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Our Front Cover

"I think it is the roughest land I have ever seen." "New Brunswick... the dearest place on God's earth."

We were reminded of these quotes when we saw our cover picture. The first comment was written in June 1783 by Sarah Frost as she waited aboard the ship Two Sisters for her husband William's return from his first visit ashore to what became Saint John. (E.C. Wright *Loyalist of New Brunswick*)

The second quote was penned circa 1898 by a nostalgic Loyalist descendant (later resident of Chilliwack) as he faced another day of pioneer hardships in the early Kootenays. (A.W. Dickinson diary)

TIMELY THOUGHTS ON HERITAGE

"Life is a great adventure,
And everyone of you can be a pioneer,
Blazing by thought and service
A trail to better things.
Hold fast to all that is just and of good report
In the heritage which your fathers have left
to you,
But strive also to improve and equalize that
heritage for all men and women in the years
to come." King George VI
(as quoted in Prince of Wales High School
Annual 1939 - 1940.)

Contributed by Phyllis Sutton, U.E. and
Doreen Todhunter, U.E., C.M.H.

SPECIAL INVITATION Friday March 24

Maureen Margetts, U.E. invites our members to the 50th Anniversary Reception for her parents, Art & Phyllis Hill, Friday March 24, 1:30 - 4:00, Chilliwack United Church Hall. Art & Phyllis were married Feb. 14, 1945 but the reception is being held now to take advantage of spring break.

We'll be glad to see the Margetts family again: John, Maureen and their son J.D., U.E. who came down from Williams Lake for Convention '94.

And our very best wishes and appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hill on this happy occasion - and for the future.
Phyllis Hill, U.E. was the former Phyllis Zink with pioneer ancestors Jacob Zink and James Keith. (Loyalist Daniel Keith, N.B.) Her sister Madeline Barker, U.E. was her attendant.

NEXT MEETING "SPRING LINKS"

March 26, 1995 - 2:00 P.M.
Senior Rec.
1:20 Genealogy Help

Special speaker at our March 26 meeting will be Jo Dunaway, teacher, researcher, and free lance writer of Vancouver. She will tell us about the girls who came to B.C. in 1862 aboard the Bride Ship Tynemouth. She has slides to illustrate the stories of the brides and the men they married. She has done extensive research for several years in preparation for a book on the subject.

Some of our members assisted with information about one of the brides, a fascinating lady who became Mrs. Joseph Farr and lived in the Agassiz area and Chilliwack. Her second husband was D.C. McGillivray, possibly of Loyalist descent.

Remembering Art & Phyllis' special day and the approaching 50th anniversaries of Bill & Mary Horne and Andrew and Vera Webb we're asking that you bring for display a family wedding picture - yours, or any other generation. This should be a unique meeting so do come and invite a friend to come along too. Let's get in the spirit by wearing our costumes. (Any one able to wear her wedding gown?)

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CALENDAR LINKS

March 24: - Art & Phyllis Hills 50th

April 23: Tentative date for chartering of new U.E.L. Branch: Thompson-Okanagan. Location: likely Vernon.

Sat. April 29: Would this be a likely date for a Family History Writing Workshop?

Sat. May 6: Luncheon or dinner marking the 50th Anniversary of World War II. All branches have been asked to recognize this historic date.

May 13: Spring Luncheon - Vancouver (tentative date)

“ Spring Luncheon - Victoria

June 2 & 3: U.E.L. Convention, Toronto (details March 26.)

June - Annual Strawberry Social. Date to be decided.

Sept. or Oct. - 5th Birthday party for our branch.

Sylvia Fishleigh, Vancouver has interesting material on Black Loyalists for a possible fall meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Constance Thornton

Our Branch was saddened on Feb. 27 by the sudden death of Constance Thornton, mother of our Vice-President Shirley Dargatz, U.E. Constance was always supportive and encouraging and we enjoyed her company on several occasions - most recently at our pre-Christmas Dinner. Her spirit of hospitality was much evident as she visited with various Thornton relatives, some of whom were attending their first U.E.L. function. She was born Constance Fairclough May 19, 1909 in Welland, Ontario and married Russell Thornton in 1931.

Representatives from our Branch attended the inspiring Memorial Service on March 2 at the historic Carman Church where the family has worshipped for so many years. As we viewed her original artwork and thrilled to the family's tributes, we knew again that Constance Thornton was a very special lady.

“Constance devoted her life to her creations - her children - and the many great-grandchildren who experienced her wonderful talents, wisdom and love”

*Chilliwack
Progress Paper*

We have benefitted many times from her legacy of creativity and elegance as expressed by Shirley and others - and we know that legacy will continue for us and for our community.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Shirley and Ken and other members of the family: her sons Maury of Terrace, Ron of Chilliwack, Doug of Nanaimo, Tim of Sardis and Lorne of Victoria.

Other Family

We are also aware that “Aunt Connie” will be missed by her nieces and nephews our members and associates, Judy Scholz, U.E., Howard Cramer, Gordon Taylor, Dorothy Miller, Evelyn Mitchell and Bob Armstrong. Constance was also a cousin by marriage of Vi Boyd, U.E.



PAST LINKS

Our Heritage Coffee Party

“It was one of our best.” That’s the consensus after our February 19 Coffee Party honouring Heritage Week, our Multicultural origins and 30th Anniversary of the Canadian flag.

The table pieces created by Shirley Dargatz, U.E. were a special focal point. Small Canadian flags arranged in tiny white flowers were flanked on either side by flags representing some country of a Loyalist’s original ethnic origin. There was much guessing and conversation around the tables. The front table featured John Matheson and George Stanley’s Flag Books in the midst of a sea of Canadian flags. Foil wrapped petunias added a spring touch.

Our president opened the afternoon by distributing pertinent material on the Loyalists as a multicultural group and commenting that our Heritage and the Canadian flag bring us all together and give us unique understanding of today’s Canada.

Refreshments included Bette Keller’s Welsh cakes, Shirley’s Irish Soda Bread, Andrew’s New Brunswick molasses cookies, Dutch doughnuts, Helen’s fruit cookies, English pound cake and that great favorite Gladys Van Baaren’s pineapple squares.

Program highlight was the presentation of U.E. certificates to Charles Wagar, U.E. and William Wagar, U.E. The traditional roses were presented to their wives with flowers also for their sister and their mother (now in her 90's) who were special guests. Genealogists William Horne, U.E., and Mildren Hall, U.E. with Charter Member Art Keller, U.E., also a descendant of Everhart Wagar, participated in the presentations and welcomed the Wagar brothers as regular members of the U.E.L. Association of Canada. They are our first members of one family to receive certificates together at the same time.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our newest U.E. Eileen Foster, U.E. of Vernon, who has been so helpful up there and will transfer to the new Branch and will be the first U.E. recipient there with her certificate to be presented at the Charter Ceremony.

To Charles Wagar, U.E. and William Wagar, U.E. who received certificates Feb. 19.



GROWING LINKS

Thompson-Okanagan Branch

The new Branch seems to be becoming a fact. Vona Smith, U.E., Vera Webb, U.E. and our president were on hand in Vernon, Feb. 25 for the Branch's Formation meeting. They were royally received and Vona enjoyed meeting again those whom she had assisted in obtaining U.E.'s (as a result of former workshops)

Dennis Webb, U.E. ably conducted the meeting and Eileen Foster, U.E. (as of March 9) arranged refreshments. Representatives from various Thompson-Okanagan Centres attended. Again a spirit of camaraderie and kinship quickly developed.

17 people signed the Petition for a Charter - a wonderful start when only ten names are required. The interim executive elected is Dennis Webb, U.E. President, Eileen Foster, U.E. secretary/Treasurer and Chris Wright Salmon Arm, Genealogist. (He and his wife Eve, U.E. are long-time members and Convention goers.

Marie Ablett, U.E. Kelowna will serve Committee for the Charter Ceremony April 23.

Vera Webb, U.E. our Treasurer presented our \$100 cheque. We later enjoyed tea with Mavis Cameron, U.E. at her home on Okanagan Lake - a relaxing time after our 6 a.m. start for Vernon. We were dinner guests of Dennis and Gail Webb.

Next morning we visited with Lawrence and Mabel Fowler (both U.E.'s) in Kamloops - a fine coffee break after another early start and arrived home about three on Sunday with the feeling that the Thompson-Okanagan Branch is in good hands - it has great potential and the folks are terrific.

We are proud to be acting as informal advisors for the Branch.

P.S. After trying to make a stop to pick sagebrush (across ditches, etc.) we had a crash course in sagebrush from Lawrence Fowler.



MEMBER LINKS

Scott Roos U.E. (charter member 1990) has just completed a successful tour of Saskatchewan centres, as a trumpet soloist with the University of Regina Music Department.

Morgan Dagenais Todhunter (our "U.E.L. Baby") is now a bonny four months old on March 18...Lois has been named to the District of Chilliwack Social Action Committee chaired by Councillor Doug Steinson....Mary Van Horne, U.E. is a member of the Society to Preserve the historic Bateman (Gwynn-Vaughan) House on Hope River Road...there is some Loyalist interest here because the wife of the original builder was related to the Ryders and Harrisons of Kingston...Shirley has been very active in the activities for the end of an era at Sardis Secondary prior to the move to the new school...K.C. and Yvonne Jones are back from their travels...Judy Scholz, U.E. and husband Wolfgang are active in the Chilliwack Frontiersman Black Powder Club....Helen Higginson has obtained a heather plant which may survive in eastern climates and has forwarded it as per discussions at our last meeting. It arrived safely and was much appreciated. Thank you, Helen...and Congratulations Andrew



and Vera as we anticipate a new branch in Thompson - Okanagan knowing that your enthusiasm passed to the next generation has paid off. As Vona says it's important that our families know the U.E. is our inheritance of history. (Please send us any information for this column.)

Welcome back to Jerry Brown, one of the early members of our branch. He's presently sorting out a tremendous amount of material on the Elijah Brown family of Nova Scotia. Welcome also to Ethel Saunders whom we first met at Club 28. She is a Bigelow descendant. Chilliwackians will remember one of that family Rev. Jesse Bigelow, minister at Cooke's Presbyterian, 1951 - 1961.



SALES LINKS

Have you seen Vona's white squall jacket with its U.E.L. identification? and were you with us when we admired J.D.'s U.E.L. white shirt? And have you heard that Dennis Webb is interested in a U.E.L. sport cap? Here's your opportunity to acquire some of these items for yourself. see the enclosed sales form from Col. John Butler Branch (Niagara Region) and let us know so that we can send a joint order soon. If several of us had jackets they'd be a good advertisement for our Heritage.

Other For Sale Items

B.C. Bird Pins: \$2.50

U.E.L. Name Buttons: Announcement re March 26 re ordering.



ETHNIC LINKS

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all - especially U.E.L.'s of Irish descent - such as Harriet Kelly (Loyalist Peter Fetterly, Lynne Phillips with Rogers and Kearney (once O'Kearney on the family tree). In a random selection of 705 names, 69 were Irish.

Sunshine Department

Our very best wishes to Bob Bessey, U.E. who has been in hospital with heart problems, is home and taking things easy.

Margaret Graham, Norma Raynor's mother, is not at all well. Betty Wagar (Mrs. Bill Wagar) has recently been ill.

And continued good wishes to George Baker, U.E. We were so pleased to see George & Marion again at our Coffee Party Feb. 19. (and Marion did the driving).



SHOPPING LINKS: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Loyalist Rose plant tracked down by Doreen Todhunter U.E., C.M.H., is now available for your garden from Minter Country Gardens Store. Inquiries should be directed to Minter Gardens, P.O. Box 40, Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 6H7

The rose is almost white shading to subtle pale pink and known by its scientific name Rosa Alba The English name is The Maiden's Blush (originally from Damascus). If you want something unusual you could always use the French name which translates as "The Thigh of the Passionate Nymph" Thanks, Doreen for all your research.



NATIONAL LINKS

Convention '95

Can you believe? It's Convention Time again? The 1995 A.G.M. is at the Inn on the Park, Toronto. Registration begins on Friday June 2 with the Genealogy, Business Sessions and Banquet on Saturday June 3. Elizabeth Richardson U.E., Kawartha Branch and Historian/Archivist is convening the gathering.

The Inn on the Park will be a fine setting with excellent facilities. We are entitled to four delegates. Can anyone plan a trip east at this time? Details will be available March 26.



Queries:

Information re Finlay Murdoch listed in Gilroy's Loyalists of N.S., daughter Catherine, married John Archibald, b. 1834, ancestor of our Don Archibald and his sister Alisen Barley.

- Information re Elijah Brown, and wife Henrietta Cannon of N.S. and descendants: re any U.E.L. connections.

Other inquiries have been received from Audrey Holmes, Abbotsford re Loyalist John Holmes, Ontario; Vernon Saunders, Penticton re Saunders (N.B.) Loyalist; Dave Hierlihy, Kamloops re Philip Hierlihy, N.B.; Mrs. Jean Zanicky, Summerland concerning Abel Scott, Wooler, Ont. 1820.

Al Dawson seeks info on Loyalist Dawson (Henry?) of N.S. whose son William b circa 1804 moved to Byron, Ontario circa 1837.

Our thanks to Elizabeth Sewell, U.E. Fredericton and Douglas Heath, U.E. Governor Simcoe (both of whom were on the '94 Tour) for their assistance - and our constant appreciation to our Dominion Genealogists.

**POSTAL LINKS**

We have heard from London, Hamilton, Grand River, Toronto, Kawartha, Col. John Butler, (Niagra) Kingston, Vancouver and Victoria Branches. Newsletters will be available at our meetings.

Our appreciations to Christ Graham, retiring as President of Kingston Branch. We remember Chris from the 1984 Convention there. He is succeeded by Terry Hicks whom we met in 1994. Best wishes Terry. (Terry also serves as U.E.L.A. Nominating Chairman)

Thompson-Okanagan Sec. Treas. Eileen Foster, U.E. has already sent two delightful thank you cards - one thanking us for the "seed money" we provided. And Gordon Bloom, U.E., Vernon has forwarded information on the De Lancey's (N.B.) uniforms with sketches of hats we haven't seen before.

And nearer home, Charles (Chuck) Wagar, U.E. and Bill Wagar, U.E. sent a note thanking us for the special time arranged for their U.E. certificate presentation. He says, "it was a proud moment for us."

Book note: Janice Potter - MacKinnon's book "While the Women Only Wept" is available through Fraser Valley Regional Library. A review in The Cataraqui Loyalist Town Crier, Jan. 1995 describes the book as "the story of Loyalist women from the beginning of the Revolution through the War Years, their exile, and final re-settlement and makes clear how the true story of those Loyalist women has been ignored or distorted."

The author was a guest speaker at the '94 Convention and her picture appeared in a recent Maclean's Magazine (Feb. 27).

**LOYALIST LINKS**Samuel Rose Family History Project

Margaret Amey, U.E. who drives up from Maple Ridge for our meetings, is the first to complete a write up for her Family History Project. A copy will be available on March 26. Thank you Margaret.

Our Canadian Flag

Our congratulations and best wishes for the 30th Anniversary of the Canadian Flag were expressed at our February 19 meeting to John Matheson, U.E., C.M.H. and George Stanley who played such important parts in realizing a distinctive Canadian flag. They are respectively, Honorary President and Honorary Vice-President of our Association. (see write up attached)



The Father of the flag celebrates 50 years with a new generation of Canadians

By VITIGRIE MONGEON

Colonel John Ross Matheson made history in 1964 when he

sold the idea of a single red maple leaf on a white background, flanked by two red bars to the other members of the Flag Committee. Today, Matheson is the star of the

new Heritage Minute called "Flags," commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Canadian Flag. There was a sneak preview of the new minute at the Saint-Cécile school in Saint-Denis, Montreal, on February 10, 1995. With a flare for the Oscars, Matheson stepped out of a blue stretch limousine in front of the school and was greeted by Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy.

Matheson, 78, has often been referred to as the Father of the Flag. The new minute takes us back to 1964 and into the Flag Committee's meeting room. Matheson, played by comedian Albert Millaire, shares his thoughts on the controversy that surrounded the choosing of the flag. John Diefenbaker of the Conservative party wanted to keep the old Red Ensign. Then Liberal Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson wanted to use the three maple leaves of the Canadian coat of arms, flanked by two blue bars.

The members of the Flag Committee had more than 2,000 designs to choose from. "The dominating maple leaf framed in a Canadian Pale of national colours carried one unmistakable message," says Matheson, "Canada."

Matheson shared his flag trade with more than 120 fourth and fifth-grade students at the Saint-Cécile school. Author and historian Laurier LaPierre was the master of ceremonies and the link between the old guard and a new generation of Canadians.

Matheson choked up while reciting his familiar unity poem: "Canada must be proud of Matheson," said Olivier Blouin, Reindeau, 11, and Hugo Magnin, 10, both in the fifth grade.

Judge Jean-Eudes Dubé, who was also a member of the Flag Committee and Senator Alan Macnaughton, who was the president of the House of Commons in 1964, joined Matheson at the sneak preview. The new minute will be shown in theatres and on television next week.

The Charles R. Bronfman (CRB) Foundation Heritage Project includes other minutes such as Jacques Cartier's discovery of Canada, the adoption of Irish symbols during the Great Potato Famine and Jacques Plante's invention of the mask for hockey goalies.



Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy congratulates John Matheson for his creation of the Canadian Flag.

CALL HIM THE "CD KID"

When Ken McIntyre couldn't find the information he needed for a chemistry project, the 11-year-old abandoned political correctness and didn't take 'no' for an answer.

Paula Carlson
STAFF REPORTER

His conversational tone is professional, sprinkled with phrases like "yes, of course," and "excuse me, but I just finish this thought." He is self-confident and filled with enough nervous energy that it spills into his body language — making him fidget with his bare feet as he speaks from an armchair in his North Delta home.

Ken McIntyre, a 13-year-old Grade 8 Burnsville Jr. Secondary school student, is logically explaining how a little persistence can pay off and turn a regular kid into a semi-celebrity.

Ken is the reason George Mackie library will become the first branch in the Fraser Valley Regional Library district (FVRL) to install CD-ROM technology.

In the coming month, \$15,000 worth of hardware and software, including one computer and four disc drives will be implemented and should be ready for public use in early or mid-November. If library staff and patrons adjust to the new system and enough funding can be obtained, Chilliwack, Mission and Ladner branches will follow suit.

Ken's part in all of this began a little over a year ago, when McIntyre, then 11, couldn't find the information he wanted for a Grade 6 chemistry report in the library's existing books and encyclopedias.

He knew about CD-ROMs from school and the Surrey-Newton library, so he dropped a note in George Mackie's suggestion box asking why this important source of information was out of North Delta's grasp.

A subsequent meeting with George Mackie's Linda Craig, adult services librarian and Sybil Harrison, area coordinator, drew an interested but negative response.

"I was basically told, 'good idea, but no. Not at this time,'" says Ken. That's when Ken went on to plan B. He organized a "pestering patrol" with five of his friends, bombarding the library for months with phone calls requesting CD-ROMs. The "patrol" also held a bottle drive, four car washes and a raffle to raise more than \$700. Ken turned the money over to the library to put towards purchasing a CD-ROM system.

With cash in hand, the library reconsidered Ken's request, choosing George Mackie — Ken's branch — as the first FVRL branch to offer CD-ROMs.

Ken was recognized Sept. 14 at a FVRL board meeting, where he was presented with a plaque and praise from Chilliwack mayor John Les, who serves as chair for the board.

"CD-ROMs at George Mackie were precipitated and brought about by Ken McIntyre," Les said at the presentation. "He was bound and determined that CD-ROMs must be in and he put his money where his mouth was." **LOOK FOR: Ken B10**

WHAT IS CD-ROM?

- CD-ROM stands for Compact Disc-Read Only Memory. Simply put, this means that information can be accessed from the discs, but cannot be recorded on or written to the discs. One disc can hold 24 encyclopedia volumes or 300,000 single-spaced typewritten pages. The cost of an encyclopedia disc is about \$200. The cost of a set of encyclopedia volumes is about \$700.
- CD-ROM refers to text and still graphics. Multimedia is CD-ROMs plus sound and moving graphics — video.
- CM-ROMs are made from the same material used to make motorcycle helmets and bullet-proof glass.
- CD-ROMs are physically identical to CD audio discs. They contain a single track of data three miles long.
- There are more than 6,000 CD-ROM titles available. This number increases every year.
- CD-ROM technology has been available since 1982. CD-ROMs will soon be as basic a part of a personal computer as a hard disk drive.



GRANDSON OF
PHYLLIS SUTTON U.E.

KEN RECEIVED HIS
U.E. THROUGH OUR
BRANCH

CDs made EZ

Everything you wanted to know about CD-ROMs — but thought you were too computer-illiterate to ask — is available at Surrey public libraries.

First off, relax. CD-ROMs don't bite, they aren't mega-complicated and you don't have to speak computerese to use one.

Trust me. This reporter trekked on down to the Surrey Library-Newton branch last Wednesday, equipped with zero experience and armed with a desire to mind-meld with their resident ROMs. I emerged unscathed — and converted.

CD-ROM technology delivers everything the experts say it does. It saves space, time and money and speaks to a generation familiar with getting their information (and entertainment) from a screen.

People who haven't had exposure to computers, however, are still intimidated, according to adult services librarian David Conn, my tour guide through the CD-ROM universe. "It's like invisible knowledge," says Conn of the shiny discs, "and some people still prefer to manually search through volumes of books."

But "manually" is the key word here. In the time it takes to walk from the computer to the encyclopedia shelves, Conn is already reading the entry in World Book on his chosen subject, in this case, bone marrow.

He is then able to browse through almost 200 magazine articles on the subject.

He can narrow his search to 18 articles and have one printed before I return, empty-handed, from the encyclopedias.

Surrey's CD-ROM systems are able to tap into libraries and colleges (though not universities yet) across B.C. Their CD-ROMs contain encyclopedias, magazine and newspaper articles, classic works of literature, medical journals, phone directories,

games and shareware — which are free programs that you can copy to their own discs and take home.

All Surrey branches — except Port Kells — have CD-ROMs. Guildford has the largest collection of reference discs and is currently the only location that lends out CD-ROMs, which are available to MAC or PC owners.

While the technology is awesome, access is not. With simple screen-displayed instructions and "help" options throughout, CD-ROMs are no more difficult to use than computerized card catalogs.

And the library staff are awfully friendly as well. Conn says they are always happy to help out a stuck or stranded CD-ROMer.

Ken

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Ken's mom, Margaret McIntyre, says Ken's go-getting ways stem from a family philosophy.

"You have to have a purpose," she explains. Ken, his mother and his stepfather, Claude-Michel Pervost, visualize their goals and have "dream boards" — collages containing pictures of what they want. The TV has been missing from the front room for months.

"It's such a time-waster," says McIntyre.

For the future, Ken will be running for student council and hopes to eventually work in the computer field. But his public relations skills may end up altering his career path somewhat.

"The Boys and Girls Club called the other day," says McIntyre. "They want Ken to do some fundraising for them."

Ken rolls his eyes, smiles and shakes his head. His smirk seems to say, "Good grief, do I have to do everything?"