



# PRAIRIE LOYALIST

*FROM THE LAND OF LIVING SKIES.....*

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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**

<b>Sat Jul 27</b>	Branch picnic: Moosomin
<b>Sat Sep 21</b>	Regular meeting: Saskatoon
<b>Sat Nov 16</b>	Regular meeting: Regina
<b>TBA</b>	Christmas dinner: Regina

#### **2025**

<b>Wed Jan 1</b>	New Year Levée: Gov't House
<b>Sat Feb 15</b>	Annual General Meeting: TBA
<b>Sat Apr 19</b>	Regular meeting: TBA
<b>TBA</b>	Dominion AGM
<b>TBA</b>	Dominion Conference: Saint John, NB
<b>Thu Jun 19</b>	Saskatchewan UEL Day: Regina
<b>Tue Jul 1</b>	Canada Day Party: Gov't House

## FROM THE EDITORS PEN...

Since the last issue, we have had an exciting start to the summer. UEL Day has come and gone, but our branch's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a great celebration. And we have more fun coming up!

The annual branch picnic is on July 27<sup>th</sup> in Moosomin. Hope to see many of you there. And that's not all! As we did not have a business meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>, there is the possibility of holding another meeting before our September meeting. We'll keep you posted.

As always, all members are invited to our branch meetings, either physically or virtually, whichever is practical and accessible at the time.

Scott Hazelwood, *Prairie Loyalist Editor*

### 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](mailto:gerry.pat@sasktel.net)**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us on June 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our branch's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a fabulous day (expect for the rain at the end, but we aren't talking about that!). It was especially nice to have so many dignitaries be able to join us that day - Our Lieutenant Governor, His Honour, The Honourable Russ Mirasty and Mrs. Mirasty, the Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture, and Sport from the Province of Saskatchewan, as well as our national UELAC President - Carly Stymiest from Vancouver, and our Prairie Region UELAC Vice President - Barb Andrew from Brandon. I was especially pleased to see how many of our branch members came in period dress; it always makes a large statement the more of us that can, so it was lovely to see. A huge thank you also goes out to our planning committee - Scott Hazelwood, Barb Schmuland, Kathy Webster, Cathy Forester, Gerry Adair, and myself - it was very exciting to see all of our planning come to fruition and be enjoyed by the attendees! Next time, we will have to book our weather sooner.

If you weren't able to attend the celebration, you would have missed the unveiling of our new Saskatchewan UELAC pin. These were ordered as a gift for all of our attendees that day. We did order some extra pins and those are now available for sale in our collection of UELAC items for purchase. I'm looking forward to the next event on July 27<sup>th</sup> - a picnic hosted by Gerry Adair in Moosomin where I believe we also have a cemetery plaque to dedicate on the same day. Just a reminder that our anniversary cake will make a reappearance at the picnic where it can be enjoyed by all without any rain (hopefully). See you all then!

Jennifer Schafer UE  
*Saskatchewan Branch President*



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

## *MEMBER'S CORNER*

### *Bell History*

David Coates and his father, James Barry Coates, both received their Loyalist certificates from the Saskatchewan Branch. Although these two gentlemen live in Newmarket, Ontario, they have roots in southwestern Manitoba.

I have corresponded with David for over a year and a half. Through our conversations I found that he was a descendant of Henry Cornelius (Neely) Bell, who was a brother to my great-grandmother, Mary Jane Secord (Bell) Adair. Neely and his wife, Lucy Shire had moved to southwestern Manitoba after their children were born in the 1890's. They settled at Goodlands, Manitoba, not far from Deloraine.

Neely and Lucy had five children, the second oldest was John Godfrey Bell, born at Tamworth, Ontario in 1878. John married Isabella Ann Smith in 1907 and their first two children, John Wylie (1908) and Eva Vera Jean (1909), were born in Manitoba. By the time their third child, George Russell, was born in 1917, they had moved to Taber, Alberta. Unfortunately, Isabella died in 1920 at Taber and John Godfrey died in 1921 at Strathmore, Alberta. The young children went to live with their Uncle Calvin McLean Bell and his family in Manitoba.

Eva Vera Jean Bell married John Orval Coates in Brenda, Manitoba and she is the mother of James Barry Coates and grandmother of David Coates, our present members.



On the other side of the ancestral story, Henry Cornelius (Neely) Bell was the son of William Bell and Esther Wheeler. William was the son of William McCorquodale Bell and Margaret Deborah Hearn. William McCorquodale was the son of (also) William McCorquodale Bell UEL and Ann Carscallen. Ann was the daughter of Edward Carscallen UEL and Elizabeth Hill. Margaret Deborah Hearn was the daughter of Gilbert Hearn UEL and Catherine Bartley.

Gilbert's parents were Thomas Hearn UEL and Deborah Campbell. Catherine Bartley's parents were Isaiah Bartley UEL and Eleanor Campbell. Catherine Bartley died in childbirth before she ever applied for land as a DUE. (daughter of a United Empire Loyalist) Her daughter Margaret Deborah (Hearn) Bell applied for land as the only surviving child of a DUE and got it. William McCorquodale Bell UEL was the son of William Bell UEL and Flora McCorquodale.

Esther Wheeler was the daughter of Calvin Wheeler and Elizabeth Carscallen. Calvin Wheeler came from the United States but fought for the British in the War of 1812. He was considered by many to be the founder of Tamworth, Ontario. Elizabeth Carscallen got her land grant while married to John Neely and they had at least four children together. I don't know what happened to John Neely but she married Calvin Wheeler during the War of 1812 and proceeded to have another nine children. Elizabeth was the daughter of John Carscallen UEL and Esther Fraser.

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John was the son of Edward Carscallen UEL and Elizabeth Hill; and brother of Ann Carscallen mentioned in the previous paragraph. Esther Fraser was the daughter of Daniel Fraser UEL and Sarah Conklin. Daniel came to America with the British army and was on the Plains of Abraham with General Wolfe's army. Sarah Conklin was the daughter of John Conklin UEL and Sarah Van Amburgh. John Conklin was in the army but never made it to Canada, dying in 1780 in New York Province. John Carscallen UEL and William McCorquodale Bell UEL were brother in laws and lived a couple of miles north of Napanee, Ontario, side by side between Newburgh and Camden East. Their stone houses that they built in the 1820's are still standing today and are still being lived in (or at least they were before covid.) In between the two house is an old graveyard with very few readable stones. This is where John Carscallen UEL and Esther Fraser; and William McCorquodale Bell and Ann Carscallen are buried.

*Gerald Adair UE, Saskatchewan Branch Genealogist*

### ***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



### *From the 1984 Charter*

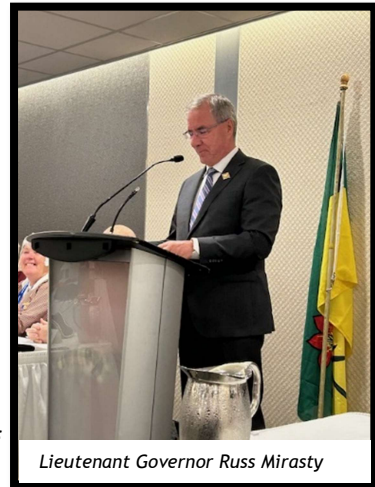
At our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we had three guests in attendance who were members at the time that the 1984 Charter was received by the Regina Branch, now the Saskatchewan Branch.

Left to Right: Marilyn Houlden, Donna Sanders, Lorna MacKenzie

## **BRANCH EVENTS** **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, members and friends of the UELAC Saskatchewan Branch gathered at the Atlas Hotel in Regina to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the branch. The room was decorated in Saskatchewan tartan, and many members were in period dress. We were so pleased to have His Honour The Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and her Honour Donna Mirasty, The Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, Carl Stymiest UE, UELAC Dominion President and Barb Andrew UE, Vice President Prairie Region to help us celebrate this milestone.

As guests arrived, they registered then were invited to view tabletop displays while a power point of photographs played in the background. Shortly before twelve o'clock, everyone in period dress was invited to be piped into the room by Alex Huzil, our guest piper. Once everyone was seated, the Vice Regal Party, consisting of Their Honours and their Aide-de-camp, Deputy Chief (ret'd) Rod Stafford were piped in and the Vice Regal Salute was played followed by the singing of God Save the King. After a welcome message, and then



Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty



UELAC Dominion President  
Carl Stymiest UE

grace by Carl Stymiest everyone proceeded to a delicious buffet lunch of chicken, veggie lasagna, sides and dessert. Barb Andrew gave the Loyal Toast to His Majesty the King before our guest speakers brought greetings.

The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Minister Ross, Carl Stymiest UE, Barb Andrew UE, and Jennifer Schafer UE, Branch President, each spoke of the continued work of our branch in the importance of remembering our history. His Honour stated, "We see you coming to Government House, and we like seeing you there. We see you in your period dress and you stand out, but that's OK. You're representing your heritage and that's important."

Following the official greetings, Barb Schmuland UE and Kathy Webster UE did a presentation accompanied by a power point. They touched on the history of the Loyalists, the history of the UELAC and the history of our branch. They discussed the four mandates of the UELAC established in 1914 that were the building blocks for the Dominion organization and which Saskatchewan has adopted as a trust that unites Loyalist descendants.

A UE Certificate was presented by Branch Genealogist Gerry Adair to Cathy Forester for proving her ancestor, John Annable UE.



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The hidden theatrical talents of a few members were brought to light during an informative, educational and comedic skit put on by Jennifer Schafer UE, Cathy Forester UE and their seemingly unsuspecting volunteer, Margaret Adams. They presented us with a demonstration of the dressing rituals of 18<sup>th</sup> century women; from the multiple layers of heavy fabric head to toe and from the inside out.

Summing up the event at the hotel, our official guests were presented with decorative plates of the cairn at Wascana Park, we sang O Canada and the Vice Regal Party departed. A number of those in attendance then headed to the cairn for the completion of our celebration and the reward of cake.



Arriving at the cairn, we gathered in our traditional way and Cathy Forester UE read her ancestral history of the Annable family. Then, as the rain started, Donna Sanders UE told us of the early days of how she and her sister Margaret Dodson UE got interested in, then formed the branch that we know today. As she finished telling us their story, the rain started into a downpour with rumblings of thunder overhead. It was decided that the cake would be held off until another day, and there was a rush to the shelter of cars. So, no cake!



All in all, it was a great day that seemed to be enjoyed by all, but as the old adage says, you can't have your cake and eat it too!

Scott Hazelwood



40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary photos courtesy of Barb Schmuland, Jennifer Schafer, Carl Stymiest and Scott Hazelwood









### *Branch Events*

The Loyalist picnic is happening on **Saturday, July 27** at the home of Gerry Adair at 813 Willow Street in Moosomin, Saskatchewan. As in recent years, the meal is planned around noon, so come anytime in the morning, bring your own meat for the BBQ as you wish and something to share with the group. BBQ, plates and utensils will be provided. Bring your own lawn chair; weather permitting, this will be an outdoor event. If it rains, we can make do with the house or garage. There will also be some certificates to hand out and a cemetery to dedicate.

This event is open to all members and guests, so if you know someone that you think would be interested, be sure to pass this along, and as there will be no meeting, this is a great time for socializing and visiting. Some people travel a long way to this event but it is always worth it. If you are coming and have room for anyone else, please ask around and offer a ride to those who can't or don't want to drive that far.

If you have any questions or want more information, please feel free to contact Gerry at 306 646 7860 or by email [gerry.pat@sasktel.net](mailto:gerry.pat@sasktel.net).



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