

# Annual Report for 2008



Grand River Branch U.E.L.A.C.

# **ANNUAL REPORTS FOR GRAND RIVER BRANCH UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

## **President's Report**

2008 has been an exciting and rather busy time. As president I have attended the Dominion Council meetings in the fall and spring each year in Toronto and was at the Regional Meeting in London in the spring. It is good to meet with other Branches from across the region as well as Canada to look at what projects they have undertaken and to share the events in the Grand River Branch. I was unable to attend the 2008 Conference this year as my office partner was expecting in the summer.

Your Executive has continued to meet monthly prior to our general meetings. It is at these meetings that decisions are made in regard to programs, events, projects, etc. We have put forward the names of 6 volunteers this year to be recognized for their service to Grand River Branch. Those being recognized are: Marilyn Haslinger; Claire Machan; David Morrison; Bill Terry; Cathy Thompson; and Ellen Tree.

At this time I would like to say a special thank you to all the Executive members for their time and dedication to the Branch and the promotion of the goals and objectives of the U.E.L.A.C. I would also like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Ellen Tree who has served as our Treasurer for many years. Ellen has decided to retire as Treasurer and I know that we will miss her calm guidance and organizational skills, as well as her vast knowledge and timely responses to Dominion.

Our organization cannot function without the commitment and involvement of volunteers. I know that Bill Terry and the Nomination Committee has worked very hard to fill the positions on the Executive for the term 2009-2010 and in some cases have had a less than positive response from members.

Without volunteers we will not be able to continue offering the programs and events that we have over the past many years. I know that many organizations across Canada are struggling to involve their membership and as members become older and less able to be as active and with younger members showing less and less interest, being drawn in many directions, they too find themselves having difficulty filling executive and committee positions.

At this time I would like to thank Grand River Branch for allowing me the opportunity to stand as VP and President during this past four years. It has been a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow and to meet many fascinating people.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Hines, President

## **Secretary's Annual Report for 2008**

There were 8 Executive Meetings in 2008 and with the exception of the September meeting which was held at the Eva Brook Donly Museum, Simcoe, the meetings were held at the home of Ellen Tree in Woodstock. Much business was accomplished and preparations made for the general meetings.

There were 9 General Meetings of the Branch and they were as follows:

The March 16 meeting was held at Grace Anglican Church, Brantford. Attendance was 41. Members enjoyed a self-guided tour of the historic church arranged by Eleanor Chapin.

The April 20 meeting was held at Eva Brook Donly Museum, Simcoe. Attendance was 48. John B. Lee, a writer from Brantford, gave an excellent talk on Joseph Wilcox, an Irish emigrant, who served in the British army in the War of 1812 and then enlisted with the Americans halfway through the war.

The May 25 meeting took place at Lynedoch United Church, Lynedoch. There were 45 in attendance. Robert Missen, a professional singer, and his accompanist, Gwen Booker, presented *A Musical Tribute to Queen Victoria*.

There were 82 people present on June 22 for the Loyalist Day Celebrations at Christ Church, Vittoria. Loyalist Flags were presented to Christ Church and the Vittoria Foundation. Jim Wies gave a very interesting talk on the history of Christ Church. Piper Bruce Murray and the Colour Party led a parade to the United Church Cemetery where Peter Johnson, Dominion President, and Bonnie Schepers, Regional Vice President, unveiled a Loyalist Burial Sites plaque. Members then enjoyed the self-guided walking tour of Vittoria or visited the three local cemeteries where Loyalists are buried.

Grand River Branch welcomed The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Her Honour, Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley, to the July 20 meeting at Spruce Row Museum, Waterford. His Honour presented Mrs. Onley with two certificates. Grand River Branch members did a brief historical re-enactment of Lieutenant Governor Simcoe and Mrs. Simcoe being presented with white bread by the Culvers on their visit to the Long Point area. Cathy Thompson spoke on the history and importance of quilting in Upper Canada. Cathy's fifty quilts were on display.

The August 17 meeting was held at Grace United Church, Caledonia. 51 people attended. Marie Salmon spoke on the restoration of the Wesley Methodist Cemetery, Caledonia. Members had the opportunity to visit the cemetery before the meeting began.

Central West Region members, many of them in period dress, were welcomed to the eleven o'clock service at St Paul's Cathedral, London on September 21 by the Dean and Rector, the Very Rev'd Terrance A. Dance. Fred Hayward, Dominion President, read the first reading from *The Book of Exodus* and Arnold Nethercott read the second reading from *The Letter of Paul to the Philippians*. Flowers on the altar were given in memory of Loyalist Ancestors. An insert in the bulletin listed the names of members and their ancestors.

The October 19 meeting was held at Pyramid Recreation Centre, St Marys with 28 in attendance. Mary Smith and Tricia McKibbin gave an interesting talk on the early settlers of St. Marys.

The November 16 meeting was held at First Baptist Church, Woodstock. 34 people attended. Kerry Gill from the Woodstock Museum gave an interactive presentation on the history of Canadian music from Confederation to contemporary times.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn McMillan, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report for 2008

Grand River Branch UELAC

### General Account Report

January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Balance on Hand - January 1, 2008 **\$3,730.85**

**Receipts**

Lunch Receipts	\$235.75	
	\$1,150.00	
Meals -May & June Meetings	0	
Heritage Day -September 21	\$600.00	
Membership Dues - 2008	\$5,731.46	
	\$4,620.00	
2009	0	
Dominion Grant for Special Project	\$450.00	
Provincial Grant	\$644.00	
Sale of Loyalist Lineages Books	\$66.00	
Fundraiser Sale	\$220.00	
	\$2,164.46	\$15,881.67
Education & Outreach -Travel	6	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$19,612.52</b>

**Disbursements**

UELAC Membership Dues 2008	\$3,707.50	
	0	
	\$2,960.00	
2009	0	\$6,667.50
Overpayment of Due		\$90.00
Funds for Receipt		\$50.00
Education and Outreach	Flags \$60.00	
Flag Pole	\$168.98	
Photocopying	\$54.81	
Stationery	\$36.07	
	\$1,736.16	
Travel	6	\$2,056.02
Cemetery Signs		\$599.96
Genealogist expenses		\$200.00
Meetings - Flowers		\$73.45
Food		\$201.31
Rent		\$456.54
Speaker		\$275.00
Piper		\$100.00
Heritage Day	Decorations \$102.55	
Flowers	\$180.80	
Oak Tree	\$100.00	
Lunch	\$150.00	\$533.35
Memberships - Norfolk Historical Society	\$50.00	

Ontario Historical Society	\$50.00	\$100.00	
Scholarship Fund		\$100.00	
Loyalist Library		\$350.00	
Loyalist Library Book		\$49.00	
Books Loyalist Lineages (6)		\$204.00	
Meals May and June		\$1,178.00	
Refund of Membership		\$50.00	
Reimbursement for Membership Expenses		\$120.00	
Norfolklore		\$40.00	
	\$148.2		
Newsletter - Photocopying	8		
	\$176.4		
Postage	0	\$324.68	
Photocopying		\$132.75	
Postage		\$230.39	
Stationery		\$302.31	
			\$14,889.1
Bank Charges		\$52.25	7
<b>Balance on Hand - December 31, 2008</b>			<b>\$5,036.01</b>

Respectfully submitted by B. Ellen Tree, U.E. Branch Treasurer

Grand River Branch UELAC  
**Special Projects' Account**  
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

Balance on Hand - January 1, 2008		\$15,864.94
<b>Receipts</b>		
Sale of Families' Book I CD	\$312.00	
Sale of <i>Sarah's Diary</i>	\$264.00	\$576.00
Total Receipts		\$16,440.94
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Families Book I - Stationery		\$94.12
Families Book II - Postage		\$76.89
Computer Program - Update		\$141.65
Balance on Hand - December 31, 2008		\$312.66
		<b>\$16,128.28</b>

Respectfully submitted by B. Ellen Tree, U.E. Branch Treasurer

Grand River Branch UELAC  
**Invested Funds**  
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

GIC - Certificate #0148774-16526		\$2,440.13
Interest		\$81.88
Total Investment		<b>\$2,522.01</b>

Respectfully submitted by B. Ellen Tree, U.E. Branch Treasurer

### **Cemetery Plaque Program**

The group of Manilyn Haslinger, Doug Coppins, Don and myself again placed the "Loyalist Burial Ground" Plaques at 6 cemeteries this past summer. This makes a total so far of 23 cemeteries that have been designated. The ones that we did this summer were in

- 1) Mt. Pleasant-----Thomas Perrin
- 2) Burford Pioneer Cemetery---Rev. Thomas Whitehead, George Olmstead
- 3) Edison Pioneer Cemetery in Elgin County at Vienna --John Edison, Jeremiah Anderson 4) Vittoria United-Capt. Walter Anderson and his wife Mary, Peter Secord
- 5) Franklin Fairview---William Hutcheson and his wife Catherine(Lewis)Hutcheson
- 6) Oxford Centre Pioneer-Samuel Canfield and his wife Lucy.

We are still trying to get permission to put a plaque at the Mohawk Chapel to honour Capt. Joseph Brant but we continue to wait for responses to our letters and other correspondence.

I think that we can place another 5 or 6 plaques this year and they will likely be out of Norfolk. I have attended the regular meetings and the Exec. Meetings during this year, have participated in outreach and educational programs and have had many emails requesting help and wanting information about joining our branch.

I believe that it has been a good year for our branch and trust that it will continue in 2009.

This report is respectfully submitted by, Cathy Thompson U.E. Branch Genealogist for the Grand River Branch UELAC

### **Genealogist Annual report for 2008**

During the past year certificates have either been presented or sent to the following members of our branch.

Jennifer Lynn ( Young) Hall	Adam Young
Allison Ann Smith	Henry Buchner Sr.
Margaret Joan Hick	Josiah Gilbert
Brian Donald Watson	Josiah Gilbert
Shelby Marie Mosher	Josiah Gilbert
Nicholas Brent Mosher	Josiah Gilbert
Micheal Richard Mosher	Josiah Gilbert
Liam Wyatt Hicks	Josiah Gilbert
Caitlin Christine Cecile Hicks	Josiah Gilbert
Heather Alepha Hicks	Josiah Gilbert
Sophia Gabrielle Hicks	Josiah Gilbert
Brandon Cody Hicks	Josiah Gilbert
Cole Alec Hicks	Josiah Gilbert
Richard Elston Hicks	Josiah Gilbert
Bonnie Lynn Smith	Josiah Gilbert

Kevin Robert Smith  
Kimberly Ann Smith  
Ruth Ann Onley  
Tanya Lynn Ham  
*Dalton Thomas Ham*  
Neil Douglas Mc Kinnell  
Grant Douglas Mc Kinnell  
Maya Ann France Mc Kinnell  
Mercer Douglas Mc Kinnell  
Susan Louise Smith

Josiah Gilbert  
Josiah Gilbert  
Lucas Dedrick  
Jacob Smith  
*Jacob Smith*  
Jacob Smith  
Jacob Smith  
Jacob Smith  
Jacob Smith  
Henry Buchner Sr.

Doris Wilson  
Marilyn Branch  
Marilyn McDonald  
Rosemary Willard Ambrose  
Rose Ann Maue  
Donald Stanley Thompson  
Georgia Anabelle Emery  
Meredith Claralyn  
Peter Glenn Collisson Gillespie  
Jean Ellen Habing  
Eugene Parker Bell

Rev. Jabez Collver  
Rev. Jabez Collver  
Capt Wm. Underhill  
Lewis Clement  
Philip Crysler  
John Smith Sr.  
Capt. John Hatfield  
Capt. John Hatfield  
Capt. John Hatfield  
Heinrich Windecker  
Adam Young

### **Librarian's Report**

Jim Sweet has been the Librarian for the Branch for several years and had to step down this year due to ill health. Jim has turned over the books that he has so carefully cared for and the Executive is in the process of reviewing the books to determine what will remain in our travelling library and what will be placed in research areas. Further details will be forthcoming. Many thanks Jim for all your assistance, not only with the books, but also the various genealogical and historical displays. We hope you will be feeling better soon and will be able to attend the meetings again.

### **Loyalist Families of the Grand River Branch Volume II**

As most people are aware, we did not qualify for a grant to publish the second volume of Loyalist Families. It was the decision of the Executive, subsequently passed by the members that we would self-publish this book. There was a team of individuals hard at work over the past two years, sending out requests for submissions to members, proofing drafts and most recently working on the publication itself. We are ready to go to press at the time of this report. Further details will be made available at the Annual Meeting. I am pleased to report that we were given permission from the Bank of Canada to include a chapter from one of their publications on Canadian Currency. Many thanks to all those who submitted articles or chapters, and to the volunteers who worked to make this publication a reality.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Hines

### **Loyalist Library Report**

A list has been prepared of the books currently available on the Reading Room Shelf in the Loyalist Library section at the Eva Brook Donly Museum. A copy of this list is available at the meeting. We will be choosing a book to plaque in memory of members who died in 2008.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Haslinger.

### **Membership Report for 2008**

The Grand River Branch UELAC had a record year for membership in 2008. The total number of registered members was 224 individuals. Of these 12 were Branch Only (that is the individuals were full members of another branch and had selected Grand River as an additional one to which to belong). Many people worked diligently to bring about this success and that is much appreciated by all.



Because of our having been one of the branches with a larger membership for many years, it has become increasingly difficult for **us** to increase our numbers in order to receive any reward from Dominion Council. In order for us to do so we must make a very large percentage increase as opposed to simply an increase in individuals. It has been encouraging to see some of the smaller branches begin to do so well and we certainly congratulate all those who did.

The general breakdown of our memberships was as follows:

Total Members 224  
Families 27  
Branch Only 12

I wish to make mention of the tremendous work done by the Branch Treasurer, Ellen Tree, UE. Without her careful diligence and wonderful ability to get the task done, we could not have had such good success as indicated in this report. Few realize the amount of time and energy required to see that the information required by the Dominion Office arrives there and in such a form that it can be dealt with expediently.

Respectfully submitted

C William Terry, UE. Membership Chair

## **Webmasters Report for 2008**

We continue to post the meeting dates, places and times on the website, with links to mapping for members and visitors.

We now have a number of pictures on the Website as well and they are posted in four albums so far: Meetings, Service of Remembrance, 2008 Conference and a Grand River Country Scenes.

It took some time to upload, edit and arrange the 437 photos and 5 videos, but I'm not thrilled with some of my photos of the Conference. Fraser Carr, of Col. Edward Jessup Branch, generously shared his photos with me at the Conference, which forms the majority of the Conference album.

I'll also be working on assembling a page on the 2008 Loyalist Landing Celebration at Shelburne NS - shouldn't take long.

I've coded the Webshots page to open within our website, to keep users from straying away. If you'd like to see the page directly please go to: [http://community.webshots.com/user/Grand\\_River\\_Branch\\_UELAC](http://community.webshots.com/user/Grand_River_Branch_UELAC)

We also have a Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9734630585>) which now has 23 members - not a lot although we have a few Branch members as members. I've also been in contact with Facebook members Zig Misiak (Honourary UELAC VP) and Ed Scott (Butler Branch and head of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University) who have checked our page out. We're also making contacts with a few re-enactor groups.

So far, only Grand River and Toronto (7 members) Branches have Facebook pages.

Our MySpace page: <http://groups.myspace.com/grandriveruel>

The Grand River Branch website had a total of 10,598 visitors in 2008. This compares with 8,589 total visitors in 2007 and represents an 19% increase in one year. I attribute the upswing to Facebook/MySpace links, plus the addition of music and videos in 2008.

2008: Jan/886, Feb/982

2009: Jan/949, Feb (to date) 866

Total visitors by year:

2004 - 770 (The website started its present incarnation in April of 2004)  
2005 - 13,249  
2006 - 9,944  
2007 - 8,598  
2008 - 10,598

With the addition of the Webshots photo pages, I expect the number of Grand River Branch website visits to increase throughout 2009. Any digital photos would be gratefully welcomed: Education/Outreach events, plaque marking... really, anything that shows Branch activities helps to engage users and draw attention to the Branch.

### **2008 UELAC Conference:**

"The 2008 UELAC 'Loyalist Saint John 225' Dominion Conference and AGM was held July 10 - 13 at Saint John, NB and was attended by Grand River Branch members Irene MacCrimmon, Sunday Dawn Moran Robinson and David Kanowakeron Morrison. Host hotel was the Saint John Hilton which had convenient access across the street from the Saint John Trade and Convention Centre where Conference and AGM events were held.

With the Annual Conference generally held in June, it was felt the better weather in July in Saint John would be more conducive to outdoor activities, as well as coinciding with the 225th Anniversary Loyalist Landing celebrations being held a week later in Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

Pre-conference activities started on Thursday, July 10 with a choice of a bus trip to King's Landing Settlement near Fredericton or a day at the Archives at the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton.

The recreated historical village at King's Landing was a favourite choice and included a tour of the various houses, stores, barns and the watermill. Tour attendees enjoyed tea and refreshments at the restored Kings Head Inn on the grounds, followed by a scenic trip back to Saint John after picking up those who elected to research at the Archives.

The day was capped off by the Conference Welcoming Reception at the Kennebecasis Room at the Saint John Hilton amid refreshments, music, a piper and a welcoming salvo by re-enactors on the adjacent boardwalk overlooking the harbour.

In a break with tradition, the AGM was held on Friday in the aptly-named Loyalist Room of the Trade and Convention Centre amid a large backdrop of the painting, 'Loyalists Landing at Saint John, 1783'. Heritage Branch presented New Brunswick Branch with an impressive new Armorial Bearings banner which was well received by all. Conference non-attendees were free to explore the many historical sites in Saint John and a seafood buffet dinner with entertainment was held for all at the Lily Lake Pavilion in Rockwood Park.

Saturday, July 12 featured lectures on Loyalist history and genealogy at the Convention Centre in the morning with an afternoon bus trip to the world-famous Reversing Falls and New Brunswick Branch's Restoration project of the Memorial to Loyalist Amos Botsford at Fernhill Cemetery.

The culmination of the Conference was the Gala Banquet in the Loyalist Room at the Convention Centre and featured Keynote Speaker Mr. Peter Laroque of the New Brunswick Museum who presented, 'Loyalist Artifacts of the New Brunswick Museum'.

A re-enactor squad 'offered the King's Shilling' to Outgoing Dominion President Peter Johnson UE, new

President Fred Hayward UE and The Honourable Speaker of the House of Commons, Peter Milliken UE of Kingston Branch, who all accepted with Loyalist pride. They were quickly put through their paces, to the displeasure of their Commanding Officers but much to the delight of the Banquet attendees.

Although New Brunswick Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson was scheduled to speak, His Honour was unrepentantly called out of town; he offered his apologies and appreciation to the Conference in a gracious statement.

Various local and Provincial dignitaries spoke and The Honourable Peter Milliken UE, spoke as well. The first UELAC Dorchester Award was presented in absentia to Margaret Carter UE of Manitoba Branch for her tireless volunteering for the Association.

Dinner was an epicurean delight of local seafood and other regional cuisine. Fiddleheads and dulse (actually, a seaweed) were a novelty to many non-Maritimers.

Sunday's church service, held at Trinity Anglican Church - established in 1789 on the Kingston Peninsula - was moving tribute to the Loyalists who landed in the Maritimes in 1783. Treated to music from Canada's oldest operating pipe organ, church attendees were served to a post-service lunch at the church hall.

With remarkable scenery and famous warm Maritime hospitality, the 2008 Dominion Conference was a tremendous success and exciting treat for those of us who've rarely - or never - visited the Canadian Maritimes. We anxiously look forward to joining our fellow UEL's in Napanee Ontario for the 'Loyalist Settlement Experience 225' which is sure to be enjoyed!"

Loyally submitted by Dave Morrison

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