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FROM THE LAND OF LIVING SKIES.....

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SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH**

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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

Jun 6 – 9
Wed Jun 19
Mon Jul 1
Sat Jul 27
Sat Sep 21
Sat Nov 16
TBA

Dominion Conference: Cornwall, ON
 Saskatchewan UEL Day: Regina
 Canada Day Party: Gov't House Regina
 Branch picnic: Moosomin
 Regular meeting: Saskatoon
 Regular meeting: Regina
 Christmas dinner: Regina

2025

Wed Jan 1
Sat Feb 15
Sat Apr 19

New Year Levée: Gov't House Regina
 Annual General Meeting: location TBA
 Regular meeting: location TBA

FROM THE EDITORS PEN...

Summer is on the way, and that means UEL Day is fast approaching. The Anniversary Committee is planning an event to commemorate our branch's 40th anniversary. Don't forget to RSVP. Come along; family and friends are welcome.

We had a branch meeting on April 20th and had a lot of discussion on a number of issues. The Dominion Conference is June 6th to 9th. Are you planning to attend?

All members are welcome to join our branch meetings, either physically or virtually, whichever format is practical and accessible at the time.

Scott Hazelwood, *Prairie Loyalist Editor*

**Don't Forget to
RSVP!**

The Saskatchewan Branch
of the
**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

Celebrating 40 Years Strong

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Luncheon at 12:00 Noon

Program at 12:30 PM

Cairn Visit 2:30 (weather permitting)

Atlas Hotel

4177 Albert Street
1-306-586-3443

(Block of rooms will be available)

RSVP by May 31 to skuelac@gmail.com

Cost \$35 per person

Etransfer to skuelac@gmail.com

Please note any dietary restrictions.

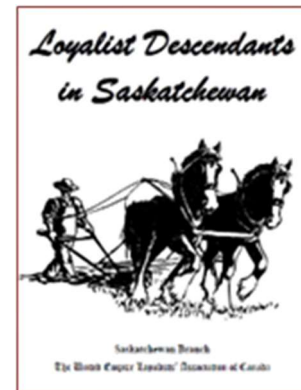
FOR SALE – SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH BOOK

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



SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH 40TH

The Saskatchewan Branch of the UELAC is excited to be celebrating our 40th year as a Branch on June 19, 2024, in Regina, SK. This event is open to members, invited guests and the general public. Please feel free to forward this invitation on to anyone that you think would be interested in attending.

Confirm attendance by emailing skuelac@gmail.com, or by calling Kathy Webster at 306.551.2518 (advise number attending and any dietary restrictions).

Payment is required before June 19th, by eTransfer to skuelac@gmail.com or by mail to our treasurer, cheque payable to "UELAC - Sask Branch", Gerry Adair, Box 452, Moosomin, SK S0G 3N0.

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

40 YEARS

The Leader-Post Regina, Saskatchewan Friday, June 29, 1984

Loyalists

A local branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada has been formed in Regina.

Individuals interested in joining should contact Margaret I. Dodson, 175 McSherry Cr., S4T 7B5, or phone 545-0447.



BRANCH EVENTS

April 20th Meeting

Our April branch meeting was held on Saturday April 20th at Western Pizza in Regina. We had seventeen members in person and six attending virtually.

Following lunch, we had our meeting with some regular business and some discussion regarding bylaw changes and the upcoming 40th Anniversary. Note that there will **NOT** be business meeting on June 19th this year due to the anniversary events. There has been discussion regarding the possibility of an additional meeting to be held between June 19th and September 21st to take care of business and just to get together. Following the meeting, Margaret Adams shared an educational component by YouTube video, "Living in the 18th Century; Food Staples and Hard Tack".

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

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(b) To preserve the history and traditions of that important epoch in Canadian history by rescuing from oblivion the history and traditions of the loyalist families before it is too late.

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HERITAGE AWARD

The SGS Heritage Award is given to SGS members who have given of their time, talent and energy for the support and preservation of family history and genealogy in Saskatchewan and have undertaken these activities on a volunteer basis. The following is from the SGS website.



Congratulations to Gerry Adair!

Gerry has long held a passion for genealogy and family history research. His grandmother Adair was of Loyalist descent and this sparked his interest in genealogy and connecting with relatives from the past. Over the years he has proved 13 loyalist ancestors and has written histories about them. He has done extensive research on his own family and that of his wife, Patricia. Gerry has been a member and treasurer of the Pipestone Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society for many years. As a member, he has played an active role and had contributed countless volunteer hours doing workshops with other members in Moosomin and surrounding communities and assisting and doing research for individual people. Always more than willing to help, Gerry will always assist those who are just beginning on their family history journey or like him, have been on the journey for many years. Gerry is also a member of the Saskatchewan Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada (UELAC). In that role he has been Prairie Regional Vice President and Volunteer Recognition Chairperson for the last 16 years. He also took over as treasurer in 2003 and is the Saskatchewan Branch Genealogist. Gerry's latest big accomplishment is his editorship in 2020 of the book "Loyalist Descendants in Saskatchewan" in which he took on the task of cross-referencing and indexing family names and genealogical records for more than 32 branch members. Gerry's knowledge and interest in genealogical research have been a benefit to many in Saskatchewan, western Canada and beyond.

Thank you, Gerry.

On behalf of the UELAC Saskatchewan Branch, Congratulations, Gerry! We thank you for your time and dedication to family history.

UELAC SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH PICNIC

The UELAC Saskatchewan branch picnic will be held on **Saturday July 27th** at the home of Gerry Adair in Moosomin, SK. For details and directions, contact Gerry at gerry.pat@sasktel.net.



GOVERNOR GENERAL'S VISIT April 22, 2024 – Government House



Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, and His Excellency Whit Fraser, made their first official visit to Saskatchewan in April. While a number of events were included in their itinerary, Their Excellencies were greeted by the public at Government House in Regina. It was a cool, windy and slightly wet afternoon, but this didn't stop a number of people, including some of our own Saskatchewan Branch UEL members taking time out to greet Canada's representative of His Majesty King Charles III. History was made when Canada's first Indigenous Governor General had an official visit with Saskatchewan's first Indigenous Lieutenant Governor.

The office of the Governor General is the country's oldest public office, dating back more than 400 years to 1608 when Samuel de Champlain fulfilled duties and responsibilities that would eventually become those of today's governor general.

Sir Guy Carlton, the Lord Dorchester, served as Governor General of British North America. Lord Dorchester is recognized for his connection to the Loyalists following the American Revolution by carrying out the Crown's promise of freedom to slaves who joined the British and he oversaw the



Saskatchewan Branch members, Harvey Smith and Barb Schmuland greet Her Excellency, the Governor General of Canada.



Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty and Governor General Mary Simon

evacuation of Loyalists and British forces, transporting them to British colonies. He also realized the importance of some type of recognition, and on 9 November 1789, Lord Dorchester, declared "that it was his Wish to put the mark of Honour upon the Families who had adhered to the Unity of the Empire". As a result of Dorchester's statement, the printed militia rolls carried the notation:

"Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their Children and their Descendants by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following Capitals, affixed to their names: UE or U.E. Alluding to their great principle The Unity of the Empire."

2024 UELAC Dominion Conference
June 6-9, 2024
Cornwall, Ontario

“The Story Continues...”

Itinerary

There are three main groupings of events:

1. Pre-Conference Day Tours (June 4th to 6th)
2. UELAC Conference (June 6th to 9th)
3. 240th Anniversary of New Johnstown & The Royal Townships (June 7th to 9th)

Registration

Online registration: <https://forms.gle/WMuFYdLfCgFRAnFVA>

For full details, visit: <https://uelac.ca/conference-2024/>



Think history is in the past?
You'll be surprised to discover...

June 6-9, 2024
Cornwall, Ontario CANADA

Cornwall, On

...THE STORY CONTINUES
UELAC 2024 | Immersive Experience Weekend

 uelac.ca  

The poster features a historical reenactment of a camp with people in period clothing around a fire, and a modern person in the foreground holding a smartphone that displays a photo of a historical building in Cornwall, Ontario.



THE LAST POST

CLEMENT/AYERS, Charlotte Frances (née Inch)

Charlotte Ayers was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She left this world peacefully on March 21, 2024, at the remarkable age of 108. With her passing, she is leaving behind a loving family, consisting of five generations. Charlotte was predeceased by her parents, her first husband Ronald Clement, her second husband Norris Ayers, as well as many family members and friends.



Charlotte was born in Yorkton to Lulu (Yerxa) and James Inch on September 28th, 1915. Her family later moved to Moose Jaw in 1926. After graduating from Central Collegiate high school, she completed a course in Business. Char was a woman of many talents, beginning her career working in a local garage and retail hardware store. In 1939, she married her high school sweetheart, Ronald Clement. In 1942, she had her daughter Claire, and in 1949 her son, Jay (James). She then took a job at the Chamber of Commerce for six years, and in 1962, she transitioned to a full-time administrative position with St. Andrew's United Church, where she worked for 18 years. After Ron's passing in 1977, Char met her second husband Norris Ayers. They were wed in July of 1983 when she became stepmother to Nola, Nancy and Linda.

Charlotte loved travelling and created some wonderful memories with family at Regina Beach and Buffalo Pound Lake. Char was very active with crafts, quilting, playing bridge, golf, tennis, square dancing, the YW Guild, Moose Jaw Art Guild, and a ladies' church group. Over the years Charlotte played a leadership role in the many organizations she worked and volunteered in. Throughout her 108 years of life, she continued learning new art and craft projects and was quite the card player. In 1982, she joined the Saskatchewan Genealogy Society and spent many, many hours over the years tracing her Loyalist ancestors.

Charlotte wrote an amazing autobiography of her first 100 years. At her 100th birthday celebration, Lt-Gov. Schofield said of Charlotte "you're an inspiration to us all to live life to the fullest, to not be afraid of change and to embrace all that life has to offer." A ceremony celebrating her life will be held at Broadway Terrace, 1150 Broadway Avenue, on Saturday, April 27th from 2 to 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Carmichael Outreach Regina.





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