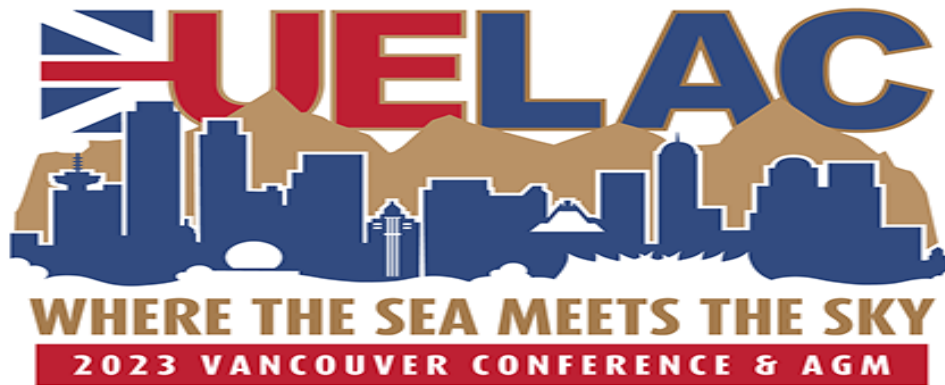


2023 UELAC Dorchester Award Recipients

2. Gerald (Gerry) William Adair UE, (Saskatchewan Branch UELAC)



GERALD (GERRY) WILLIAM ADAIR UE was the Prairie Regional Vice President and the UELAC Volunteer Recognition Chairperson for the last sixteen years, having been appointed to the Dominion Council in 2002 as the Prairie Regional Councillor. Gerry took over as Treasurer for the Saskatchewan Branch UELAC in 2003 and is their Branch Genealogist.

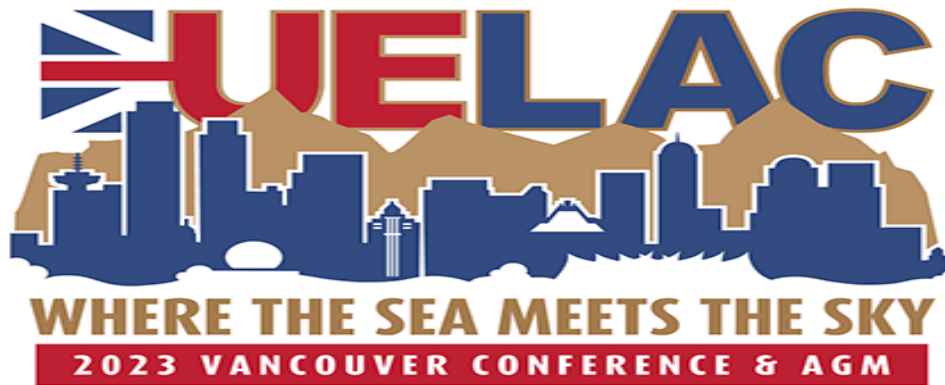


Gerry was instrumental in hosting the UELAC Conference and AGM in Regina in 2005 and again in Moose Jaw in 2018. Gerry’s philosophy in hosting these two conferences was to make them, something people could learn and benefit from, as well as being cost-effective for members attending. Gerry hosted many Saskatchewan picnics on his farm during the summer months and the UELAC flag was always flown at the end of the farm’s laneway. He promoted the UELAC by attending events, designing floats for parades, and presenting UELAC information to members of the Royal Family.

Gerry’s quiet enthusiasm encouraged many others to get involved in Conference and UELAC events. He was instrumental in helping to form the Assiniboine Branch UELAC.

Currently, Gerry had thirteen proven loyalist ancestors and has written histories about them that he shares on his website. His love of research and finding ancestors to honour is evident in that he has obtained certificates for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Gerry travelled across Canada from coast to coast, researching relatives, including several visits to Tamworth and Napanee, in Ontario, where the branch of his ADAIR family originated. His knowledge and interest in research have been a benefit to many throughout Canada, culminating with his editorship in 2020 of the book, ***“Loyalist Descendants in Saskatchewan.”*** This book begun in 2014 as the



Centennial project for Saskatchewan Branch, needed Gerry's commitment to detail, cross-referencing, and indexing family names and genealogical records for more than 32 branch members.

Completing this book was a project very close to Gerry's heart. Not only that, but Gerry has also taken on the sales and distribution of this book, a review of it appearing in the Review Section of the Spring 2022 issue of *The Loyalist Gazette*.

In recognition for his on-going excellence and participation with the UELAC, the Executive and Members of the Kawartha Branch UELAC, nominate, Gerald (Gerry) William Adair UE for the 2023 Dorchester Award.

Sincerely and Loyally,

Nominated by: Robert C McBride UE and A. Joan Lucas: Kawartha Branch UELAC