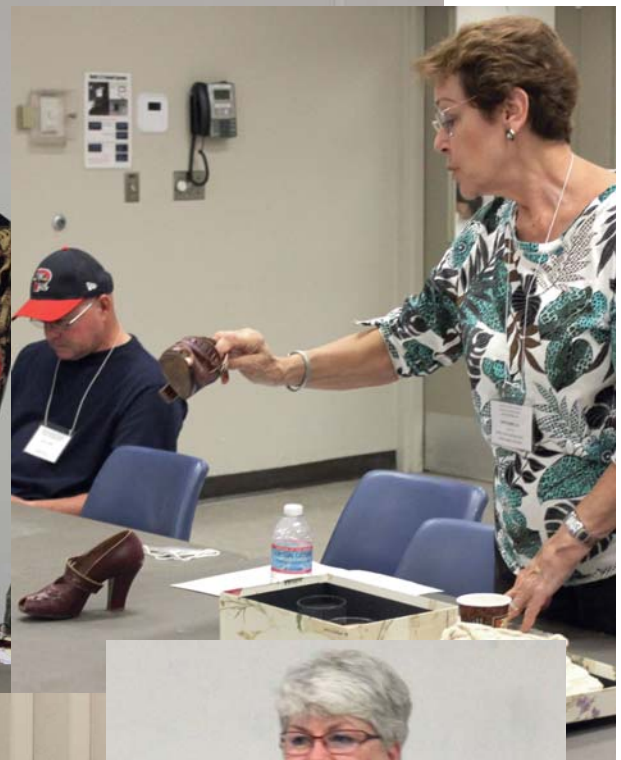
In April, members of the Vancouver Branch visited the Anvil Centre Museum and Archives in New Westminter. <http://anvilcentre.com/>



May, 2016 — Treasure Troves "Show and Tell" and Certificate Presentation



Linda Nygard, Branch Genealogist presented a certificate to Lenore Richards for Loyalist Jacob Ball Sr.



Members share stories of their family treasures.

Conference 2016, continued







Thanks to Linda Watson U.E., Christine Manzer U.E., Carl Stymiest U.E. and Diane Faris U.E. for sharing their Conference photos.

UELAC Scholarship Challenge



United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada
Vancouver Branch

February 14, 2016

Bonnie Schepers, Scholarship Committee Chair
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Dear Bonnie,

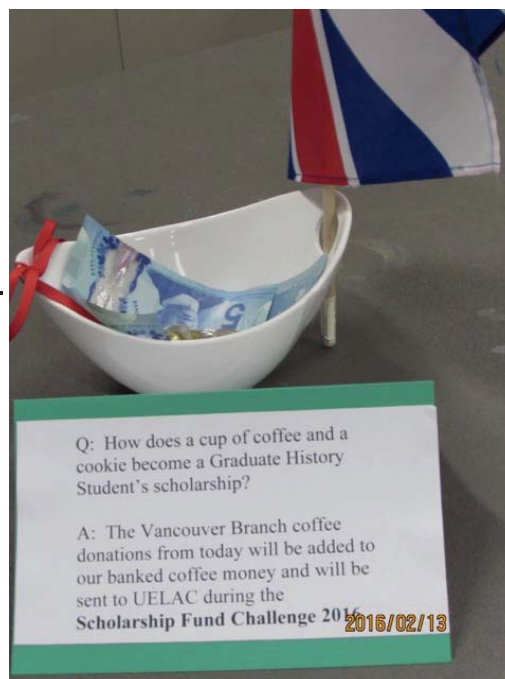
Please accept this short report of the Vancouver Branch fund raising effort to contribute to the 2016 Scholarship Challenge.

How does coffee and a cookie become a student historian's scholarship?

A Saturday afternoon meeting of the UELAC Vancouver Branch was an ideal opportunity to raise awareness and funds for the Scholarship Challenge. In fact it happened to be the only full gathering of the Branch during the time period of the challenge. Tent cards with a question and answer about the challenge were placed around the room. When we reached the point on the agenda to talk about the Scholarship those in front of the tent cards were asked to read them out loud to the room. Our goal for the day was to have generous donations at our coffee break fill a bowl on the refreshment table. This happened so nicely that the Branch is able to send \$325 to the challenge. This amount represents our previously banked coffee money and the most of the amount already in the dish prior to the generous donations from 20 members on Saturday the 13th of February. It is our privilege to contribute toward the academic work of deserving graduate students.

Yours truly,

Christine E. Manzer UE
UELAC Branch Secretary.



25 Mar 2016

Dear Carl -

Thank you for your donation to the United Empire Loyalists' Assoc of Canada Scholarship fund. Encouraging research through scholarship support is integral to our mission.

The success of our 2016 fundraising campaign allowed UELAC to award two PhD graduate scholarships this year. With your help UELAC will continue to support academic excellence.

Please extend our deepest thanks to the members of Vancouver Branch for your generous contribution. You really got the ball rolling!

Sincerely,
Bonnie Schepers UE
UELAC Scholarship Chair

The UELAC 2016 Scholarship campaign was a huge success. Over \$8000 was raised, which exceeded the original goal of raising \$5000. Since the Vancouver Branch made our donation, Dominion Council has set up a Scholarship Trust Fund. Interest from the trust fund will go towards providing scholarships. You can donate any time to either the Scholarship Fund or the Scholarship Trust Fund at any time. For more information, go to www.uelac.org.

The Scholarship Committee has also created a Harvard-UELAC Loyalist Studies Scholarship. From Loyalist Trails:

"The Harvard-UELAC Loyalist Studies Scholarship

The UELAC scholarship committee is pleased to announce the creation of the Harvard-UELAC Loyalist Studies Scholarship under the direction of Dr. Taylor Stoermer of Harvard University. During the 2016 UELAC Scholarship Fundraising Campaign, Dr. Stoermer personally donated and raised funds in the amount of \$5000.00 which has been set aside in an account at Harvard marked for Loyalist research. Dr. Stoermer has been invited to participate as academic consultant to the UELAC Loyalist scholarship committee, allowing him to administer the disbursement of Harvard-UELAC scholarship funds to successful candidates. On May 24, 2016 Taylor announced Harvard's first Harvard-UELAC Loyalist Studies Scholarship recipient -- Ms. Alexandra S. Garrett."

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