



# PRAIRIE LOYALIST

FROM THE LAND OF LIVING SKIES.....

## UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

December 2024

Vol 17 No 5

[uelac.org/Saskatchewan](http://uelac.org/Saskatchewan)



### Saskatchewan Branch UELAC Executive 2024

President	<i>Jennifer Schafer UE</i>
Vice President:	<i>Scott Hazelwood</i>
Past Co-President:	<i>Ken Mackenzie UE</i>
Past Co-President:	<i>Harvey Smith UE</i>
Secretary:	<i>Barb Schmuland UE</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Gerald Adair UE</i>
Genealogist:	<i>Gerald Adair UE</i>
Membership Chair:	<i>Kathy Webster UE</i>
Publications Chair:	<i>Scott Hazelwood</i>
Archivist:	<i>Harvey Smith UE</i>
Care Comm. Chair:	<i>Beverley Risser</i>
Director:	<i>Linda Smith UE</i>
Director:	<i>Margaret Adams</i>

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

*Our meeting place in Regina will be Western Pizza,  
3847 Albert Street South unless otherwise noted.*

#### **2024**

**Sat Dec 7**

Christmas Lunch: Regina

#### **2025**

**Wed Jan 1**

New Year Levée: Gov't House

**Sat Feb 15**

Annual General Meeting: TBA

**Sat Apr 19**

Regular meeting: TBA

**TBA**

Dominion AGM

**TBA**

Dominion Conference: Saint John, NB

**Thu Jun 19**

Saskatchewan UEL Day: Regina

**Tue Jul 1**

Canada Day Party: Gov't House

**TBA**

Branch picnic: TBA

**Sat Sep 20**

Regular meeting: TBA

**Sat Nov 15**

Regular meeting: TBA

**FROM THE EDITORS PEN...**

As our 40th year wraps up, we finish off with our annual Christmas Party on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing many of you there. We had a good turnout in our November meeting, including a few members joining via Zoom.

As always, we invite all members to join our branch meetings, either in person or by Zoom, whichever is practical and accessible for you at the time.

Please feel free to send any articles about your Loyalist ancestors or anything that you think our membership will be interested in. Pictures of branch events, member activities or special events of Loyalist members can be sent to the newsletter editor at [scott.hazelwood@sasktel.net](mailto:scott.hazelwood@sasktel.net).



Your membership will expire on December 31, 2024. There are three renewal options.

- 1) Renew in person to Branch Treasurer Gerry Adair at our Christmas lunch with cash or cheque payable to Saskatchewan Branch UELAC.
- 2) Mail a cheque made payable to Saskatchewan Branch UELAC and send to Gerald Adair, Box 452 Moosomin, SK S0G 3N0
- 3) Online by logging into <https://uelac.ca/>

Individual \$55.00 - Family \$85.00

**\*\* The current Canada Post labour dispute may delay renewals posted by mail.**



Our annual branch Christmas Lunch will be held on [Saturday December 7, 2024](#) at Western Pizza, 3847 A Albert Street, Regina. Members, family and friends are all welcome. It is requested that guests are seated by 11:45am.

**RSVP by November 30, 2024**

to Scott Hazelwood (306) 502-5999 or [scott.hazelwood@sasktel.net](mailto:scott.hazelwood@sasktel.net)

Full Meal is \$25.95, and Half Meal is \$18.95, serving soup or salad, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetables and dessert.

An optional \$20 unisex, anonymous gift exchange will take place as well as an educational component.

As always, you are welcome to bring sweets and dainties to share.

**THE CARE COMMITTEE**

If you or a loved one is ill, in hospital or have suffered a loss, we encourage you or your loved ones to let the Care Committee know, to ensure that compassionate thoughts and prayers are directed your way during a challenging time.

We are connected through our ancestors, our heritage and a familial sense of sharing and caring.



Contact  
Barb Schmuland  
306-751-0933.

## LOYALIST NOTES

### *Tarring & Feathering An Act of Humiliation and Intimidation*

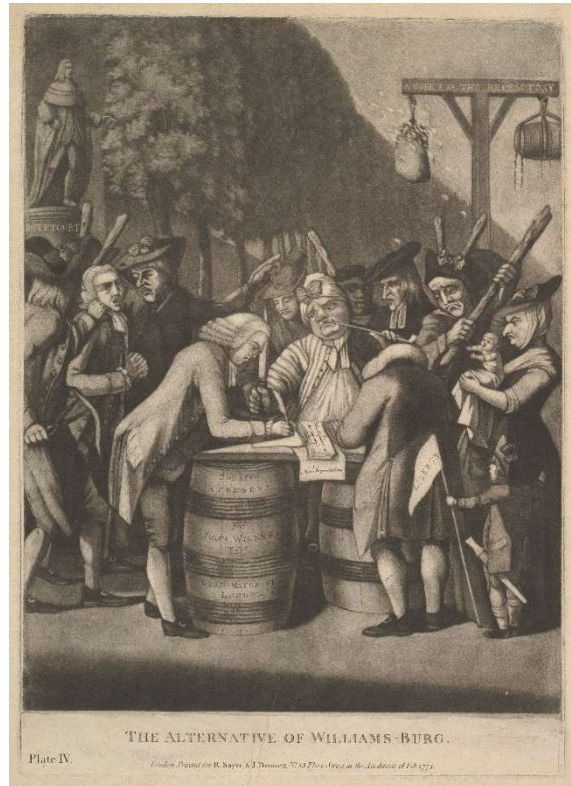
*Excerpts from an essay by Mark Maloy  
March 16, 2023*

One of the most striking images from the lead up to the American Revolution is the image of tax collectors and loyalists being tarred and feathered by American patriots. While tarring and feathering had been used as a form of public punishment and ridicule in Europe since the Middle Ages, it became most famous for its use in colonial America in the 1760s and 1770s.

Tarring and feathering was usually used as a form of vigilante justice and became a favorite of early American patriots in their protests against British taxation. Tax collectors, customs officials, or avowed loyalists were apprehended by a crowd or mob of colonists to be publicly punished and humiliated. First, they would strip the person of their clothes. Usually, they would only strip off their shirt, but sometimes they would be stripped of all their clothes. Next, they would pour or brush hot pine tar all over their body. Pine tar was frequently used by sailors in port towns for water-proofing ships and sails. This pine tar was not as hot as modern petroleum-based tar when heated, but it would often blister or burn the skin. While pouring the tar on their skin was extremely painful, the punishment was not meant to be deadly, and no one was known to have been killed as a result of tarring and feathering. They would then cover this tar with feathers, resulting in the person having the humiliating appearance of a chicken or large bird. On at least one occasion the colonists lit the feathers on fire to burn the skin underneath. The person would then often be placed on a cart or forced to sit of a wooden rail and then would be paraded through the streets of the town to make a mockery of them. Occasionally, a sign would be fashioned that would explain why the person was being punished and they would often be struck or whipped as well. As awful as a punishment it was to be tarred and feathered, crowds and individuals would often use it as a threat. The threat of having to endure such treatment proved to be a powerful tactic of intimidation.

It proved to be an effective way of making a public spectacle of those who dared to remain loyal to the king and were willing to help enforce British laws in America.

*Continued on page 4*



*"The Alternative of Williamsburg"  
A 1775 British print by Phillip Dawe*

*The note on gibbet at upper right reads: "A  
Cure for the Refractory"—a bagful of feathers  
and a cask of tar.*

## *LOYALIST NOTES (cont'd)*

### *Tarring & Feathering An Act of Humiliation and Intimidation*

Perhaps the most egregious and violent tarring and feathering was that of John Malcom, a 51-year-old customs official in Boston. On January 25, 1774, Malcom struck a patriot supporter George Hewes in the streets of Boston. That night a crowd of patriots gathered outside of his home. They dragged him from his house, stripped him of his clothes, and poured hot tar over his body which scalded his skin. They then broke open pillows and covered him in feathers. They placed him on a cart and paraded him through the town of Boston. They passed the Old State House, the Old South Meeting House and the Liberty Tree. Along the way he was severely whipped and beaten with sticks and other objects. The crowd demanded he curse the royal governor and the king, which he refused. After being subjected to further beatings and whippings and threats of more bodily harm (including the threat of cutting off his ears), he ultimately gave in and cursed them. The crowd then forced him to drink tea until he vomited. He then was beaten more until he was finally dropped back at his home after the five hour ordeal. He survived the punishment but would carry the scars of that night for the rest of his life. When removing the tar from his body, the doctors noted that “flesh comes off his back in stakes.” The notorious event was immortalized in a cartoon by Philip Dawe in England entitled “The Bostonians Paying the Excise-Man, or, Tarring & Feathering”.



*“The Bostonians Paying the Excise-Man”  
by Philip Dawe*

While the use of tar and feathers was popular amongst patriots in the lead up to the war, there is at least one instance of British soldiers using it on a patriot. In March of 1775, patriot Thomas Ditson was caught attempting to buy a musket from a British soldier in the 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot in Boston. Ditson was ordered by a British officer to be tarred and feathered for his offense. After taking his shirt off and tarring and feathering him, he was paraded through Boston along with British fifers and drummers who mockingly played “Yankee Doodle.”

After the Revolutionary War, the use of tarring and feathering as a form of mob justice continued to occur sporadically up through the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in America. Despite its continuous use, the cruel action is still mostly associated with the patriot fervor of the 1760s and 1770s colonial America. Effective as it was in the colonial era, to this day, the term tarring and feathering is still used as a shorthand of the frightening specter of the power of mob rule in American politics.



Are you on Facebook? We are!  
Join the Saskatchewan UELAC  
group. Watch for new and exciting  
posts, contribute and share.

### MEMBERS CORNER

A wonderful dedication to Loyalist ancestry was declared at the memorial service of a long-time member, the late Lloyd Redick UE.

Sharon, Lloyd's daughter, explained that her husband built the beautiful wooden urn, which they emblazoned with the vehicle medallion available on the UELAC website, who were most helpful in assisting with the appropriate token of remembrance.



Photos courtesy of Barb Schmuland

### SHOP LOYAL



Are you looking for Loyalist Merchandise and Memorabilia?

Everything from Christmas ornaments, cuff links and luggage tags to shirts, hats, flags, family name ribbons, books and souvenir licence plates.

Select items are available at each meeting in the care of Gerry Adair.

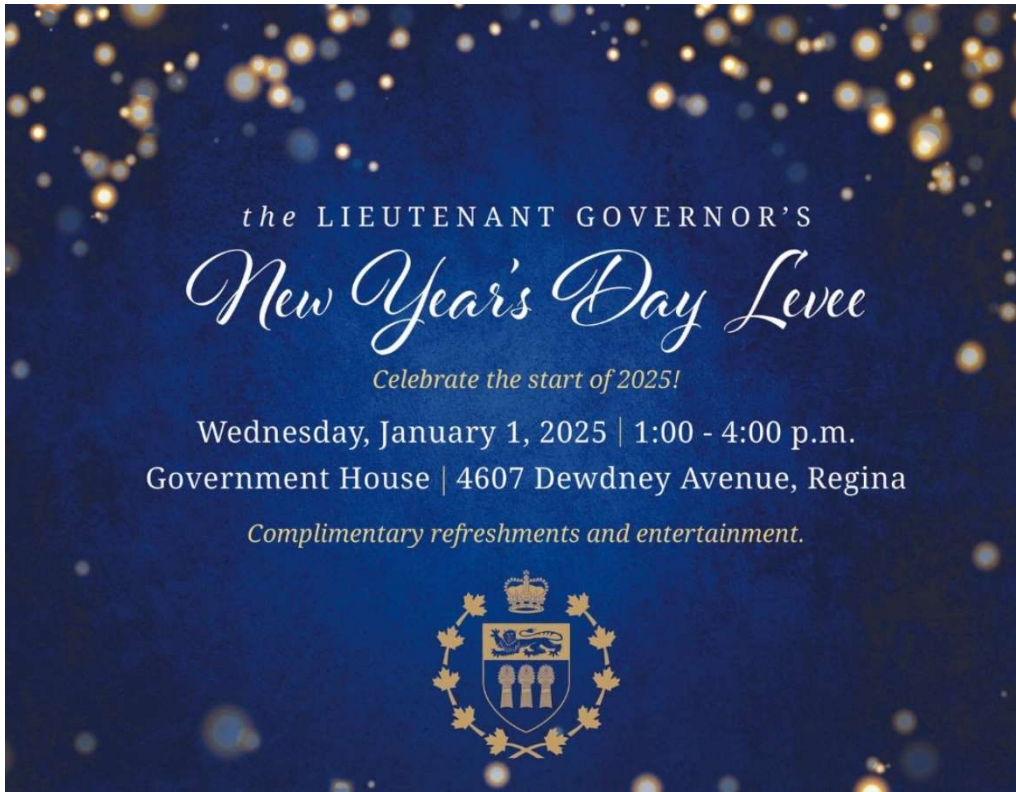
There are also items available online at <https://uelbridgeannex.com/shop/>

### SASKATCHEWAN UEL GENEALOGY



Do you have your copy of *Loyalist Descendants in Saskatchewan*? If you have, let your friends and family know if you enjoyed it. If you haven't got a copy, or would like to purchase one as a gift, you can get one at any branch event or by contacting Gerry Adair at [gerry.pat@sasktel.net](mailto:gerry.pat@sasktel.net).

This Saskatchewan Branch book is \$30.00 if picked up in person or \$50.00 including shipping to anywhere in Canada.



Saskatchewan's representative of His Majesty the King,  
The Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of  
Saskatchewan and Mrs. Donna Mirasty invite you to

*The Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Day Levee.*  
*Wednesday January 1, 2025*  
*1:00pm - 4:00pm*  
*Government House, Regina*

An afternoon filled with musical entertainment by Tahnis  
Cunnigham and Ray Bell, members of the Regina Mandolin  
Orchestra, harpist Glenna Stewart and pianist Jim Gallagher. An  
opportunity to tour the Amedee Forget Museum in historic  
Government House and to meet and greet Their Honours in the  
age-old New Year's tradition.



## ***THE LAST POST***



### **Lois Marguerite Griffin**



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lois Griffin on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at the age of 93 years.

Lois was raised on a grain farm at Kincaid, SK, during the lean years of the Great Depression. Always a farm girl, she kept those years of prairie life close to her heart. After graduating Grade XII from Mazenod High School, Lois went on to Normal School to become a teacher, just like three of her sisters had done before her. At first Lois taught in several rural one room schools until she moved to Regina to teach. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Jim. They were married for 65 years until Jim passed away in 2017.

Lois and Jim had three children, Denise (Wayne, the father of their children) Steven and Amy; Megan and her children Ainsley (Mark) and Cameron; and Michael (Leslie) and their children Laura, Sean and Ryan. Lois was predeceased by her parents, William and Elizabeth Haviland; five sisters, Marion Robinson, Elsie Damon, Irene Tulloch, Grace Glover, and Doris Klassen.

Lois began her business career as a contractor with Westgate Village Homes and later owned and operated the Jewellery Factory for almost 30 years. She truly enjoyed working with people and the many customers and clients she met because of it.

As a social person, Lois participated in many groups over the years including Rotary, United Church Women, Beta Sigma Phi, Girl Guides & The Trefoil Guild, the United Empire Loyalists and Mahjong. She also served on many Boards. A firm belief of Lois's was the motto, "volunteering was the rent you paid to live on Earth". Other favourites were Roughrider games, family camping trips and travelling. Lois believed in working hard and being kind to others. She lived a life full of many joys.

Special thanks goes to Dr. Gil Kriek for his care over the years, and to the Cancer Clinic with Dr. Jim and Dr. Woo. In addition, we would like to thank the Pasqua Hospital staff of Units ER, 3B, and Palliative Care with Dr. Johnson, as well as the many community Palliative and Home Care workers. For those who kindly wish to honour Lois's memory, donations may be made to the Rotary Foundation of Canada, c/o 911600, P.O. Box 4090, Station A, Toronto ON M5W 0E9.

Funeral Service will be held for Lois on Wednesday October 30, 2024, at Lakeview United Church, 3200 Mc Callum Ave, Regina. At 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Cheryl Toth officiating.



***Home of the Cairn***

***on the shores of Wascana Lake,***

***Regina, Saskatchewan***

Winter cairn photo courtesy of istockphoto.com