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Link Up



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**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

**Chilliwack Branch
Your Management Committee
for 2024/25**

President: Marlene Dance UE
Vice Pres: vacant
Past Pres: Shirley Dargatz UE
Secretary: Judy Scholz UE
Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE
Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE
Asst. Genealogist: vacant
Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE
Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE
Branch Directors:

Margaret Strocel UE
Chris Hay UE
Cindy Lyftogh UE
Jan Duellat

Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE
Social Conveners:

Vicky Heibner UE &
Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP
Diane Ferris UE
Pacific Regional Councillor
Christine Manzer UE



President's Message

I am sending this issue out early as my husband and I are leaving home on May 27th to go to Cornwall, Ontario. So this is one of the last items to be completed before departure.

We are visiting a few friends along the way but will get to Cornwall on June 6th.

There are lots of interesting things scheduled at the UELAC Conference and I look forward to reporting back in the August issue.

In the meantime, the UELAC AGM was held successfully via Zoom on Saturday May 11th.

For those of us in BC the start time was 8:30 am. All subjects were covered in the package sent out to those registered along with the links to join the meeting.

Our National President, Carl Stymiest UE, submitted the report on page five, and was re-elected for another term. Congratulations, Carl!

The complete list of all elected Board members is on page 6. Congratulations everyone!

It was announced at the AGM that the 2025 Conference will be held in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.

Branch items on pages 3 and 4, include an invitation to the Vancouver Branch Loyalist Picnic on July 21st at Queen's Park, in New Westminster, BC. I am sure I can get together a few members to car pool from Chilliwack. Who else will meet us there?

Recently I attended a Zoom meeting of the British Columbia Genealogy Society and learned of the study at Simon Fraser University titled "The Family Genealogists and Long Lost Relatives". I thought it very interesting. In the last few years, I have talked with members and friends who have discovered new family members through DNA. I felt this was something that I should share with you and ask you to check it out to see if you would like to participate.

I have also shared this information with my various genealogy workshop groups.



After complaining about the weather the past few issues, I thought it only fair to comment on all the lovely spring sunshine.

My garden was a bit slow getting started, but is now exploding with colour. The dogwood, spirea, iris, bleeding heart, Clematis Montana, Cranesbill and peonies are all dancing in the breeze.

Stay safe and well and I hope to see you soon.

Loyally yours,
Marlene Dance UE

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Calendar of Events for 2024

Print and save with your calendar



Meetings will be scheduled individually.

Chilliwack Alliance Church, 8700 Young Road, 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 2024:

June 6 - 9th	Annual Conference in Cornwall, Ontario Canada
July 21st	BC Loyalist Day Picnic. Shelter #2. See page 4.
October	Fall Fleet celebration TBA
November 11	Remembrance Day and luncheon to follow
December	Christmas Social TBA

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to:

chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com

Please visit our branch webpage: <http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack>

Partnering with Heritage Chilliwack Society since 2019

Keeping the Past Present!



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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.





Last Post:

Cleo Josephine Walters UE (1927 - 2024)

Sadly, we have just now learned of the death of Cleo. A lovely person and an avid supporter of our UELAC branch here in Chilliwack.

She passed on January 9, 2024 in White Rock, BC age 97.

Cleo Coutu, was born Feb. 6, 1927 and raised in North Bay, Ontario.

She studied at McGill University and earned a Bachelor of Science, specializing in chemistry and biology. Cleo met Fred Walters at McGill and they married in 1952.

They had four children: Janet, Philip, Rosanne, and Alexander.

She later obtained her teaching certificate at the University of Toronto. Cleo and Fred retired to Chilliwack in 1997 to be near their grandchildren. Both became very involved in the activities of the community. They were members of the Probus Club

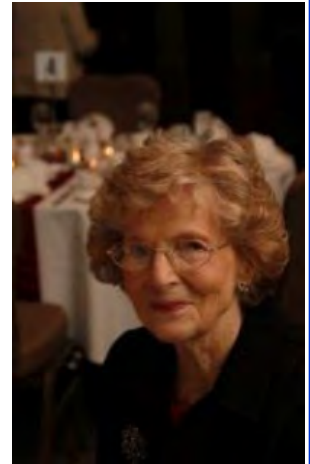
of Chilliwack, Chilliwack ElderCollege and Chilliwack Garden Club where she won many prizes.

Her garden was a delight, and she shared her plants willingly.

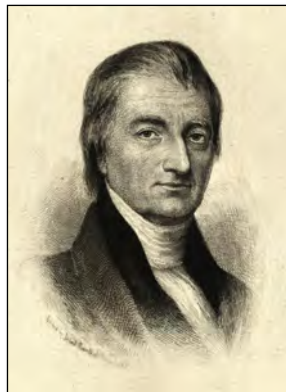
In August of 2000 she was so proud to receive her certificate for Loyalist George Schriver and to add the initials UE to her many achievements.

Cleo is survived by her four children and eight grandchildren: Robyn, Alexander, Heather, Kyle, Harrison, Kathryn, Sarah and Sophia. She was predeceased by her husband, Fred Y. Walters (2011) and her siblings, Wilfrid Coutu (2015) and Joan Frisch (2018).

We send our condolences, thoughts and prayers to Cleo's family.



More news about the Battle of Bennett's Island



In late April, on a season 10, episode of "Finding Your Roots" with Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., titled "In the Blood",

Michael Douglas, son of actor Kirk Douglas was featured.

Turns out Michael can trace his family back to Colonel John Nielsen (at left) who participated in the Battle of Bennett's Island.

Click the link below and read.

The first item is from the Journal of the American Revolution posted in July of 2017 by Christian McBurney, author of "Kidnapping the Enemy".

In it he refers to our own Chris Hay UE as "researcher extraordinaire".

We first featured the start of Chris' adventure, in our newsletter "Link Up" June 2017.

Follow up items continued in various issues of the Loyalist Gazette culminating in the December 2023 issue on pages 43-47. This issue also noted the May 18, 2023 dedication ceremony giving historical recognition to the site.

Well done, Chris! You are famous!

<https://www.bing.com/search?>

[q=battle+of+bennetts&form=ANSPH1&refig=579CCC49D9414369AC375F6BD52A0EB6&pc=ACTS&sp=1&lq=0&qs=HS&sc=10-0&cvid=579ccc49d9414369ac375f6bd52a0eb6](https://www.bing.com/search?q=battle+of+bennetts&form=ANSPH1&refig=579CCC49D9414369AC375F6BD52A0EB6&pc=ACTS&sp=1&lq=0&qs=HS&sc=10-0&cvid=579ccc49d9414369ac375f6bd52a0eb6)

Phillip E. M. Leith UE Memorial Volunteer Award

Chilliwack Branch UELAC, has had the good fortune of having great volunteers who have contributed much to our branch and to the UELAC organization. In 1994, Mr. Leith UE created the Phillip Leith UELAC Trust to ensure the future of the Dominion Association.



Upon his passing on Nov. 14, 2006, the Vancouver branch inaugurated the Phillip Leith Memorial Medal to be awarded annually to a person (s), from the Pacific Region, in recognition of their outstanding volunteer work on behalf of the association. Over the years, a number of members from Chilliwack branch have been recognized. The members honoured include:



2007 Shirley Dargatz UE
 2011 Judy Scholz UE
 2017 Marlene Dance UE
 2018 Alan Reid UE
 2021 Jan Ouellet
 2022 Chris Hay UE

Details may be found at:

[Homepage for Vancouver Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada \(UELAC\)](#)

BC Loyalist Day Picnic 2024

Chilliwack Branch members are invited to this event:

It will be a happy BC Loyalist Day for members of the Pacific Region UELAC Branches.



Make plans to celebrate with a picnic in New Westminster's Queen's park with members from Chilliwack and Vancouver branches on **Sunday, July 21, 2024**. Mark your calendar now. Details closer to the date.

It will be special to be together!



**Dominion President's Report
To the UELAC AGM
11 May 2024**

Members of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada,

It is my privilege to present to you a report of the activities and progress of the UELAC since being elected as President at the Dominion Conference held in Vancouver/Richmond, British Columbia, in June 2023.

Following my election, I have had the opportunity to travel to the Dominion Office during the summer of 2023, where I have been working closely with our new Office Administrator, Rod Appleby. Together with Rod and our dedicated team, we have been focused on advancing the mission of the UELAC and serving our members with excellence.

I am pleased to announce a new partnership with the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Historical Society and the new Curator of the Cornwall Community Museum, Brent Wakefield. This collaboration is a significant step forward for the UELAC and will enhance our growth and impact in the community.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share with you the upcoming UELAC 2024 Conference, titled "The Story Continues....," scheduled to take place from 06 to 09 June 2024. This conference will feature 'living history' reenactors celebrating the 240th Anniversary of the landing of the loyalists in 1784 at Cornwall. It promises to be a memorable and enriching experience for all participants.

I would like to express my gratitude to the UELAC Board of Directors, all members, volunteers, partners, and supporters who have contributed to the success of the Association. Your dedication and enthusiasm are the driving force behind our accomplishments, and I am confident that together we will continue to uphold the legacy of the United Empire Loyalists.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to the exciting journey ahead as we write the next chapter of our shared history.

Sincerely,

Carl Stymiest UE

Carl Stymiest UE
President,
United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

2024 Annual General Meeting
held via Zoom May 11 @ 8:30am PST
Elected Board of Directors for 2024/2025

Executive of the Board of Directors		
POSITION	NAME	BRANCH
National President	Carl Stymlest, UE	Vancouver
National Past President	Patricia Groom, UE	Toronto
National Vice-President	William Russell, UE	Kawartha
National Treasurer	Barbara Andrew, UE	Assiniboine
National Secretary	Jo Ann Tuskin, UE	Gov. Simcoe

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POSITION	NAME	BRANCH
Atlantic Region V-P	Jayne Leake, UE	Abegweit
Atlantic Region Councillor	Linda Jobe, UE	Nova Scotia
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Central East Region Councillor	Patricia Groom, UE	Toronto
Central West Region V-P	Carol Childs, UE	London & W. ON
Central West Region Councillor	David Kanowakeron Hill-Morrison, UE	Grand River
Prairie Region V-P	Barbara Andrew, UE	Assiniboine
Prairie Region Councillor	Liz Adair	Assiniboine
Pacific Region V-P	Diane Faris, UE	Vancouver
Pacific Region Councillor	Christine Manzer, UE	Vancouver

BRANCH PROJECTS in the works:

1) “LAST POST” addition to our WEBPAGE Live May 23,2024

We are in the process of adding another tab to our webpage. We are going through all past Link Ups, and creating a permanent tab to honour those members who have passed. Check with #3, as we need those back issues to ensure we get everyone.

2) LOYALISTS AND THE CHILLIWACK CONNECTION

This is a project in partnership with the Chilliwack Archives and the Chilliwack Library Workshop group. We have had a few meetings and the initial stages have a group of 10 people working on Pedigree Charts for the list provided by the Archives.

They will be reviewed to try to find the link to a Loyalist. This is ongoing.

3) BACK ISSUES OF THE “LINK UP”

We have just found four issues beginning in May 1991. They were in a small booklet format. So a reminder to have a look and see if you can fill in the blanks on our recovered list on page 8 of the last issue. We need your help please.

4) Organization of our Library/Storage room area:

We are removing duplicate books and donating them to the local Rotary Club Book drive. We have cleaned and are sizing five Loyalist women’s dresses for sale. News will be out soon. We are filing all old approved applications for quick and easy reference.

Slow and steady wins the race!

New Brunswick Land Grants to Loyalist Regiments

The Legend is shown at the bottom right of the map. From Facebook page of "Loyalist History of Nova Scotia"
<https://www.uelac.org/education/WesternResource/303-NB.pdf>



Legend

Regimental blocks with present geographical locations

1. Maryland Loyalists — Parish of St. Mary's
2. 2 Bn New Jersey Volunteers — Parish of Kingsclear
3. Guides and Pioneers (and New York Volunteers)
Parishes of Bright and Queensbury
4. King's American Dragoons — Parish of Prince William
5. Queen's Rangers — Parish of Queensbury
6. King's American Regiment — Parish of Canterbury
7. Pennsylvania Loyalists — Parish of Southampton
8. 1 Bn DeLancey's Brigade — Parish of Woodstock
9. 2 Bn DeLancey's Brigade — Parish of Northampton
10. Arnold's American Legion — Parish of Wakefield
11. Prince of Wales' American Regiment — Parish of Brighton
12. Loyal American Regiment — Parish of Simonds
13. 1 Bn New Jersey Volunteers — Parish of Peel
14. 3 Bn New Jersey Volunteers — Parish of Wicklow
15. King's Orange Rangers — Parish of St. Martins
16. Royal Fencible Americans — Parish of St. George

**Blocks Assigned
to Loyalist Regiments
in New Brunswick 1783-84**

THE FAMILY GENEALOGISTS AND LONG-LOST RELATIVES STUDY



[The Family Genealogists and Long-Lost Relatives Study - Gerontology - Simon Fraser University \(sfu.ca\)](https://www.sfu.ca/gerontology/family-genealogists-and-long-lost-relatives-study)

Who can participate in AGEGen2?

- Are you a Canadian aged 55+
- Have you searched for, and located a previously unknown immediate or closely related genetic relative (i.e. Parent, child, sibling, grandparent) using DNA testing & databases within the past 5 yrs.
- Have you had at least one meaningful contact (i.e. face-to-face visit or phone call) with that long-lost immediate genetic relative? OR if they are deceased or you have been unable to contact them, have you had contact with another relative who knew them and is also genetically related to you?

IF THIS IS THE CASE, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE PART OF THIS STUDY!

How to participate:

If you are interested in participating, we would love to hear about your experiences and would greatly appreciate your participation in the study. All you need to do is to fill out a web-based survey, which will take less than half an hour of your time.

Go to the link above and scroll down to click on the red link that looks like this -

**CLICK HERE TO
COMPLETE THE SURVEY**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PROJECT COORDINATOR:

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