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UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WHERE THE TEA IS SERVED IN CUPS



2026

Regular meeting: Regina	Saturday November 21
Christmas Lunch: Regina	Saturday December 5

2027

New Year Levée: Government House, Regina	Friday January 1
Annual General Meeting: TBA	Saturday February 20
Regular meeting: TBA	Saturday April 17
National Conference, Kingston	June 17 – 20
National AGM (this is a virtual meeting only)	TBA
Saskatchewan UEL Day: Regina	Saturday June 19
Canada Day Party: Government House, Regina	Thursday July 1
Branch picnic: TBA	TBA
Regular meeting: TBA	Saturday September 18

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

FROM THE EDITORS PEN...

It seems like summer has flown by once again, as we watch the leaves turn colour and fall from the trees.

We continue to work on our branch projects. We are in the process of arranging another cemetery plaque dedication, this time in Nipawin, Saskatchewan. This will be our seventh UE cemetery plaque in Saskatchewan cemeteries.

At our September branch meeting, we were delighted to see a draft copy of the first edition of our youth-focused educational book, a story about a boy named George and have issued our second quarterly edition of *Young Prairie Loyalist*, for the young and 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 December 5, 2026.

Scott Hazelwood, UE
Prairie Loyalist Editor



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

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH UELAC EXECUTIVE 2026

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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

Branch Picnic – August 8

Our Branch Picnic was held on August 8 in Moosomin at the home of Gerry Adair. There was plenty of delicious food to share, and everyone who brought their own meat had it cooked to perfection by our BBQ chef, Brian Schafer.

A special part of the afternoon was the presentation of three UE certificates to the children of Lorna Magnusson, recognizing and celebrating their Loyalist heritage.

September Meeting

Our September meeting was held in a hybrid format, allowing members to attend both in person and via Zoom. Unfortunately, we experienced some technical difficulties that affected those joining us online. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and hope it will not discourage anyone from joining us by Zoom in the future. We greatly value the opportunity to include members who are unable to attend in person and look forward to providing a smoother online experience at future meetings.



UE Certificate!

President Jennifer Schafer, UE and Branch Genealogist Gerry Adair, UE presented three UE certificates to Saskatchewan branch members at the branch picnic in Moosomin on August 8th.

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

Three certificates were presented to Lorna Magnusson's children; Melissa, Anita, and Curtis Magnusson. Their certificates recognized ancestors Thomas Taylor Ross, Donald Ross, and Hugh Monroe, with each sibling selecting one ancestor.

Congratulations to the Magnussons!



Melissa and Anita Magnusson receive their UE certificate. Their mother Lorna stands in for their brother Curtis who could not attend.

LOYALTY IN GOVERNANCE

A Reflection on 250 Years (1776-2026)

As others celebrate a declaration, we remember constitutional continuity.
As others celebrate change, we remember enduring institutions.
As others recall new government, we recall preserving parliamentary tradition.
As others honour a new rule of law, we remember stability under the Crown.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, families carried their principles into a new land.
Neighbours worked together to build communities governed by law.
Markets and taverns became places to discuss public affairs.
Even congregations helped nurture moral and civic life.

Some chose new governance.
Some chose established government.

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

MEMBERS CORNER

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

Part two: Jacob Bailey Chamberlain, UE – The Spy

By Margaret Adams, UE

Newbury is one of the earliest settled towns in Vermont. Named by General Jacob Bailey, Newbury became a frontier during the American Revolution- the site of many raids. As a devout patriot, General Bailey also became a symbol of staunch resistance against the British.

Settlement of Newbury commenced in the spring of 1762. The families of Thomas and Richard Chamberlain were among the first settlers. Jacob Bailey Chamberlain was born May 1763 in Newbury to Thomas Chamberlain and Sarah White. Being the first male white child born in Newbury, his parents received 100 acres of land from General Jacob Bailey. According to the Gazetteer of Orange County, Vermont, Thomas Chamberlain named his son in honor of General Bailey. I find it ironic that a future loyalist spy was named after a devout patriot.

Thomas Chamberlain was a Justice of the Peace in the then Province of Vermont, and Jacob was a boy in his teens when the American Revolution broke out. Both Jacob and Thomas were faithfully attached to the King and Government of Great Britain and gave all the assistance in their power to the Royal Cause.

One of the tasks ideally suited for Loyalists was that of the secret service. Loyalists came from all social, ethnic and economic classes of society, and were therefore able to mingle and interact easily in the countryside, under the guise of being Rebels themselves.

Jacob Chamberlain's petition as a Loyalist, stated he was called into His Majesty's Service in 1782 by order of Major James Rogers, which he "cheerfully complied with" and "after having faithfully discharged his trust as a guide to Scouting Parties sent out from St Johns in Lower Canada, obtaining all the intelligence in his power and procuring provisions for His Majesty's use – was taken Prisoner by the Rebels and remained such till Peace was Proclaimed". He received no compensation for his services.

Jacob resided in Upper Canada for 30 years before petitioning as a Loyalist. Part of his petition, read in Council November 14, 1818, stated that the reason he did not apply earlier, was that he was not aware that he had it in his power to produce the testimony needed. His petition was not recommended. Council noted "Stronger proofs must be addressed before the prayer of this Petition can be recommended" and " The Proofs are not deemed sufficient unless Petitioner can show that he joined the Royal Standard during the rebellion".

These are partial quotes from those attestations provided as proof.

Isaac Fraser, Justice of the Peace stated "I have been for many years well acquainted with Jacob B. Chamberlain of the Township of Fredericksburg, Esquire, that he has always been an active, faithful and loyal

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Supporter of the Government and Constitution of this Province, in opposition to the insidious attacks of pretended Patriots as well as the open and avowed attempts of a foreign Enemy to subvert and overturn the source. I beg leave to add that in his profession as a Medical Man his Exertions have been Extensively useful, and his conduct as a Magistrate, upright and impartial. I do therefore take the liberty to recommend his application for the insertion of his name in the U. E. list."

Tim Thompson Colonel Lenox Militia stated "I have been acquainted with Jacob B Chamberlain since the year 1789 the time he came into the Province of Upper Canada, he was strongly recommended to me by the late Colonel James Rogers of the Kings Rangers for the services he rendered to his Regiment who was frequently employed or Ordered upon secret service during the first American Rebellion (or Revolution) in piloting them through different parts of now the US to gain intelligence, I do also in certify that the said Jacob B Chamberlain esquire has resided in the township of Fredericksburg Midland District Upper Canada since the year 1789 during which time found him to be a reputable character and particularly know him to have been a most active Officer in the Militia under my Command during the late War with the US. He was stationed at Kingston as a Flank Officer during the late War and much praised by his superior Officer."

March 7th, 1829, over ten years from his petition, Council recommended Jacob Bailey Chamberlain to be placed on the UE List as having joined the Royal Standard. His name was entered on the UE List in the Inspector General's office March 20th, 1829

Jacob was captured by the rebels in July 1782 and was not released until after the Peace of 1783. He came into the Province of Upper Canada in 1789 after completing his studies for the medical profession. March 20, 1796, he married Ann Maria Embury, the daughter of Loyalist John Edward Embury and Mary Detlor, in South Fredericksburg, Ontario. Together they raised nine children, Elizabeth, Maria, John B, George, Charles, James, Anna, Thomas, and Amy Ann.

Jacob was a medical practitioner in Fredericksburg and was possibly the first to practice in the area. He was licensed by the Upper Canada Medical Board on May 14, 1827, as "having practiced before and during the War of 1812". Dr. Chamberlain was one of the oldest Magistrates of the district and one of the oldest of the United Empire Loyalists when he died on September 21, 1841, aged 78 years 4 months.

His youngest daughter, Amy Ann, married Enoch Fletcher Dunham June 15, 1830. Their Granddaughter, Annie Maria Dunham, is my Great Grandmother.

Jacob Bailey Chamberlain is my 4x and Keith's 5x Great Grandfather.

Two quite different men with quite different backgrounds with separate roles during the revolution.

But both were volunteers that received no pay. Both were active in the war of 1812. Both were respected members of their communities. Both supported and stayed true to the Crown.

Both are United Empire Loyalists.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE PLAQUES

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



BRANCH SECRETARY

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.

Please contact:
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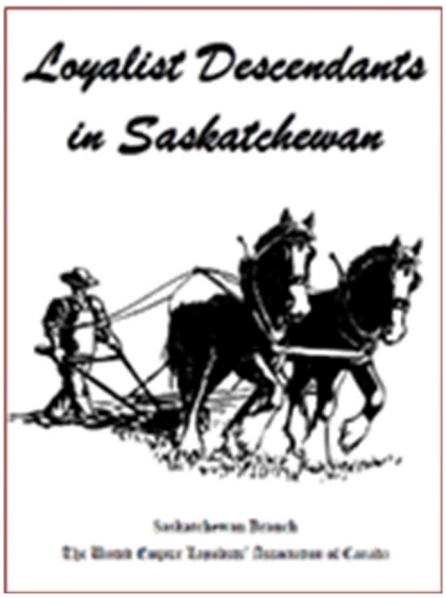
Everything from Christmas ornaments, cuff links and luggage tags to shirts, hats, flags, family name ribbons, books and souvenir licence plates. A **NEW ITEM** now available is the UELAC Challenge Coin and the Revolutionary War Coin of Remembrance.

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.

















TRAIL OF TALES

"I Preached in the Shadow of Gunfire"

A Fictional Account of a Loyalist Preacher

My name is Reverend Samuel Whitcomb.
I was ordained in the Church of England and sent to serve a parish in the colony of New York, near the banks of the Hudson River. I believed my purpose was to guide souls—not to pick sides in a war.

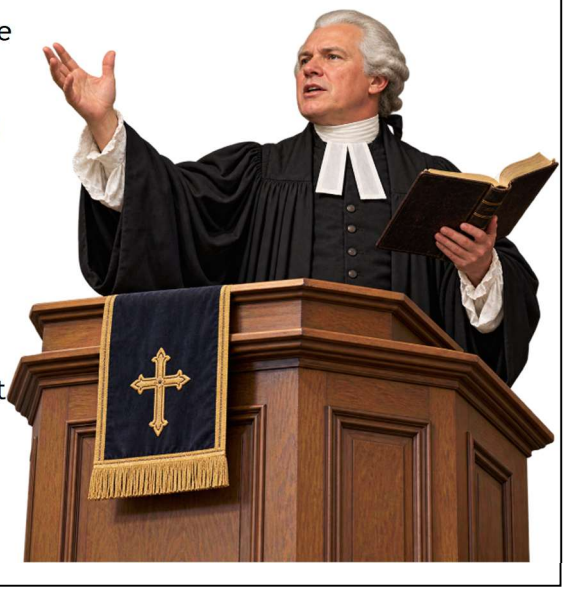
But the war came anyway.

At first, my sermons were about peace. About loving thy neighbour. About patience, and the Lord's timing. But soon, neighbours no longer looked at one another with kindness. They looked with suspicion.

Some in my congregation supported the revolution. Others remained loyal to the Crown. I tried to hold them together, to keep them one flock. But after one Sunday service, two men—both elders—shouted at each other in the pews.

That was the last time they worshipped under the same roof.

Because I prayed for King George during the liturgy, they called me a traitor to liberty. Because I did not preach rebellion, they said I was against freedom. My church was vandalized. My windows smashed. One night, they painted the word **"Tory"** across the doors.



Still, I stayed. I preached with boards over the windows. I buried the dead from both sides. I prayed for peace in a world unraveling.

But when my home was attacked and my wife struck in the street, I knew we could not remain.

We fled north with other Loyalists, walking for days through bitter wind. I carried not just my Bible, but a small chalice from the altar—wrapped in linen, sacred still.

The British gave me land in Upper Canada. It was wild country. No pews, no church bells—just trees and cold earth. I built a chapel out of pine logs and preached from a barrel. The roof leaked. The benches creaked. But the prayers rose just the same.

People came—soldiers, widows, orphans, the faithful and the frightened. We knelt together in the snow and gave thanks for



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having survived.

Some say we lost the war.
But I say we gained something, too: **A new beginning. A place where faith still stands.**

And when I lift that old chalice to serve communion in our little wooden church, I remember: I may have lost my pulpit, my parish, and my homeland… but I never lost my calling.

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

LOYALIST NOTES

Almost two and a half centuries later, three siblings returned to the place where so many Loyalists first stepped ashore in 1784. Canada and the United States have since become friends, neighbours and allies, but we remain two distinct nations, each with its own history, institutions and identity.



Scott Hazelwood, UE, with siblings Brent and Wendy Hazelwood, at the Loyalist Landing Place within the UEL Heritage Centre & Park at Adolphustown, Ontario.

For many, remembering our Loyalist ancestors is not about rejecting our neighbour; it is about remembering the choices that shaped our family and appreciating the independent and sovereign Canada that generations of Canadians have built—and continue to build.

We came to stand where our ancestors once stood—grateful for their story, proud of our Canadian heritage, and mindful that our country's distinct identity remains worth preserving. In the words of King Charles III, **"The True North is indeed strong and free!"**



October 4, 2026

Home of the Cairn

on the shores of Wascana Lake,

Regina, Saskatchewan