

Douglas Warner Grant UE 2011 UELAC Dorchester Award

In 2011, the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada was proud to present the Dorchester Award to Doug Grant UE.

Born in Stratford, Ontario, Doug was raised in the nearby small community of Avonbank, on a farm purchased as virgin forest from The Canada Company in 1845 by William Taylor, Doug's third great grandfather, a weaver from Scotland. The Grants and

Taylors married in the 1880s, when Alma Grant married Mary Taylor. Alma's grandfather, Alexander Grant, was born in Scotland in 1802. He immigrated to Glengarry County sometime before January 1824 when he married Mary Sutherland, the daughter of Loyalist George Sutherland.

Doug's mother is a Warner, a couple of generations removed from Osnabruk Township in Stormont County, where her Loyalist ancestor, Michael Warner, took his land grant. Doug and his parents attended their first Warner reunion in that local community in the summer of 2003. Both Michael and George were in the King's Royal Regiment of New York.

Schooled in a one-room country schoolhouse on the corner of the farm, Doug had attended high school in St. Mary's and then Campbellford when the family left the farm. Structural engineering at University of Guelph, led to a part-time MBA at York, in parallel with a job in just-emerging computing with IBM, focusing on the insurance industry's use of technology. Doug retired from IBM in 2000 and has since been involved with an Internet-based resource centre about insurance in Canada. Doug and his wife Nancy Conn have two sons. Both Doug and Nancy are involved in family research and the UELAC.

Doug has been a member of the UELAC since 1980 and has served in numerous executive positions within the Governor Simcoe Branch starting in 1982 and continuing to this day, currently serving as Branch President. He became a Dominion UELAC trustee, then treasurer and served as Dominion President 2004-2006. He has helped bring the UELAC into the 21st century with the information highway by maintaining and updating a user friendly, informative and interesting Dominion website. Some of his greatest and most far reaching achievements within the organization itself are the creation and maintenance of "Loyalist Trails", "Executive Notes" and the "Loyalist Directory". Those three entities are a unifying force for the UELAC and a way to keep communication lines open across Canada and anywhere else our members may reside.

