



PRAIRIE LOYALIST

FROM THE LAND OF LIVING SKIES.....

**UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS ***WHERE THE TEA IS SERVED IN CUPS***

2026

Canada Day Party: Government House, Regina
Branch picnic: Moosomin
Regular meeting: Regina
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Christmas Lunch: Regina

Wednesday July 1
Saturday August 8
Saturday September 19
Saturday November 21
Saturday December 5



2027

New Year Levée: Government House, Regina
Annual General Meeting: TBA
Regular meeting: TBA
National Conference, Kingston
National AGM (this is a virtual meeting only)
Saskatchewan UEL Day: Regina

Friday January 1
Saturday February 20
Saturday April 17
June 17 - 20
TBA
Saturday June 19

*** Regina meetings will be at Western Pizza, 3847 Albert Street South unless otherwise noted*

FROM THE EDITORS PEN...

The summer solstice has passed, and we are full into summer.

South of the border, the American public is celebrating 250 years of the birth of their republic. In Canada we are not celebrating the semiquincentennial, but we do remember the history behind it and the profound impact it had on the Loyalists who helped shape our nation.

Our branch has been busy over the past few months. Among our recent projects are a cemetery dedication in Maple Creek, the final stages of a youth-focused educational book, and the launch of the first edition of our quarterly youth newsletter, *Young Prairie Loyalist*, created for Loyalist youth—and those who are young at heart.



If you would like to share anything in an upcoming newsletter, contact the newsletter editor at scott.hazelwood@gmail.com. The deadline for the next newsletter will be September 24, 2026.

*Scott Hazelwood, UE
Prairie Loyalist Editor*



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Her Honour the Honourable
Bernadette McIntyre, S.O.M.
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

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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. And if there is a celebration to mention, let's share the good news as well.

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

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BRANCH NEWS & EVENTS

UEL DAY IN SASKATCHEWAN

On Friday, June 19, members of the Saskatchewan Branch gathered for lunch at Western Pizza in Regina, followed by a brief branch meeting. Afterwards, we made our annual pilgrimage to the United Empire Loyalist Cairn in Wascana Park.

Each year on UEL Day, we gather at the cairn to honour the memory of our Loyalist ancestors and the descendants who later settled in Saskatchewan. It is a time to reflect on their loyalty, sacrifices, and enduring legacy in helping to build Canada.

We were pleased to have Kevin Weedmark, MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre as our guest speaker. He reiterated the importance of remembering our heritage. There was one certificate presented to Scott Hazelwood for his proven Loyalist ancestor, William Nelson Perry, UE.

Margaret Adams presented two family histories; “The Outlaw and the Spy”. The stories of Daniel Rose, UE and Jacob Bailey Chamberlain, UE.

Following the time at the cairn, some of those present finished off the day with coffee and dessert at Smitty’s.



*Branch President Jennifer Schafer,
UE speaks on UEL Day in Regina.*

 **BRANCH
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Left, Margaret Adams, UE gives her family history presentation.

Above, MLA Kevin Weedmark speaks to our group.

Below, some of the group gathered for UEL Day in Regina.



UE Certificate!

President Jennifer Schafer presented a UE certificate to Saskatchewan branch member Scott Hazelwood at the cairn on June 19th.

Upon presentation, she outlined the Loyalist ancestry and the criteria for receiving the UE designation.

Scott Hazelwood received his UE certificate for his proven Loyalist ancestor William Nelson Perry, UE.

Branch President Jennifer Schafer, UE (left) and Branch Genealogist Gerry Adair, UE (right), present a UE certificate to Scott Hazelwood, UE (centre).

-photo courtesy of Wendy Peterson



LOYALTY IN SETTLEMENT

A Reflection on 250 Years (1776-2026)

As others mark the founding of a nation, we remember the harsh journey.

As others celebrate liberty, we remember exile.

As others recall victory, we recall steadfast allegiance.

As others honour a new republic, we remember the quiet work of beginning again.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, families arrived on unfamiliar ground.

Neighbours became family as communities grew.

Market and tavern took shape where none had stood.

Even congregations met in modest places of prayer.

Some chose to stay behind.

Some chose to begin again.

Each side made a choice. Each side made a stand. And history remembers.





Join Her Honour the Honourable Bernadette McIntyre & His Honour Rich McIntyre for the Lieutenant Governor's Canada Day Celebration at Government House in Regina on July 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. <https://www.ltgov.sk.ca/canada-day-2026>

CANADA'S 31st GOVERNOR GENERAL SWORN IN

Canada's 31st Governor General is the Right Honourable **Louise Arbour**. A former Supreme Court of Canada justice and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, she was appointed by King Charles III on the recommendation of Prime Minister Mark Carney and sworn into office on June 8, 2026.

As the country's oldest public office, the position dates back more than 400 years, to 1608, when Samuel de Champlain fulfilled the duties and responsibilities that would eventually become those of modern-day governors general.

The Governor General is His Majesty's representative in Canada and abroad.



First Audience with His Majesty the King, June 3, 2026

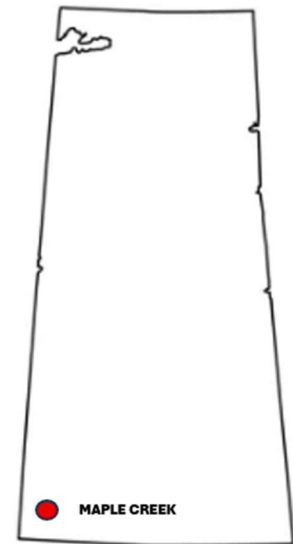
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Cemetery Dedication

On Monday May 4, 2026, branch members gathered at the Maple Creek Cemetery for a plaque dedication ceremony.

On this cold windy day, even the local paper came out and gave the event front page news!

The Maple Creek Cemetery is the resting place of late branch member Lloyd Reddick, UE and his wife Verla. Their daughter Sharon Pachal was there to share the day.



--Photos below courtesy of Jennifer Schafer, UE.





There are many Saskatchewan cemeteries where descendants of Loyalists are buried, and the Cemetery Committee is looking for submissions for Cemetery Plaques.

Provide the name of the cemetery, where it is located and any known Loyalist ancestors that are buried there to any committee member; you do not have to be a Branch member. Remember that any of your family members that are also descended from your Loyalist should also be on your list and they do not have to be proven!

Committee members are:

- Gerry Adair UE
- Judy Sanders UE
- Harvey Smith UE
- Barb Schmuland UE

Plaques are now at the following Saskatchewan cemeteries.

- Dilke Cemetery, Dilke, Saskatchewan
- Fairlight Cemetery, Fairlight, Saskatchewan
- Inglesfield Cemetery, Maryfield, Saskatchewan
- Maple Creek Cemetery, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan
- Maryfield Cemetery, Maryfield, Saskatchewan
- South Cemetery, Moosomin, Saskatchewan





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. A **NEW ITEM** now available is the UELAC Challenge Coin and the Revolutionary War Coin of Remembrance.

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

Items are also available online on our Branch Website saskuelac.ca/items-for-sale or the National Website uelac.ca/store/.

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.

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





“My Brother, the Rebel”

A Fictional Account from the View of a Divided Family

My name is Nathaniel Clarke.

I was born in Connecticut, raised on the same patch of land as my older brother Samuel. We were close once—shared the same bed as boys, fished the same pond, helped our father stack hay every harvest.

But when the colonies began whispering of rebellion, our family cracked like ice in spring.

My father, a staunch Loyalist, said, “The King gave us protection, roads, trade. We owe him our loyalty.”

But Samuel—he saw it differently. He said, “Why should a King across the sea rule over us? We should govern ourselves.” He read the pamphlets, met with men in secret, and wore a cockade in his hat.

I tried to keep the peace. I stayed quiet, hoped it would pass.

But the war came.

Samuel joined the Continental Army.

My father forbade him from returning. My mother wept at the table the night he left.

I can still hear her voice: “You boys were born under the same roof—don’t let this war take you both.”





I stayed. I followed my father north when we were branded Tories. Our neighbours spat at us. They took our horses, burned our barn, and told us to run or die. So we fled—my parents, my wife, and me. We found shelter with other Loyalists and were later granted land in what they called Upper Canada.

Years passed. We built a rough life—cold winters, hard soil. I became a father.

But in the quiet of the night, I still thought of Samuel. Was he alive? Had he fought at Saratoga? Yorktown? Did he curse my name?

One day, long after the war, I received a letter from a merchant in Boston. Samuel had survived. He'd stayed in the new United States, raised a family. He wrote only one line to me:

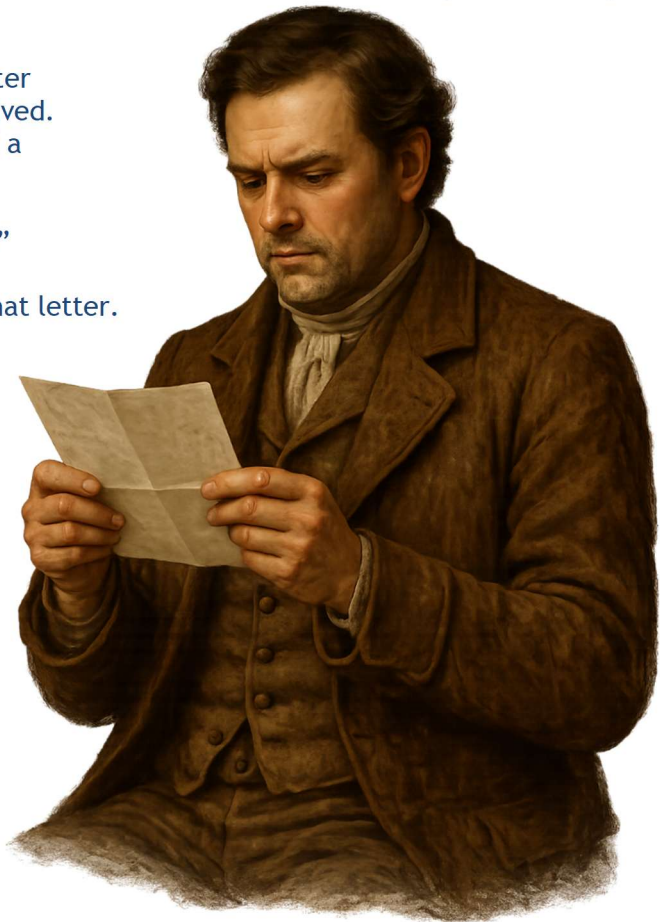
“The war is over, but I still miss my brother.”

We never saw each other again. But I kept that letter.

This war didn't just make a new country. It tore families apart.

Even now, when my sons argue at the table, I remind them:

“There was once a time when brother turned against brother. And no one truly won.”



* Watch for another *Trail of Tales* in the next issue of *Prairie Loyalist*.



The Outlaw and The Spy - My Son's Loyalist Ancestors

Part one: Daniel Rose, UE - The Outlaw

By Margaret Adams, UE

In 1773 four Roses, James, William, Hugh and his family, and Hugh's younger brother Daniel, emigrated from Scotland to what is now New York. Daniel, Huger, and other fellow Scots settled at Kortright Township. Daniel married Jane McMicking in 1777.

When the war broke out Daniel remained loyal to the Crown. Hugh elected to remain 'neutral' but secretly supported the Loyalists. Daniel spent the summer of 1777 as a volunteer with John Macdonell's Company. In 1778 Daniel, along with some of his fellow Scots, joined Joseph Brant's company.

The Mohawk Thayendanegea better known as Joseph Brant was a staunch British Loyalist. The brother of Molly Brant, consort of Sir William Johnson, His Majesty's Superintendent of Indian Affairs, connected him to the highest level of society in the Mohawk Valley of New York,

Brant was a very well-educated and literate man. A devout Anglican Christian, a canny businessman and a successful farmer he remained a Mohawk, a skilled hunter, attuned with nature and a leader committed to the well-being of his people.

The problem was, he had no official standing among the Mohawk. When he tried to persuade them to take up the tomahawk on the part of the British at the break-out of the civil war he was generally ignored. The Mohawk, along with most of the Iroquois wanted to stay neutral.

Disappointed and humiliated, Joseph Brant returned home to his family. In early spring of 1777, Joseph Brant raised the King's standard in the center of his village and declared that he was prepared to make war upon the Rebels, even if he had no Mohawk warriors to follow him into battle.

To his surprise white men came by the dozen to join his cause. Largely described as hard-bitten men of the Adirondacks they were drawn to the opportunity to fight under a man associated with the powerful Johnson family.

The men were regarded as wild and undisciplined. They dressed and fought in the Mohawk manner and earned a fearsome reputation not only among the Rebel settlers of the Mohawk Valley, but among the British troops themselves.

They were not a recognized British military unit. They were armed and provisioned mainly by Brant himself; he often had to provide for weapons, food, and medical supplies paid by credit. Volunteers were unpaid and made their living through forage and plunder. They were regarded as outlaws by the patriots, and subject to hanging if captured.



MEMBERS CORNER ...cont'd

Brant gradually recruited more Mohawks into his unit, but he never led more than about 300 men. The Patriot's assumed Brant also lead all the Iroquois allied with the British and attributed every attack and atrocity to him. He became known as "Monster Brant."

Some of his men left him to serve in more regular Loyalist units, including Butler's Rangers, and John Johnson's King's Royal Regiment of New York — but a group of men stayed with Brant through to the end.

The remnant of Brant's Volunteers, Mohawk and white Loyalists alike, would go into exile in Upper Canada under Brant's leadership after the war.

In October 1779, Brant's Company arrived at Niagara. Upon Colonel Guy Johnson's declaration that Brant's Volunteers could only draw pay from the day of their arrival at Niagara and that no credit would be given for their previous 18 month's service. Daniel Rose, along with a number of his fellow volunteers stated that "they served the Crown from Principle and not for the sake of Enrichment" and continued to serve the remainder of the war as volunteers under Brant's command.

In late 1780, Daniel Rose returned to New York and relocated his wife Jane and two-year-old son Hugh to safety in Niagara. Due insufficient food supplies in Niagara he was one of the 16 men who began farming at Niagara.

Daniel established his farm up on the mountain, based on guidance from the First Nations who were very aware of the military advantage of situating oneself on elevated land. There he and Jane continued to expand their family. with William, Nancy, Jane, Lewis, Alexander, Peter, Margaret, James, and Elexa born in Niagara.

The Rose farmhouse was in the centre of action during the War of 1812. Daniel along with five of his sons served in various Militia units during the war, his youngest son James was too young to enlist. He provided aid to the British units located in the Niagara area.

Brant's attestation of August 29, 1787 stated "Archibald Thomson, John Chisholm, Daniel Rose, James Parkes, Ludowick Zeely & Rudolph Johnston, have Served along with me as Volunteers, from the Year 1778 to the end of the late war and have always behaved themselves as faithful Subjects to his Majesty and have not yet received any Gratuity for said Services.

Daniel Rose was entered on the UE List June 20th, 1820

Daniel farmed in Niagara for the remainder of his life. He was known as a kind man, a good neighbor, a Christian who annually supported the Stamford Presbyterian Church. In addition to the Gore Lot in Niagara, Daniel received 650 acres in East Flamborough and 400 in King Township for his services. Eight of his ten children received loyalist land grants. Daniel Rose died in 1823. He was buried in Stamford Presbyterian Cemetery, Stamford Ontario. 1801 his daughter, Nancy, married William McKerlie in Niagara. There they raised eleven children. My husband's grandfather, Daniel, is their great grandson.

Daniel Rose is my husband Byron's 4x and my son Keith's 5x Great Grandfather.

BRANCH PICNIC

The annual Loyalist Picnic will be held in Moosomin at the home of Gerry Adair on Saturday, August 8th.

A barbecue will be available, so if you wish, bring something to barbecue for yourself and your family and something to share with the group. Water, juice and coffee will be available, but if you need or want something else, please bring your own. Plates, cutlery, and drinking cups and glasses will be provided. This is an outdoor event so please bring your own lawn chair, and as it has been a cool spring, please bring adequate clothing or jackets so you are comfortable. We are planning for people to start arriving at 11 o'clock Saskatchewan time for a lunch



time meal at noon. This is a social event so there will be no meeting, but there will be Loyalist certificates to be presented.

This event is open to all members of the Saskatchewan and Assiniboine Branches and any guests they want to bring! It is a great time to socialize with each other and get to know our Loyalist family on both sides of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border. We have a number of young members in the Saskatchewan Branch, so children of all ages are welcome. The future of our Association depends on our young people and getting and keeping their interest! Please remember that my house holds the library for the Saskatchewan Branch, and I have many other research books for Loyalist research in Ontario. It will be open for people to browse throughout the afternoon.

This event will happen, rain or shine. I believe I can accommodate attendees inside if the need arises. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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HELP WANTED

We are seeking a dedicated individual to serve as **BRANCH SECRETARY**. This role includes preparing meeting agendas, recording minutes, and maintaining correspondence and records.

As part of a group of dedicated—yet fun—volunteers, this position offers an opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way while enjoying fellowship with others who share an interest in Loyalist heritage and genealogy.

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LOYALIST NOTES

CARRYING HISTORY FORWARD

Every culture has ways of remembering those who came before.

Some wear tartan. Some wear regalia. Some wear military uniforms. Others preserve family heirlooms or gather at places of remembrance.

It is less about wearing a uniform than it is about what it means to inherit a story.

Clothing alone cannot recreate the past. Yet, for a moment, it can narrow the distance between generations. It reminds us that history is not only something we read—it is something we inherit.

It is not costume.
It is not theatre.
It is connection.

When the day is over and those symbols are carefully put away, it can feel as though we are stepping out of history.

But history does not hang on a coat hook.
It lives in the stories we preserve.
It lives in the traditions we continue.
It lives in the descendants who remember.
It lives in the institutions that have endured.

A uniform may be removed.
A tartan may be folded away.
Regalia may be carefully stored.
But heritage remains.
We do not step out of history.
We carry it forward.



June 24, 2026

Home of the Cairn

on the shores of Wascana Lake,

Regina, Saskatchewan