

## About the UELAC



The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Canadians through knowledge of the past, in particular the history of the United Empire Loyalists and their contribution to the development of Canada.

The United Empire Loyalists were generally those who had been settled in the thirteen colonies at the outbreak of the American Revolution, who remained loyal to and took up the Royal Standard, and who settled in what is now Canada at the end of the war.

In addition to perhaps one Canadian in ten having a Loyalist ancestor, many others of Loyalist descent live elsewhere – in the United States, in commonwealth countries such as Australia and New Zealand, and scattered around the world.



*"N.B. Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their Children and their Descendants, by either sex, are to be distinguished by the Following Capitals affixed to their names  
U.E.*

*Alluding to their great principle  
The Unity of the Empire."*

**From Lord Dorchester's Order-In-Council  
November 9, 1789**

## The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

### Calgary Branch



Plaque installed at Mountain View Cemetery, Lethbridge, Alberta

## Who were the Loyalists?

The Loyalists were people who remained loyal to the Crown during the American Revolution. They represented a variety of ethnic groups, religions and occupations. Because of their loyalty and their respect for law and order, many Loyalists were imprisoned, died or had their property confiscated.

Loyalists left the American colonies to settle in the Maritimes, Quebec and what is now Ontario. Many also went to England and the West Indies and Bermuda.

Since Alberta became a province in 1905 and major settlement started after and during the railroad construction, Loyalist descendants have relocated from the original family settlement areas in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Upper and Lower Canada and other areas of eastern Canada.

## UELAC Vision Statement

To enrich the lives of Canadians through fostering public awareness of our national history, and, in particular, of the United Empire Loyalists and their contributions to Canada, while also celebrating their memory and perpetuating their heritage as an integral part of the Canadian identity.

## UELAC Mission Statement

Our Mission is to preserve, promote and celebrate the history and traditions of the United Empire Loyalists.

We will accomplish our Mission by:

- 1) Uniting, in a Canadian-based association, descendants of families who remained loyal to the British crown during the American Revolutionary War, as well as persons interested in the Loyalist era and early Canadian history.
- 2) Supporting the collection and cataloguing of documents, books, artefacts, memorabilia and genealogical data relating to the United Empire Loyalists.
- 3) Facilitating and publishing research related to the United Empire Loyalists in the form of historical and family research journals, books, newsletters and digital media.
- 4) Providing Loyalist education resource materials and encouraging research through scholarship support.
- 5) Assisting in the construction and preservation of Loyalist monuments and memorials in Canada.
- 6) Participating in projects and activities which honour and celebrate the legacy of the United Empire Loyalists.

## The Calgary Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

We are one of 29 branches of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC). The geographic area of our interest is mainly southern Alberta. The branch was formed in 1928 after Lewis Frederick Clarry, K.C., moved to Calgary from Edmonton, where he was a founding member of the original branch there.

Our members are interested in the Loyalist era and descendants of those who left the United States after the American Revolution due to their adherence to the Unity of the Empire and support of British forces between 1776 and 1784.

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[uelac.org/calgary/](http://uelac.org/calgary/)**



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