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Upcoming Meetings and Events:

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

2024

Sat Nov 16

Sat Dec 7

Regular meeting: Regina

Christmas dinner: Regina

2025

Wed Jan 1

Sat Feb 15

Sat Apr 19

TBA

TBA

Thu Jun 19

Tue Jul 1

TBA

Sat Sep 20

New Year Levée: Gov't House

Annual General Meeting: TBA

Regular meeting: TBA

Dominion AGM

Dominion Conference: Saint John, NB

Saskatchewan UEL Day: Regina

Canada Day Party: Gov't House

Branch picnic: Moosomin

Regular meeting: TBA

FROM THE EDITORS PEN...

The branch kept busy this summer! After our 40th Anniversary on June 19th, we had the annual branch picnic held on July 27th in Moosomin, hosted by Gerry Adair. Was great to see so many of you there. There were some certificates presented and a cemetery plaque dedication. Then we met again in Saskatoon in September for a branch meeting.

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.

Scott Hazelwood, Prairie Loyalist Editor

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 Linda Smith at 306-596-5823.



One tradition that the Loyalists brought with them, influenced by our American neighbours, was the celebration of Thanksgiving. The “traditional” meal with turkey, squash, and pumpkin, was introduced to Nova Scotians in the 1750s. After the American Revolution and the arrival of the United Empire Loyalists who kept this “traditional” fare, it was then spread to other parts of the country and is now celebrated all across Canada.

FOR SALE – SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH BOOK

Have you got your copy of *Loyalist Descendants in Saskatchewan*?

If you have and you enjoyed it, please pass information on to your family and friends or anyone you think may be interested.

Price is only \$30 if picked up. Contact Gerry Adair in Moosomin or Linda Smith in Regina for more information.

To have a book mailed will cost \$20 for shipping to anywhere in Canada (\$50 total). Contact Gerry Adair at gerry.pat@sasktel.net



MEMBER'S CORNER

How We Started

At our 40th Anniversary event, Donna Sanders UE told us the story of how she and her sister Margaret Dobson UE re-started our branch after a long hiatus. I asked Donna if she would share her story in writing for our branch members, and she graciously agreed. This is her account.



Donna Sanders UE gives an account of our branch's beginnings on June 19th.

I am proud to say that I, along with my sister, Margaret Dodson are the ones who resurrected the Saskatchewan Branch of the UEL. I say resurrected as a Branch was created in 1932 but folded. I was invited to attend the luncheon at the UELAC 40th Anniversary June 19, 2024 and asked to give a brief talk about how “we” got started. Since then, Scott Hazelwood has asked me to write it down to be included in a Newsletter. I must admit The Saskatchewan Branch of the UEL got started - quite by accident!!

My sister Margaret and I have always been interested in our ancestors as we have many very interesting characters in our families! While doing research in the 80s, we discovered our 7x great grandfather Russell Pitman who had the initials UE affixed to his name. Russel was a Captain in the King's army during the American Revolution. We really had no idea what “UE” meant at the time.

Several months later, I was reading the Regina Leader Post, sitting at my sister's dining room table, when I came upon a tiny 1 ½ “square ad asking if anyone was related to a United Empire Loyalist “UE”, they should contact John Chard at this Ontario phone number. I immediately asked Margaret if she thought that that was the same UE that was behind our 7x great grandfather's name? We should phone him! I had to twist my sister's arm though, as long distant phone calls in those days were not cheap!

What followed was a delightful and very informative conversation with John Chard who explained that we were probably UELs and that we could use the only inherited title in Canada behind our names - UE. How exciting! He then explained that by proving our lineage to Russell Pitman with documentation we could become members! Again, how exciting and extremely special! As my sister had spent many years working on our family tree by gathering documentation and pictures this was a relatively easy task. We sent in our proof and soon our certificates were on the way!

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Assistance

Individuals who wish to trace Loyalist ancestors for membership in the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada can receive assistance from the Association's offices.

For more information on this service or on membership write to: E.J. Chard, Dominion Headquarters, UEL Association of Canada, 23 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5R 1B2.

A similar ad to one recalled by Donna Sanders UE - Regina Leader-Post, November 22, 1982, page 28

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Then another call from John Chard came asking if we would be interested in starting a Saskatchewan Branch and we both agreed, "Sure, why not?" Now because our title came down through our father's family, we had got him a certificate as well and the three of us held our first organizational meeting. We made Margaret President, Donna Secretary/Treasurer and our father known as Big Pete Sanders who was 6' 3 ½" and weighed 300lbs, was our Member at Large.

We received names of other UEL members in Saskatchewan and soon we were having regular meetings with up to 9 members in Margaret's or my home. We carried on for several years with our small group. I remember two brothers who drove all the way from Rosetown. I called them the Rose Brothers.

Unfortunately, my life became more complicated with 3 young children, a divorce and the need of a full-time job so I had to quit my active role in the Branch. Regrettably, I have not become an active member again but remain a proud UE. We two sisters are grateful that there were others who picked up the reigns and carried on our initial work to become the thriving Saskatchewan Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada.

Donna Sanders UE
Charter Member

UELAC CEMETERY PLAQUES

Do you know a Saskatchewan cemetery where descendants of Loyalists are buried?

The Cemetery Committee is looking for submissions for Cemetery Plaques. We need the name of the cemetery, where it is located and any known Loyalist ancestors that are buried there.

Please send submissions to any committee member. You do not have to be a Branch member to submit a cemetery.

Please remember that any of your family members that are also descended from your Loyalist should also be on your list. They do not have to be proven!

Committee members are:

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

Plaques are now at the following Saskatchewan cemeteries.

- Maryfield Cemetery
- Dilke Cemetery
- Fairlight Cemetery



BRANCH EVENTS

Branch Picnic



The Loyalist picnic took place on Saturday, July 27 at the home of Gerry Adair in Moosomin, Saskatchewan. Everyone was encouraged to bring their own meat for the BBQ and something to share with the group, and there certainly was a lot to share. The weather proved to be in our favour, a warm, sunny prairie day, perfect for an outdoor picnic. Three members received certificates, and a cemetery plaque was dedicated at Fairlight Cemetery at Fairlight, Saskatchewan.

Branch Picnic photos courtesy of Judy Sanders and Scott Hazelwood.



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Above members received their UE certificates. Left, George Adair UE (proven ancestors William Bell UE and David Embury UE) and right, Lt Justin Cowan UE and Archer Cowan UE (proven ancestor William Bell UE). - Photos courtesies of Judy Sanders and Scott Hazelwood.



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*Lieutenant Justin Cowan UE holds the Loyalist flag at the Fairlight Cemetery plaque dedication, and below the group gathered for a photo afterwards.
- Photos courtesy of Jennifer Schafer.*



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Jennifer Schafer UE received six Loyalist ancestry certificates at our meeting in Saskatoon in September. Jennifer's proven ancestors are William McCorquodale Bell UE, William Bell UE, Gilbert Hearn UE, Thomas Hearn UE, Isaiah Bartley UE and Edward Carscallen UE.



Group photo of members at our meeting in Saskatoon in September.



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posts, contribute and share.**

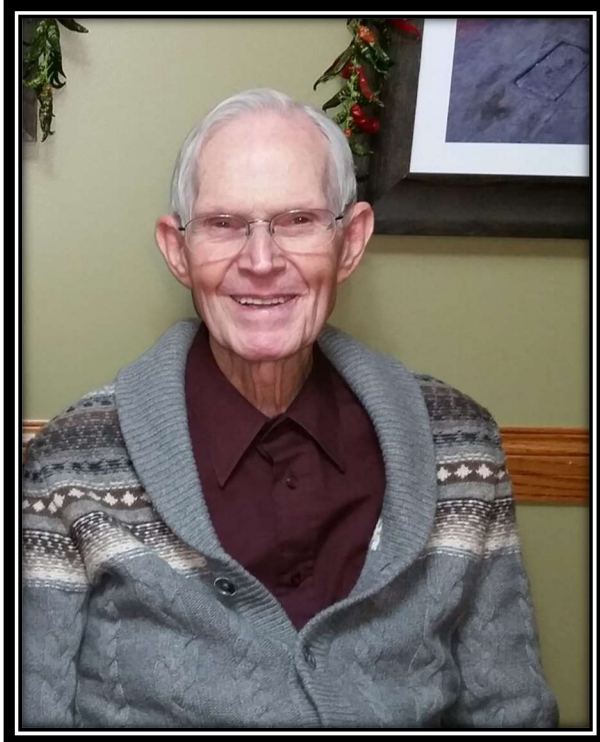


THE LAST POST

Lloyd Redick UE

Dad, Lloyd Osborne Redick UE passed away sleeping peacefully on September 22, 2024, at the age of 94, in his birthplace of Maple Creek, SK.

He was a dedicated husband to his wife, Verla, for nearly 65 years until her passing in January 2023. Together, they raised two children, Sharon and Clayton. He is also the proud grandfather of six and great-grandfather of ten. Dad said his greatest joys in life were watching his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren grow up, pursue good jobs, marry, and enjoy their lives.



Lloyd, the eldest of five sons, grew up during the Great Depression, facing dust storms and drought. He received his early education through homeschooling and rural schools, completing high school while living with his grandmother in Maple Creek. In 1949, he graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Diploma in Agriculture.

Upon returning to Maple Creek, he worked on the family farm, partnered with his brother Harve in farming, and was employed by the McDougald Bros. He also enjoyed spending summers playing baseball with the local Motherwell Monarchs.

In 1958, he married Minnie Verla Klatt, and together they intended to grain farm. However, over the next six years, they struggled to keep the farm afloat by taking on various jobs while they farmed. Dad worked at the Maple Creek curling rink in the winter, dug ditches in town, drove the Imperial Oil delivery truck, and served

as a surveyor's rodman for the PFRA, while Verla worked at the Prairie Pride Motel. Despite their efforts to keep the farm out of debt, it became clear that farming wouldn't provide a stable lifestyle for their family, leading to the decision to stop farming.

In 1965, the family relocated to Regina, where he traded his farm clothes for a white shirt, tie, and dress shoes after securing a full-time position as a technician with the PFRA Hydrology division. In 1968, a new role as a hydrometric field technician with Water Survey of Canada took them to Saskatoon, but by October 1969, the department unexpectedly moved back to Regina. The family returned, moving twice in two years, or three times in five years, finally settling into their "family home" in east Regina for the next 38 years. Dad enjoyed being out of the office, often saying how much he liked being out in the field. He was a dedicated civil servant for 32 years with PFRA and Water Survey of Canada. Regina remained their home until Dad returned to Maple Creek in November 2022.

Throughout his working years and into retirement, he enjoyed following the NHL, tinkering in hockey pools, watching the Roughriders, keeping the family budget and researching his family history. He was especially proud to trace his "Redick Family" heritage to the United Empire Loyalists, with his great-great-great grandfather having fought for the British in the American Revolution. He was also involved with the UELAC Saskatchewan branch, helping to build a cairn near the Saskatchewan Legislature to honor homesteaders with family ties to the Revolution. Dad enjoyed golfing and lawn bowling in the summer and curling in the winter before his hip surgery in 2008.

Dad was a life member of the Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association, a certified member of the United Empire Loyalists of Canada, and a proud honorary Life Member of Knox-Metropolitan United Church in Regina (recently transferring his membership to Maple Creek United Church). He was also a member of the Southwest Oldtimers Association and the Jasper Cultural and Historical Museum in Maple Creek.

Dad greatly enjoyed his last couple of years in Maple Creek, reconnecting with friends, family and community. Sharon and Clay would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at the Maple Creek Cypress Lodge and Prairie Meadows - SIHF. A special thanks to Irene, Doug, Wally, and the Maple Creek United Church family for their support in helping Dad attend church when he could, and for their many visits. Deep appreciation also goes to his niece Julie and her husband Craig for their kindness and care in running errands and looking after Uncle Lloyd.

If friends so desire, memorial donations may be made in Lloyd's memory to the Maple Creek United Church, or the Auxiliary to the Southwest Integrated Healthcare Facility in Maple Creek. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Maple Creek United Church on Saturday, October 19, at 1 PM, followed by a luncheon. Afterward, the interment will take place at the Redick family plot in the Maple Creek Cemetery.



