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CHILLIWACK, B.C.

ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR Chilliwack Branch Chartered October 1, 1990

Some highlights of History 1990-1995

October 18, 1995 - Over 70 attend Charter Night and Pot luck at Museum. With guests Dominion President Arnold Nethercott and his wife Barbara

April 1991 - First U.E. certificate presented to Mildred Evans Hall, U.E.

1992 - Genealogy brief from B.C. Branches presented to National Convention, Ottawa

- Second in National Membership competition.

1993 - Expanding liaisons with Victoria and Vancouver Branches

1994 - The U.E.L. Convention in B.C.

Welcome to B.C. Dinner for tour buses from Calgary en route to A.G.M. , Vancouver and on to Victoria

1994 - Education Project at Evans School

1995 - Chartering of Thompson-Okanagan Branch

- Mini Convention for B.C. Branches



The pre-Christmas Season, which begins today, seems a fitting time to light candles of appreciation recognizing these and other highlights.



Today's Theme
"United at Anniversary"
"United at Christmas". This is the dual theme of today's celebration.

The miniature flags of Canada, our U.E.L. flags, the candlelighting and the U.E. certificates remind us that we are "United in Heritage" United in Cameraderie" not just at this season, but all through the year.

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WELCOME LINKS

Welcome to visitors today. We'll be meeting Bev Sherwood of Surrey and Heather Larstone of Yarrow and possibly Lera Crew.



EXECUTIVE LINKS

A Summary 1990 - 1995

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Andrew Webb, U.E.
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Norma Raynor, U.E.
Howard Cramer
Social Convenors
Maribel Roos, U.E.
Laura Merson, U.E.
Bernice Armstrong, U.E.

Thank you all and others who have assisted.

Chilliwack, B.C.
20 September 1990

The United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada
Dominion Council
The George Brown House
50 Baldwin Street,
TORONTO, ONTARIO
M5T 1L4

Dear Sirs:

WE, the undersigned, respectfully petition The Dominion Council of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada to grant a charter to form a branch in Chilliwack, British Columbia. This branch to be known as the CHILLIWACK BRANCH.

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Vera Webb, U.E.

Loyally,

ANDREW WEBB

LOIS A. DICKINSON

* Deceased

HISTORY LINKS

President's Message on Our Five Years

It doesn't seem possible - but it's true. It was Thursday, October 18, 1990 when the Chilliwack Branch received its charter from Arnold Nethercott, U.E. who was then Dominion President. A brief history of our Branch appears elsewhere in this issue but at the outset a few personal remarks would seem to be in order.

I very much appreciate the privilege of being your first president, the friendships which have developed here and across Canada, the history we have learned, the honours we have shared. Together we have accomplished more than we could have imagined that pouring rainy night in September 1990 when Doreen Todhunter and I were frantically knocking on doors to get the last signatures for a petition to Dominion Council.

In five years we have received some 55 certificates in an area where people in the east first asked if we thought we could "maintain a branch". Today we have over 50 members, we have had input into genealogy and education policies. We have hosted a portion of a National Convention and we have assisted the formation of a new B.C. branch.

Sometimes we're told "It's so easy in a small town - you all know one another!" But the fact is, we aren't a small town and we didn't all know one another. That's why it's important to foster the camaraderie which marks out get-togethers and the caring, for each other which continues from meeting to meeting.

The fifth anniversary symbol is wood - an appropriate symbol which links past and present. The oldest building in Chilliwack is a wooden cabin (Royal Engineers 1858) preserved for many years by the Evans family. (including Mildred Evans Hall) of Loy-

alist ancestry (William Casey) The cabin is now at Canadian forces Base museum.

It reminds us that to make a lasting item from wood requires skill in crafting, shaping, polishing. As we begin our sixth year, let us renew our commitment to our special history - Let us further shape and polish our procedures and activities - so that the rewarding experiences we have enjoyed may be strengthened and grow with our families, our community and our Association.

Lois Dickinson U.E., C.M.H.
President

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HISTORY LINKS Origin of Chilliwack Branch

Summer 1990 - Discussions held re feasibility of starting a Branch.
Sept. 1990 - A letter bearing the signature of Andrew V. Webb U.E. (10 certificates) is forwarded to Toronto to request formation of a U.E.L Branch in Chilliwack.
Sept. 18, 1990 - Doreen Todhunter U.E., C.M.H. who had recently moved to Chilliwack and Lois Dickinson, U.E., former member of Vancouver Branch, take bus to Vancouver to confer with Vancouver Branch re approving a branch in Chilliwack. En route they consider many possible names but decide to "keep it simple" and stick with the geographic name (Whoever said the name Chilliwack was simple!) Vancouver Branch members led by John Graham, Duncan Ellis and Peter

Moogk, endorse the idea of a new Branch.

Chilliwack reps return home, elated, only to find from Regional V.P. John Orr in Victoria, that a Dominion Council meeting is imminent and there may not be time to get a petition prepared and forwarded. John suggests the petition be faxed to Toronto. Unfamiliar with Doreen's typewriter, Lois types up a petition and Doreen and she dash around from home to home that dark, rainy night getting the required 10 signatures and the members' certificate numbers.

They are thrilled with the response they receive. Lois is called to substitute next day and Doreen carries on. It is decided to put the names in alphabetical order. Over from Agassiz come Ron and Maureen Todhunter who cut and paste and type again. We are unused to faxing at this time, (but boy, did we learn quickly) Linda Todhunter's law office agreed to help and the fax is sent off to Toronto before the school day is out. Our petition is probably the only one ever faxed. "It's legal" said John Orr.

It is known that Dominion Association President Arnold Nethercott will be in B.C. in mid-October and plans begin to hold a Charter Night on October 18.

The District Council is invited - likely Loyalist descendants (70 of them including spouses) are contacted and then - a hitch develops - there will be a delay in Toronto while petitioners' credentials are checked. Arnold Nethercott is somewhere travelling across Canada - and he doesn't have the Charter!!

John Orr comes to the rescue. The Charter is approved and Dorothy Chisholm at Dominion office takes it in hand. (See Toronto Branch Fidelity) The Charter arrives on time. (by Courier)

October 18 dawns.

Continued..

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lois is collecting autumn leaves and memorial blue hydrangea flowers from Chilliwack Junior Secondary. A concerned custodian new to the school becomes protective of the blue bushes and for a moment it seems there won't be any table centres for the charter night.

The day passes. Doreen and Vona have found costumes for everyone, including a voluminous 1867 cotton night gown for Vera. It's 4 p.m.. The workers arrive at the Museum to set things up. Everything is rush, rush! And suddenly an unknown man and lady arrive. Whoops! It's the Dominion President and we aren't ready! He's checking because he's heard from Toronto that the Charter is in Chilliwack.

Indeed it was - and the night of October 18, 1990 goes down as a very special one in Chilliwack history.

The potluck was excellent - the Charter Ceremony impressive - and thus was launched our Chilliwack Branch. The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

Five years later all of our initial contacts remain with us and the enthusiasm that night is a characteristic of our Branch.

In the next while our first new contacts came - Phyllis Dahl, and then Bill Horne.

Genealogical Workshops were held in November and February 2. On April 11, we rejoiced to present our first U.E. certificate to Mildred Evans Hall.

In June Rosemarie Curylo was our first representative to an Annual Convention. She drove all night from a business conference in New England to get to Toronto on time. Thus began our links with the east which mean so much to us.

Other highlights of Branch history appear elsewhere in this issue.

TORONTO REMEMBERS

'CHARTER 'ME A RIDE BACK HOME!

Giving one's best for the Association can occasionally get one into difficulties. This little tale of woe began when the charter for the new Chilliwack Branch was sent by Courier to our home so that Angela as Dominion Recording Secretary could sign it. It arrived in bad shape. Therefore Dominion Office's Dorothy Chisholm scrambled at obtaining another copy, again requiring a signature.

One drab Saturday morning in October we set out along Eglinton Ave. to Dorothy's. The signature was given and we trust the charter arrived in Chilliwack in one piece. So far so good.

As we pulled away from Dorothy's residence I noticed to dismay that the 'Check oil' and 'Engine' lights were sending me unwelcome messages. Worse still, I saw the oil gauge plummet from full to empty. No good for a vehicle that had undergone an oil change and check the previous day. We were stranded by Northern Secondary. My ride home was courtesy of the tow truck. Also missed the Workers' event at Jordan, Ont., (one of the few I could get to this fall), because my transportation opportunities drained away with the oil.

Peter Johnson

From Toronto Newsletter Fidelity
Fall 1990

Our charter arrived with one damp spot - which we treasure as part of Branch history. Thanks to Bill Horne the charter is framed in wood from A.C. Wells (U.E.L.) pioneer Edenbank Farm.



CONTINUING LINKS

Congratulations to Today's New U.E.'s

What a thrill on our anniversary to be presenting certificates to the following:

* Jack Aird, who has spent ten years researching various Loyalist lines and has made several trips to the Bay of Quinte area. His certificate recognizes his relationship to Edward Hicks, hanged for his Loyalist stance. Who knows? Col. W.J. Aird may yet be able to prove (thanks to further research by Vona) that his ancestor Col. Conrad Bongard was resident of America prior to 1776...and Bongard might indeed be Loyalist.

* Another full family grouping: Audrey Maclean (nee Holmes) her son *Brett Kidd of Kamloops, and her delightful four year old twin grandsons *Sean and *Jamie Kidd who signed the application (countersigning by Dad) with their pre-school printing! These certificates add to others issued across the country in the name of Loyalist John Holmes of Kingston and remind us of the service to U.E.L. of Jack Holmes the late president of Kingston Branch.

* Connie Bailey, descendant of Loyalist James Lindsay, Ontario. Connie, who lives in Osyooyoos was recognized Sept. 16 when she was here for the Mini Convention. (a great researcher and a square dancer too!)

* Marlene Jean Webb Brown... Andrew and Vera's daughter, recently arrived from "Down Under" (New Zealand) only to be snowed under" with all our U.E.L. activity. The Webb family is proud to add U.E. to Marlene's name honouring Loyalist William

**N.B. Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard (in America) before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and*

White of New Brunswick.

It's good to know you Marlene, and "the boys" Matthew and Jesse.

* And our thanks to Bob Bessey for obtaining certificates for the other members of his family - Wayne Bessey (brother) and niece Charlene Docherty - climaxing the research Bob began at age 15 on the life of Loyalist Jacob Bessey (Butler's Ranger)

* Ian Cameron, whose certificate has been forwarded to Calgary by his cousin Phyllis Hill. (Daniel Keith).

* And a special welcome to our youngest U.E. Morgan Luella Dagenais Todhunter, daughter of Bernie and Linda Todhunter Dagenais, and granddaughter of Doreen Todhunter.

Morgan's certificate is a further celebration of her first birthday, November 18, 1995. She is the 17th family member to receive her certificate in the name of Sgt. Major Robert Campbell, U.E.L. (Butler's Rangers) Morgan is wearing a dress made especially for today by her grandmother.



RESEARCH LINKS

Best wishes also to:

Jeff Curtis and his mother Marjorie Curtis whose applications have gone forward; Don Archibald and his sister Allisen Barkley (Finley Murdoch) awaiting one last proof; Jerry Brown who, with Mildred has made considerable progress in sorting out the Browns of Nova Scotia, and Charlotte Wood and Casey Jones who have sent for further info re their Morden ancestry.

Honouring Jeff and Marjorie's Mohawk Tour, we've listed Sir John Johnson Loyalist of the Month. Pick up your info sheet.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY CHILLIWACK BRANCH

Today, November 26, 1995 we dedicate the first books in our newly established Memorial Library.

These books are in memory of our first Genealogist and Charter Member Andrew Vincent Webb (Sept. 1916 - Mar. 1995) and are received with affection and respect.

It is appropriate that the books are received on the Anniversary of our Branch which meant so much to Andrew and which he did much to foster and encourage. Many of our genealogical problems were solved because of his research and we were always welcome to use his personal library. Some of our best memories are of those times.

One of our last conversations was immediately following the March meeting when he phoned to report the answer to a question he had just received that afternoon. He was extremely proud that he (a New Brunswicker) had finally acquired so much genealogical knowledge of Ontario.

So it is that the books presented today will be useful for study of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario - and will enable us to continue the fine work Andrew began.

Our appreciation is expressed to all who have contributed in Andrew's name for this section of the library. The books are recognized by a specially designed book plate.

Copies may be obtained today of a witty account Andrew wrote for an early Branch newsletter and our Branch tribute at his Memorial Tea.

Indeed 'Patriotism led him.'
(U.E.L.A.C. motto)



In Memoriam

Ray Aitken
Rose Craig, U.E.
George De Witt, U.E.
Constance Thornton
Andrew Webb, U.E.

In Memoriam

Margaret Graham

Since our last newsletter another valued member, Mrs. Margaret Graham, U.E. of Surrey has passed away.

Mrs. Graham was the mother of Norma Raynor, U.E., and like Norma, she was very gracious and caring.

We first met Mrs. Graham at Vancouver Branch functions but when she moved up the valley she became associated with us. We recall her enjoyment of our luncheon in Sept. 1991 and her appreciation of our nautical theme for Archie Miller's talk on Riverboats. Her sense of appreciation will remain with us.

She expressed it well in a note following our card for her 90th birthday "God bless you all" she wrote and this message continues now for Norma and her family and for us all.

Margaret Graham (nee Hartle) was born in Cornwall, Ontario the descendant of Adam Hartle, K.R.R.N.Y. Norma and her son Kurt Raynor of Nanaimo (a Chilliwack member) also have certificates in this name.

*all their Children and their Descendants by
either sex, are to be distinguished by the
following capitals affixed to their names:*
U.E.

In Memoriam

We also pay tribute today to the memory of Campbell Stuart, U.E., President of the Victoria Branch who had become a good friend to all of us who knew him. He was of great assistance in planning the 1994 Convention and in organizing the Thompson - Okanagan Branch.

It was a privilege for us to know him and we continue to miss him...his wit, hospitality and wise counsel.

Shirley, Vona and Lois were guests at his home following a speaking engagement in Victoria last fall. His home was often a meeting place for the Convention Committee.

To us he exemplified "The Great Heart" described in John Onenham's poem. This was the message we took to our Victoria friends the day of Campbell's service. Copies are available today for our Branch along with copies of the tributes from Victoria and Vancouver Branch. As Rev. John Allan, U.E. said, "We are all diminished".



Branch Links Canada Wide

Congratulations to Mark Kevin Latham, U.E. of Toronto Branch, a descendant of Joshua Currey U.E.L. of New Brunswick. Mark shares the Currey ancestry with our Webbs and had been corresponding with Andrew.

Cheers for Terry Hicks, U.E., President, Kingston Branch and the Kingston City Council for declaring Loyalist Day to be celebrated henceforth on June 12 - marking the day in 1784 when Royal Assent was given to Governor Haldimand for the settlement of Cataraqui.

Terry and his wife Ruth paid an enjoyable visit to us in September and we had opportunity to hear first hand of Terry's research and request to Council.

Kingston Branch recently enjoyed a tour of historic homes and sights. (Idea for us?)

Best wishes to Rev. John Allan who becomes President of Victoria Branch with as Vice-President.

Hats off to Lennoxville in Little Forks, Quebec. They have purchased 3.5 acres and will move the heritage school house they are restoring to that site. They received a \$10,000 grant from their local government. Little Forks is just a couple of months older than we are and has accomplished a great deal in five years.

They also report a wonderful idea of a family who plays "Old Fashioned" for a week each year and really enters into pioneer living - housing, food, clothes and activities.

Check the pictures on today's display table.

We'd love to have attended two re-



cent meetings of Governor Simcoe Branch in Toronto. They heard an authentic town crier tell of town criers in Loyalist times. Then a genealogist shared ideas for Christmas - such as a family calendar or a mobile of historic family pictures.

Thompson-Okanagan Branch is well established and publishing an interesting newsletter edited by Eileen Foster, U.E. (one of our former members) They're celebrating their first U.E.'s awarded to Mary Colleen O'Flynn, U.E. and David Hierlhy, U.E. We're pleased to have assisted with their applications and send congratulations to the recipients and Chris Wright, genealogist. Andrew, Bill and Mildred were also involved in this research.

Vancouver Branch

Our president was guest speaker at Vancouver's October meeting along with Bob Bessey (former President and Genealogist, Vancouver Branch and Marge Bessey. Her topic was the upcoming U.E.L. Tour of the Maritimes and Reminiscences of the 1983 U.E.L. visit there.

Shirley and Lois (in costume) also represented us and participated with Vancouver in the Surrey Library's Heritage Fair at Cloverdale. Lois' topic was The Relevancy of U.E.L. today. Several contacts were made and it was a good public relations project. Several T.Ok. members were present and it was a pleasure to present Mary Colleen O'Flynn with her rose.

Appreciations

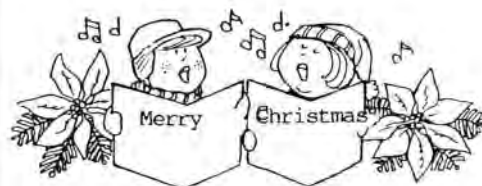
We are grateful to Jerry Brown for the wooden pencil holder which he donated for today's fifth anniversary. (The wood symbol)

Our thanks also to Bob Bessey for providing so many materials for our library and to Bob and Marge for their hospitality.

And be sure to see the excellent material on Sir John Johnson which Jeff Curtis has presented.

A very happy Christmas to Philip Leith, U.E. (Vancouver Branch) for his wonderful gift and financial support to the B.C. Branches.

Merry Christmas and happy square dancing to Al Berry with thanks for all his help.





YOUNG LOYALIST LINKS

Young Loyalists who do not wish presently to proceed with certification may become part of the Young Loyalists' segment of our Association as follows:

Prospective members under the age of 18 years may apply for membership as "Young Loyalists" and participate in the relevant activities and programs provided by their local Branch and the Association. Those who qualify under the genealogical criteria of Article 5.01 of the Bylaws (Regular Membership) may obtain a membership certificate upon payment of the prescribed fee. Upon reaching the age of 18 years, Young Loyalist members qualifying under Article 5.01 must reapply for acceptance as "Regular Members". Otherwise, interested individuals under the age of 18 years may join the Young Loyalists.

From A.G.M. 1995

(via John, our Victoria Western Regional Vice-President and By-law Chair.



HERITAGE LINKS

Introduction:

Our member, Jeff Curtis, Abbotsford and his mother Mrs. Marjorie Curtis of Pointe Claire, Quebec are descendants of Loyalist Sir John Johnson. This fall they joined Gerry Rogers Mohawk Valley Tour. Here is Jeff's account of that special weekend.

Jeff was pleased to meet Gerry of Heritage Branch, Montreal who has been helpful with the Johnson research. Since returning, Jeff has compiled an impressive booklet about his Loyalist ancestry and has applied for certificates

for himself and his mother.

A Journey of Our Roots The Mohawk Valley Tour October 7, 8, 9, 1995

Saturday October 7, 1995

Our bus full of descendants of United Empire Loyalists crossed the Canada-USA border at Cornwall, Ontario. Heading south, having picked up our fellow comrades at Montreal, Pointe Claire and Cornwall, we followed a route through the rolling hills and narrow valleys of the Adirondack Mountains similar to the one that Sir John Johnson and two hundred Loyalists had taken when they fled Johnstown on the evening of May 19, 1776.

It took the Loyalists one month of hardship, led by three Mohawk Indian guides, through the wilderness to reach Montreal. They were unable to hunt game for food as they were forced to surrender their arms and ammunition to the rebel leader, General Schuyler, the previous January. They had taken this route in order to avoid arrest by the rebel army that was advancing on Johnstown Hall the evening of May 19, 1776. It was not a well known route to Montreal, as it did not follow any one major valley. Instead the route went over and through the smaller valleys to Montreal.

It took our bus about five hours to descend into the beautiful Mohawk River Valley. Our bus driver, Stephen, a thirty-six year old French Canadian, thought he was driving a sports car through the windy valleys and hills. The trees, that were changing to autumn colours, were a beautiful sight along the way.

Our host, Gerry Rogers, was pointing out the historical landmarks and occasionally forgetting to give Stephen, our sports car driver, important instructions on where to turn or which route to take. However, Stephen was able to turn the bus around and get us pointed

in the right direction, without driving into any ditches or hitting anything of significance every time Gerry started to talk. We all arrived safely in Amsterdam, alongside the Mohawk River, where we enjoyed a turkey Thanksgiving dinner.

Sunday October 8, 1995

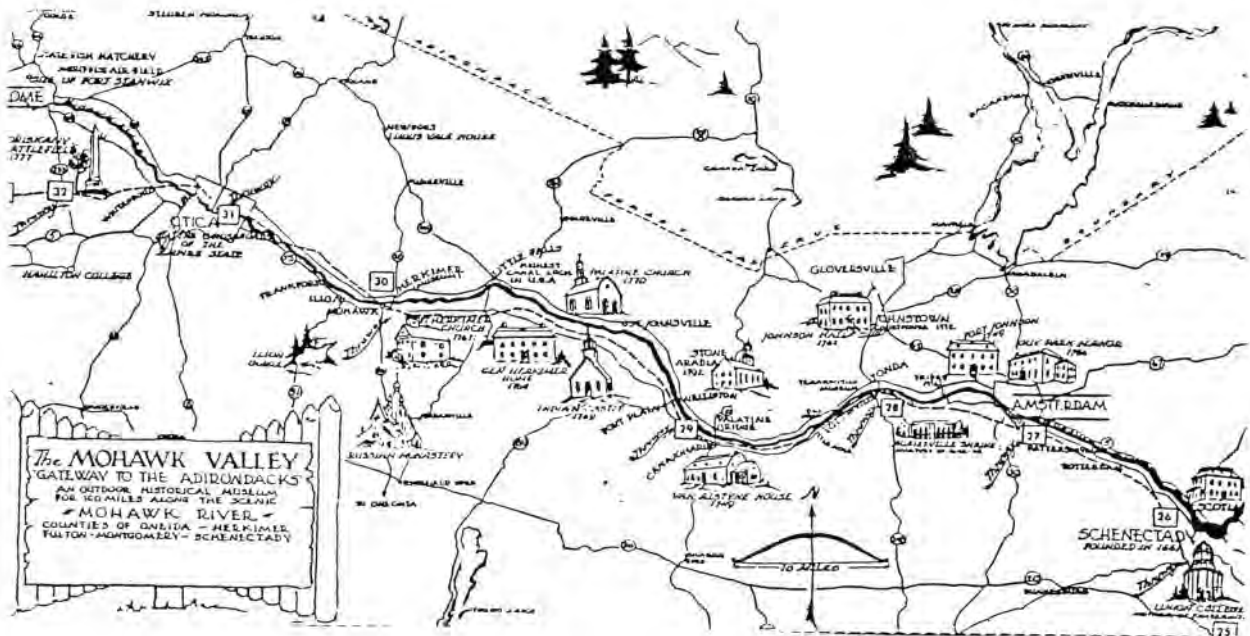
Sunday was a busy day, beginning with breakfast at 7:00 a.m. We visited Guy Park, Fort Johnson, Col. John Butler's home, Johnstown and Johnson Hall. We had lunch at Aurieville, site of the Jesuit Shrine and visited Fort Hunter, home of the Rev. John Stuart. We also saw the Stone Arabia area and churches, General Herkimer's home, Fort Herkimer Church and we finally arrived at the Herkimer Motel at 6 p.m. where we enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant with Gerry as company at our table.

All the places we visited on Sunday were concentrated in the Mohawk Valley within several minutes to an hour of each other. So there were lots of short stops, on and off the bus with Gerry's historical speeches and Stephen having to turn the bus around in places where only one with a four wheel drive would dare to venture.

Monday October 9, 1995

Monday was our day to leave the valley. Breakfast was at 7:30 a.m. We then proceeded to the Oriskany battlefield and Fort Stanwix (Carrington Place). We had lunch in Rome and arrived home in Montreal around 9 p.m. that evening.

Of the four or five trips that Gerry has organized to the Mohawk River Valley, ours was the first bust that was able to maneuver itself into a difficult turn that led to a narrow lane into the Oriskany Battlefield and monuments site. Stephen was also the first bus driver to bring along a companion. Gerry was not too sure about this arrangement in the beginning, but she



turned out to be an asset, assisting folks on and off the bus.

Gerry must be commended for his history lessons (except for where we made wrong turns) and organizational skills, as we rarely fell behind schedule, and when we did, Stephen simply put "his pedal to the metal" so that we always arrived at the appropriate time.

Now that I have been home and have had some time to reflect on our trip, what stands out was that here we were around 219 years later, on a bus full of Loyalist descendents, representing almost all the provinces of Canada, visiting a valley that some of us shared at one time long ago, seeing the former homes, churches, towns and battlefields of our ancestors.

I soon realized that the Mohawk River Valley was only one valley of the thousands that our ancestors fled from in order to remain faithful to the Crown. We, the Loyalists, were of almost every race, colour, and creed and represented every class and walk of life. I became aware of how lucky I am that my ancestors and fellow loyalist ancestors fled their valleys and homes, as we now can all be proud of having found and built one of the greatest and most beautiful countries in the world. A p

place called Canada.

Sincerely,
Jeff Curtis
Associate Member
Chilliwick Branch



Chris and Eve Wright of Thompson-Okanagan Branch were also on the trip and likewise report a fine time. Okill Stuart, Association President was another tour member.

And about Sir John Johnson
An information sheet will be available at our meeting

SIR JOHN JOHNSON'S MANOR HOUSE



Sir John Johnson's Manor House



Other travellers this fall were Bill Wagar, U.E. and brother Chuck Wagar, U.E. and wives Betty and Ruby. They visited the family pioneer base which they've summarized as follows:

THE LOYALIST PARKWAY

This trail, designated by highway signs, begins at Trenton...

Major Air force Base and Museum, Farmer's Market, picturesque and interesting...

Picton - Heritage homes, lovely bed & breakfasts, popular beach resort for Torontonians with huge dunes, shops, beautiful spot...

Lake on the Mountain Provincial Park - viewpoint overlooking Bay of Quinte - magnificent view...

Glenora - free (5 minute) ferry ride to Prince Edward County, an island in Lake Ontario created by Hay Bay and Bay of Quinte...

Adolphus Town - historic Loyalist townsite of gorgeous park including campsites, Loyalist Museum and Cemetery, a must see....

Hay Bay Church - Base of methodism in Canada. Oldest Methodist Church in Canada about 1792, enlarged in 1853. Marks landing spot of Loyalists, lots for land drawn here. Loyalist children (10) drowned 30 meters off shore in Hay Bay - Cairn indicates "the drowning spot" adjoining Loyalist Cemetery. Our third great-great grandfather, Wme. Wagar helped to found this church...

Vanderwater Cemetery - 30 km from Hay Bay Church on a private farm. This semi-abandoned Cemetery includes grave of third great-great grandfather Wme Wagar (1771 - 1863), son Ephraim (1815-1904) and wife Hannah Card (1819-1891). Guided to cemetery by Donald and Jean Hogue, U.E.'s, Bay of Quinte Branch. Cemetery located 1 1/2 km off the road hidden in a grove of trees. Third great-great grandfather's stone was replaced some years ago by a Wagar descendant. Many

graves just indicated by stone markers. We travelled on to Bath

St John's Anglican Church - built 1793 -1795. One of the first Anglican churches in Upper Canada. Wm E. Wagar and Elizabeth McCabe married here (1795)....

Napanee, Ontario -Museum closed for floor renovations. Saw church with Loyalist (stained glass) window... Reidsville - just outside Enterprise.

Cora Reid, U.E. Quinte Branch, guided us to 100 acre farm of second great, great grandfather Wm. Wagar Jr. 100 acres later subdivided to 50 acres ceded to great, great grandfather, Richard Eli Wager and his bride, Mary Cousins.

Sadly, we learned by the following day of the passing of Hugh Reid, U.E....

Enterprise - viewed home of granddad - Wm. J. Wagar...

Lime Lake - Henderson Corners - small community founded by maternal great, great grandfather John Henderson (AKA Storekeeper John). Original house is gone but Lime Lake United Church (now a rooming house for summer visitors) and Orange Hall (still used) and cemetery still extant....

Kingston -missed this - 1996 maybe?

Footnote:

Donald Hogue's grandfather purchased the 125 acre base of their 500 acre dairy farm from a Wagar. Now mainly operated by his sons (4th generation) with Don't help and guidance. Don and Jean are U.E.'s (Quinte Br.) and on Heritage Building Association.

Cora Reid also occupies family farm with daughter's farm adjoining. Cora is a genealogist who connected our great great grandfather to second great grandfather.

Thanks from Wagars, Chuck & Bill, to these Bay of Quinte members and our deepest condolences to Cora Reid who has been much help to our Branch.



CHEERY LINKS

Our Best Wishes to those who have recently encountered health problems - Gladys Van Baaren, Phyllis Sutton and Gordon Taylor, and then there's Vera Webb who is recovering from a broken leg.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 2 - Academy of Music Festival of Trees Tea 2 p.m.
St. Thomas Church Hall

Dec. 3 - Vancouver Christmas Tea:
North Vancouver Museum

Dec. 9 - Victoria Christmas Tea

Nov. 27 - Dec. 30 - Heritage Village Christmas

Jan. 23 - Shirley speaks at Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society re George Thornton

Jan. 28 - Branch Annual General Meeting. Let's decide regarding soup and sandwich lunch.



HONOUR ROLL

U.E. Certificates

1991 - 1995

(in random order)

Mildred Hall
Bill Horne
Rose Craig
Phyllis Dahl
Laura Merson
Phyllis Hill
Art Keller U.E. 2
Andrew Webb U.E. 11
Marge Robertson
William Horne Jr.
Bernice Armstrong
Madeline Barker
John Dennis Margetts
Maureen Margetts
Mary Van Horne
Dorothy Reid
Maureen Todhunter
Harriet Kelly
Nancy Kelly
Kurt Raynor
Vi Boyd
Judy Scholz
Shirley Dargatz
Lynne Phillips
Ken McIntyre
Lisa McIntyre
Vera Webb U.E. 2
George Baker
Bill Wagar
Charles Wagar
Ian Cameron

William Casey
Chambers Blakeney
Barnabas Hart
Robert Land
Daniel Keith
Daniel Keith
Everhart Wagar
Garrett Dykma
Chambers Blakeney
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Michael Carman
William White
Ezekiel Seeley
Peter Fetterly
Peter Fetterly
Adam Hartle
John Thornton
John Thornton
John Thornton
Richard Rogers
Robert Campbell
Robert Campbell
William White
Adam Baker
Everhart Wagar
Everhart Wagar
Daniel Keith

Wayne Bessey	Jacob Bessey
Charlene Clocherty	Jacob Bessey
Jack Aird	Edward Hicks
Audrey Maclean	John Holmes
Brett Kidd	John Holmes
Sean Kidd	John Holmes
Jamie Kidd	John Holmes
Morgan Dagenais Todhunter	Robert Campbell
Marjorie Roberts	Duncan MacKenzie
Connie Bailey	James Lindsay
Blanche McGuire	Jacob Bessey
Karen Marie Smith	Jacob Bessey
Nancy Ann Ciano	Jacob Bessey
Beverly Kotzian	Jacob Bessey
Connie Blatz	Jacob Bessey
Charles McGuire	Jacob Bessey
Marlene Webb Brown	William White
Donald Neville	Chambers Blakeney
Evelyn Walker	Barnabas Hart
Daisy Brocklebank	Barnabas Hart

New Applications

Jeff Curtis	Sir John Johnson
Don Archibald	Findlay Murdock
Alisen Barkley	Findlay Murdock

Associate Membership Awards

Bette Keller
Gladys Van Baaren
Helen Higginson

Research in Progress

Jerry Brown
Heather Larstone

Transfers to Thompson Okanagan

Dennis Webb U.E. 2	William White
Raymond Webb	William White
Eileen Foster	Aaron Bradt
Donald Munro	Hugh Munro

Please add any names inadvertently missed



PICTURE LINKS

Left to right across the page

Mrs. Wagar Sr.
Bill Wagar, U.E., Chuck Wagar,
U.E. and their mother on their
U.E. Day

Vera and Dennis Webb with T.
OK Charter

Vera and Andrew at recent An-
nual General Meeting

Morgan Dagenais Todhunter,
U.E. on 1st birthday (entranced
with certificate) and cousin James
Bowman, U.E.

Vancouver and Chwk. reps at
October Heritage Fair,
Cloverdale.

Campbell Stuart at T. OK Char-
ter Ceremony.

Andrew, Lois, on J.D. Margetts'
U.E. Day.

Shirley Dargatz and Education
project

Marge Roberts, U.E. and her cer-
tificate.

Campbell Stuart, Vona Smith,
Shirley Dargatz on Victoria visits
1994

The Black Powder group at Mini

Convention. Did you know?

Our U.E.L. flag was donated by
Doreen Todhunter, U.E. C.M.H.
in memory of her husband Stan-
ley Todhunter and our gavel is in
memory of her mother Mae
Agnes Pattullo Powell, U.E. a
Robert Campbell descendant.

Goldminer Cariboo Cameron, fa-
mous in B.C. history likely had
Loyalist ancestry?

Our thanks to Mary Van
Reeswyk (whom we met at the
Welcome to B.C. Dinner last
year) for this item.

One branch of the Camerons
brought the Loyalist rose to
Canada.

Lieut-Governor Garde Gardom
of B.C. "a friendly, familiar face
in a new job" (according to To-
day's Times June 1995) was re-
searching family history when the
call came about his new appoint-
ment?

Congratulations and Best Wishes
to a loyal British Columbian even
though he's not U.E.L. (to our
knowledge.)



Anniversary Greetings

*Congratulations to the Chilli-
wack Branch on the 5th Anniver-
sary of your founding.*

*From John Allan
and all the Victoria Branch*

*And here are excerpts from
Bernice Flett President of Lon-
don and District Branch*

*"Please convey to all members of
Chilliwack Branch, U.E.L.A.C.,
our warmest best wishes and con-
gratulations as you all celebrate
your 5th Anniversary. I will not
forget the warm welcome I, and
all who were on the "Sea to Sea"
tour, received in Chilliwack. We
wish you well in your future ac-
tivities and hope that the
U.E.L.A.C. will continue to flour-
ish in British Columbia."*

*We have also had telephone
messages from Okill Stuart;
Thompson-Okanagan and Van-
couver Branches.*



PAST LINKS

Remember These Speakers?

Archie Miller, Curator of Irving House
Historic Centre, New Westminster, on
River Boats; Campbell Stuart on Rev.
John Stuart; Dick Mackey on Palatines;
Jo Dunaway and the Brideship, Harold
Steves on the Steves family of N.B.;
Bob Bessey, Vona Smith, Shirley Dar-
gatz and others.

