

Loyalist Northern Lights

Newsletter of the Edmonton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada



Across the rolling prairies, with their quiet lakes and rushing rivers, to the foothills of Northern Alberta; in the shadow of Canada's majestic mountains and beneath dancing Northern Lights; this is the newsletter of the most northern branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, the hardy descendants of those resistant and brave souls that gave up all they had to remain steadfast in their beliefs and loyal to the British Crown in a time of great political upheaval in what would later become the United States. These Loyalists settled in the eastern part of what would become Canada then moved to the west in succeeding generations.

Vision of the Edmonton Branch:

To enrich the lives of Albertans through fostering public awareness of our national history, and, in particular, of the United Empire Loyalists and their contributions to Canada.



"N.B. Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard [IN AMERICA] 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

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Alluding to their great principle The Unity of the Empire."

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President's Remarks:



Our branch membership has now reached 65, surpassing last year's total of 60, with 8 new members and there are still 12 members who have not renewed from last year. Our growth has been recognized at Dominion based on numbers from previous years. Thank you to all who have been encouraging family members to join.

Our Association as a whole and the Edmonton Branch in particular, cannot survive without members and your membership dues are a critical aspect of this continued existence. Most of the funds from your fees go to Dominion, to finance the mission of keeping the history of the Loyalists alive. This mission has come under considerable pressure of late from anti-colonialists and others who wish to rewrite history to be more inclusive and meaningful by today's standards. What little is left of your fees goes to pay for meeting facilities, web page, insurance and other branch expenses. Your support ensures that the importance of our ancestors does not fade into the annals of history on some dry dusty shelf, never again to see the light of day. Attached you will find our branch year-to-date financial balance sheet.

I would like to impress upon all members of the importance of gathering and sharing ideas. This Saturday at 2:00 PM we will have a general meeting followed by a clothing workshop; our genealogist will also be available to assist with any questions members may have on certificate applications as well as period clothing. I would like to see as many as possible attend. This will be a zoom meeting.

We have made some significant changes to our Schedule of Events for the year following our last general meeting and conflicts noted. I would ask all members to review the attached meeting dates closely.

I am sure most of you are aware that the United States Semi Quincentennial of their rebellion is fast approaching. It hardly seems possible that it has been 250 years since the start of the Revolution which led to the creation of Canada. Considering the current political climate and relations with our neighbour to the south, I will have more to say about this at our next general meeting on 26 April.



Finally, I would like to remind members of the Dominion Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday 24 May 2025 at 10:00 MDT. This will be a virtual meeting using the Zoom Program and members must register in advance. There is no cost for the event. Details and registration forms are available in the members section at <https://uelac.ca/>.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>New Schedule of Events 2025</i>	<i>Location</i>
15 Feb 2025	➤ Annual General Meeting	Church at 6919-83 Street
15 Mar 2025	➤ Workshop (Clothing)	Church at 6919-83 Street
26 Apr 2025	➤ Branch General Meeting	Church at 6919-83 Street
<i>1 May 2025</i>	<i>Formation of the King's Rangers ~ 1779</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
<i>4 May 2025</i>	<i>Loyalist Landing 1783 ~ Shelburne, Nova Scotia</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
17 May 2025	➤ Workshop (Project)	Church at 6919-83 Street
<i>18 May 2025</i>	<i>Arrival of the Spring Fleet at St. John ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
24 May 2025	➤ Dominion AGM (Zoom)	Zoom
<i>16 Jun 2025</i>	<i>Adolphustown Landings ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
<i>19 Jun 2025</i>	<i>Formation of King's Royal Regiment of New York ~ 1776</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
28 Jun 2025	➤ Loyalist Day Luncheon and Tree Visit	Picnic in the Park
10-13 Jul 2025	➤ UELAC National Conference (Virtual & Live)	Saint John, New Brunswick
26 Jul 2025	➤ BBQ with the President 1600-1830	37 Highridge Way Stony Plain
<i>30 Jul 2025</i>	<i>KRRNY Landing ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
<i>15 Aug 2025</i>	<i>Formation of the Queen's Rangers ~ 1776</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
<i>15 Sep 2025</i>	<i>Formation of Butler's Rangers ~ 1777</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
13 Sep 2025	➤ Branch General Meeting	Church at 6919-83 Street
<i>20 Sep 2025</i>	<i>Cessation of Hostilities in North America ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
<i>16 Oct 2025</i>	<i>Burgoyne Capitulation ~ 1777</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
<i>17 Oct 2025</i>	<i>Arrival of the Fall Fleet at St. John ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
18 Oct 2025	➤ Branch General Meeting	Church at 6919-83 Street
<i>9 Nov 2025</i>	<i>Lord Dorchester's Order in Council ~ 1789</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
11 Nov 2025	➤ Remembrance Day Parade ~ Wreath Laying	Location TBD
15 Nov 2025	➤ Branch Workshop (Genealogy)	Church at 6919-83 Street
13 Dec 2025	➤ Branch General Meeting & Christmas Function	Church at 6919-83 Street

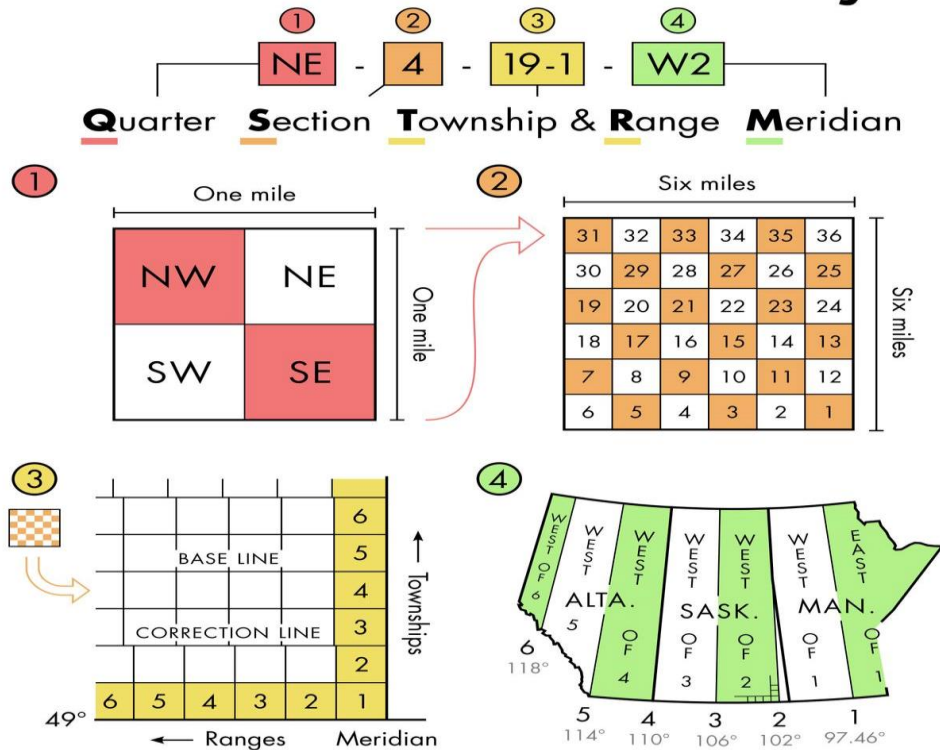
Dominion Land Surveys:

Have you ever wondered how the strange sequence of letters and numbers were created for land descriptions west of Ontario? They are the result of the Dominion Land Survey established for the settlement of the Prairies. The chart below shows the GPS location of Sections (1x1 mile parcels divided in 4 parts), Townships (6x6 mile parcels numbered east to west and south to north), and Ranges (numbered east to west from the prime meridian located just west of Winnipeg). This information would be useful for locating Loyalist descendants as they moved west from Ontario. BC surveys use yet another system, but that is the subject for another time

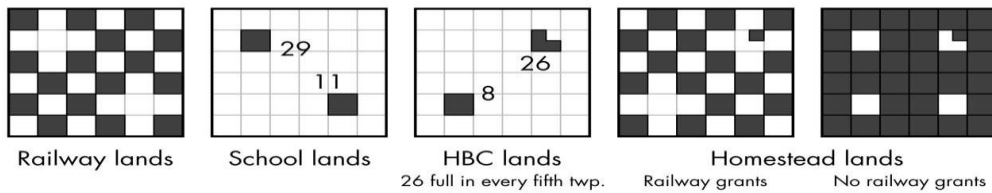
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The Dominion Land Survey



Prairie Land Grants



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Award-winning wall maps & custom cartography

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UELAC Membership:

For those who have not yet registered for 2025, your membership has expired, and you will be removed from our membership list over the next few weeks. Our membership numbers are up from previous years and those who remain as members do want the branch to continue and be effective. There are 3 ways you can still pay for your membership.

1) Online By Credit Card or Pay Pal to National Office

- Log in at uelac.ca. and select the block at the upper right “*Become a member.*”
- Read the page and follow the applicable prompts.
- Near the top, you follow the link in “*Renewing Your Membership*” line to Membership Renewals.
- Follow the link at the bottom to “*Your UELAC.ca Account.*”
- Then go to “*Member Dashboard.*”
- If this is the first time logging in or have difficulties logging in, send email to: loyalist.trails@uelac.org or president@UELEdmonton.ca

2) By Cheque to the Branch

Make the cheque payable to: Edmonton Branch UELAC

<u>Send payment to:</u>	President
(Please use full address)	UELAC Edmonton Branch
	37 Highridge Way
	Stony Plain, Alberta,
	T7Z 1M2

If you changed your mailing address, email address or phone # in the past year - please include a note with the current information.

If you are a new member, please fill out a membership application attached and include with your payment.

3) By Cash or cheque at a Branch Meeting

At a Branch meeting or Branch event
- DO NOT send cash payment by mail



**THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
EDMONTON BRANCH**

Membership Form for Year commencing January 1, 2025
(Please Circle Appropriate Type)

NEW
RENEWAL
BRANCH ONLY

NAME: _____
(Please use UE after your name if you have received your UE certificate)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **POSTAL CODE:** _____

PHONE: home _____ work _____ cell _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Ancestor(s) _____
(Please be sure to list Ancestor's Christian and Surname)

Edmonton Branch Individual & Institutional membership: (single) \$ 55.00 _____

Half-year Membership: (after June 30) \$ 30.00 _____

Edmonton Branch Student membership: (under 25 & full-time student) \$ 30.00 _____

Half-year Membership: (after June 30) \$ 15.00 _____

Edmonton Branch Family Membership: (provide list family members) \$ 75.00 _____

Half-year Family Membership: (provide list family members) \$ 35.00 _____

Friends of Edmonton Branch: \$ 15.00 _____
(Branch only membership ~ must also be a member of another branch)

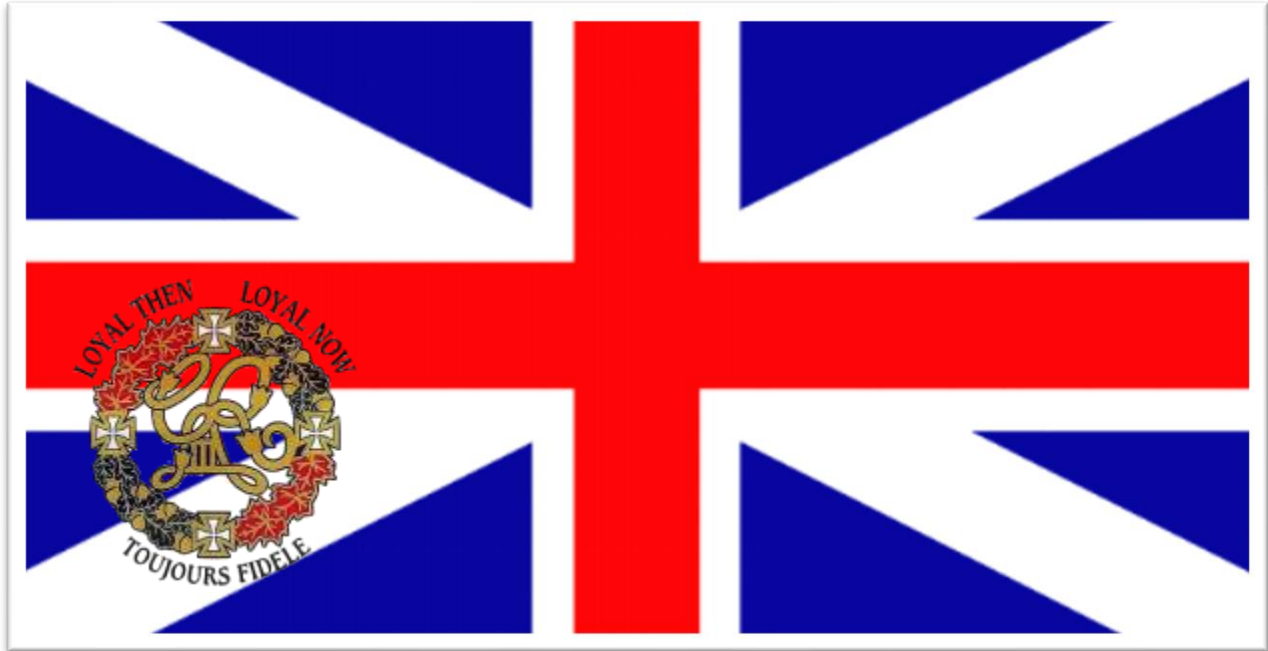
Gift to Edmonton Branch: _____

(To obtain a charitable tax receipt, donations must be sent directly to and processed by Dominion HQ, at
UELAC, PO Box 189, Cornwall Main, Cornwall, Ontario K6H 5S7 Telephone: (416) 591-1783)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Give or mail this form, with required dues, to:

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