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Class 3: Finding Loyalists in Canadian and Other British Empire Records

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Melanie McComb

Genealogist

OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Loyalists and Land Grants in Canada
 - Loyalist Records in the UK and Caribbean
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



Voice of
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Loyalists to Canada

First Settlement

- On May 18, 1783, the first Loyalists, known as Tories, arrived in Canada to take refuge in Parrtown, Saint John, Nova Scotia (now New Brunswick)
- Town was located on the Bay of Fundy, north of the border of what is now Maine
- Most refugees came from New York, which was under royal control during the Revolutionary War

One Year Later

- New Brunswick was created in the unpopulated lands (by Europeans) west of the Bay of Fundy
- Created from what was then Nova Scotia

The City of Saint John

- By 1785, the combined settlements at Parrtown and Carleton consisted of approximately 14,000 people
- These settlements formed the first incorporated city for British North America, known as City of Saint John

Where in Canada?

Nova Scotia

- Shelburne
- Halifax
- Guysborough
- Digby

New Brunswick

- Fredericton
- Saint John
- Saint John River Valley

Where in Canada?

Ontario

- Bay of Quinte
- Prince Edward Co.
- Kingston
- Cornwall
- York (Toronto)

Quebec

- Eastern Townships

Prince Edward Island

Passenger Lists

The Ships to Canada

- Nine transport ships sailed from New York on October 19, 1782, and arrived in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia
- On April 11, 1783, the "Spring" Fleet set sail
- Ships continued to arrive with thousands of refugees; ships arrived as late as January 15, 1784

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Ship	Departed	Date	Landed	Date	Passengers	Notes
Alexander	New York	1783, fall	New Brunswick	1783, Oct. 17	116	Ref. Evacuation of NY
Amity's Production	New York	1783, Jun. 16	New Brunswick	1783, Jul. 5	62	Ref. Evacuation of NY
Amphitrite	New York	1782	Annapolis	1782, Oct. 19	360	Ref. Evacuation of NY
Ann	New York	1783, fall	New Brunswick	1783, Sept. 27	204	Ref. Evacuation of NY
Ann	New York	1783, Jul. 8	New Brunswick	1783, Jul. 24	103	Ref. Evacuation of NY
Ann & Elizabeth			Port Roseway / Shelburne			from <i>The Book of Negroes</i>
Antelope Gordon			Bremer Lee (German port)			from <i>The Book of Negroes</i>
Apollo	New York	1783, Jun. 8 (?)	Port Roseway, NS			
Apollo	New York	1783, fall	New Brunswick	1783, Sept. 27	605	Ref. Evacuation of NY
Argo	St. Augustine,		Halifax	1784, Jul. 13		TheShipsList has more information: Argo Transport from St. Augustine FL arrived at Halifax NS 13 July 1784

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Loyalist Ships: The *Amphitrite*

Return of Men, Women & Children arrived at Annapolis from New York, 19th Octr. 1782 (360 persons)

Name	Women	Ch. above 8 years	Ch. under 8 years	Total
Abbott , Samel.				
Anderson , Walter	1			
Babcock , Benjn.				
Belcher , Adam				
Botsford , Amos, Esq.	1	4	1	
Bouchan , Alexr.	1		2	
Bourgar , Alexr.	1	3	1	
Bragg , John	1			
Brandon , John	1		1	
Bunnel , Solomon	1	4	1	
Burnet , William				
Carrier , Green	1		2	
Carron , James				
Chandler , Samel.				
Craiges , James	1	1		
Crain . Thos.				

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and Completed April 16th, 1783.*

Signers Names.	No. of Signers.					Former place of Abode.	Occupation.
	Women.	Children above 10 years old.	Children under 10 years old.	Servants.			
Fyler Dibblee.....	1	1	3	1	2	Stamford, Connecticut...	Attorney-at-Law.
Walter Dibblee.....	1	..	....	....	..	do do ...	Farmer.
William Dibblee.....	1	..	....	....	..	do do ...	Farmer.
John Lyon.....	1	1	4	1	..	Reading, do ...	Farmer.
John Lyon, Jr.....	1	..	....	....	..	do do ...	Farmer.
Reuben Lyon.....	1	..	....	....	..	do do ...	Farmer.
David Picket.....	1	1	3	4	..	Stamford, do ...	Farmer.
Joseph Caswell.....	1	1	2	2	..	Massachusetts.....	Blacksmith.
Ephraim Deforest....	1	1	2	1	..	Reading, Connecticut....	Shoemaker.

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William Boon.....	1	1	4	2	..	do	Farmer.
Seth Squiers.....	1	1	3	3	..	Stratford, Connecticut...	Farmer.
Seth Squiers, Jr.....	1	do do ...	Farmer.
John Baker.....	1	Massachusetts.....	Seaman.
Abram Carrington....	1	1	Milford, Connecticut....	Farmer.
William Straight.....	1	Killingsworth, do	Refiner of Iron.
Seth Seely.....	1	1	4	3	..	Stamford do	Farmer.

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History of Land Grants

Land Grant Petitions

- Petitions were submitted that stated whether the Loyalist was a soldier or supported the British in some other way
- Petitions could be submitted by the children of the Loyalist
- If petition was approved, the claimant was provided with a ticket with the township and lot # of the land they were awarded

Land Grants – July 1783

- 200 acres allotted to non-commissioned officers of Provincial Corps and Associated Loyalists
- 100 acres to private soldiers
- 100 acres to a family head
- 50 acres to each family member or single man

Land Grants – August 1783

- 1,000 acres to Field Officers in the Loyalist Corps
- 700 acres to Captains
- 500 acres to Subaltern/Staff/Warrant Officers
- 50 acres to family members
- Officers in the Royal Highland Emigrants (84th Regiment) received significantly higher portions (5,000 for field officers, 3,000 for captains, and 2,000 acres for lesser ranks)

Land Grants – 1787

- "General refugees" were granted 200 acres, with the increase of 200 acres to each son or daughter

Land Grants – 1788

- Land grants for the Provincial Corps officers were matched with the Royal Highland Emigrants if they were classified as "military claimants"
- A military claimant applies to a soldier in the British army and its Germanic allies, the Hessians

Finding Land Grant Petitions on the Library and Archives of Canada (LAC) Website



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Loyalists in the Maritimes — Ward Chipman Muster Master's Office, 1777–1785

Carleton Papers – Book of Negroes, 1783

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The term "Loyalists" refers to American colonists who remained loyal to the British Crown. Many of them served under the British during the American Revolution (1775-1783). Loyalists settled in what are now the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario. The [Archives](#) in each of these provinces will have records relating to Loyalists. Note that [German Troops](#) under the command of the British Forces were not Loyalists.

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[Watercolour of a farmer and his wife standing beside their carriage and house on the River St. Lawrence, 1841](#)

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In the province of Quebec, land distribution was originally based on the seigneurial system, established in 1627 and used until 1854. *Seigneuries* were granted by the King to members of the bourgeoisie, members of important families

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Case Study: The Parentage of Mary Loyst

Background

- Mary Loyst was b. circa 1794 in Lennox and Addington County, Ontario (then called Upper Canada)
- She married David Finley Batty about 1815 and settled in Haldimand township, Northumberland County, Ontario
- Her suspected father was Andrew Loyst, but no proof was found confirming this

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Garrison/Loyst	Ellanor	Fredericksburg	1834	211	G 18	81		RG 1 L3	C-2034
Loyst	Henry	Edwardsburgh	1797	284	L 3	20		RG 1 L3	C-2124
Loyst	Peter	Fredericksburg	1825	290	L 14	83		RG 1 L3	C-2128
Loyst	Andrew Jr.	Richmond	1833	292A	L 18	61		RG 1 L3	C-2130
Loyst	Isaiah	Sheffield	1833	292A	L 18	62		RG 1 L3	C-2130
Loyst	Joseph	Sheffield	1833	292A	L 18	63		RG 1 L3	C-2130
Loyst	Deborah	Fredericksburg	1834	293	L 18	80		RG 1 L3	C-2130
Loyst	Eleanor	Sheffield	1836	294	L 19	65		RG 1 L3	C-2130
Loyst	Abraham	Fredericksburg	1838	296	L 21	36		RG 1 L3	C-2131
Peterson/Loyst	Anne	Rawdon	1839	296A	L 22	26		RG 1 L3	C-2131

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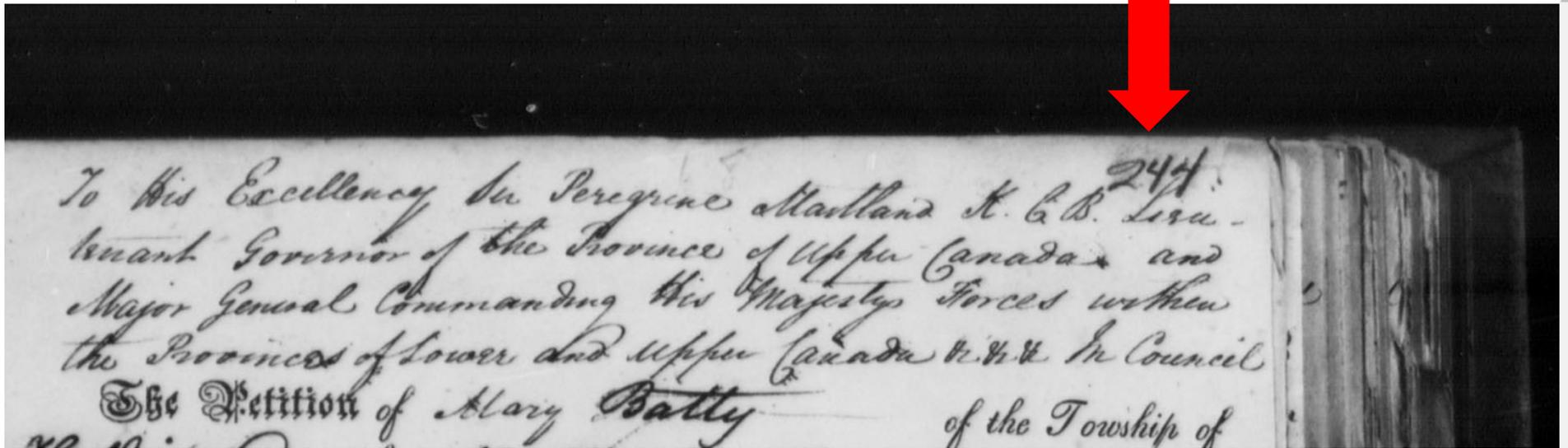


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To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland K. G. B. ²⁴⁴ Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces within the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada &c. &c. In Council

The Petition of *Mary Batty* of the Township of *Haldimand* in the *New Castle* District, Province of Upper Canada, Humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioner is the *Daughter* of *Andrew Loyd* of township of *Fredricksburg* in the *Midland* District, a U. E. Loyalist; that she is married and has never received any Land or order for Land from the Crown: Your Petitioner, therefore, prays that your Excellency will be pleased to grant unto *her* two hundred acres of the waste Lands of the Crown, and permit *her* to be Agent to locate the same and receive the Patent when completed. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Land Petition of Mary Batty

General
Quarter Sessions, } *Mary Batty*

Mary Batty maketh Oath and saith, that she is the person she describes herself to be in the foregoing Petition; that she is married and has not heretofore received any Land or order for land from the Crown.

Sworn in open Sessions, before me,
this *Thirteenth* day of
July, 1325—

General
Quarter Sessions, } *Elcis Jones*

Elcis Jones maketh Oath and saith, that he was present and saw *Mary Batty* — sign the foregoing Petition; that she is the person she therein describes herself to be; that she is married and has never received any land or order for land from the Crown, to the best of this Deponent's knowledge and belief.

Land Petition of Mary Batty (Cont'd)

Newcastle District, }
TO WIT: } We Zachary Burnham — Chairman,
and Thomas Wards — Clerk of the Peace, Certify,
that *Mary Batty*
personally appeared before the General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace this day,
and is recognized by the Magistrates to be the *Daughter* of *Andrew*
Loyst of Fredericksburg in the Midland District
who retained his Loyalty during the late war; without suspicion of aiding or as-
sisting the enemy; and that he has done his duty in defence of the Province during the late
war.
Dated at the Court-House in *Hamilton* in the said District, this *Thirteenth*
day of *July* in the year of our Lord, *One Thousand eight hundred and twenty five*
Zachary Burnham
Ch. J. Spiers

Land Petition of Mary Batty (Cont'd)

Conclusion

- Mary Loyst is the daughter of Andrew Loyst, a U.E. Loyalist
- Andrew Loyst is a proven Loyalist in the UELAC directory

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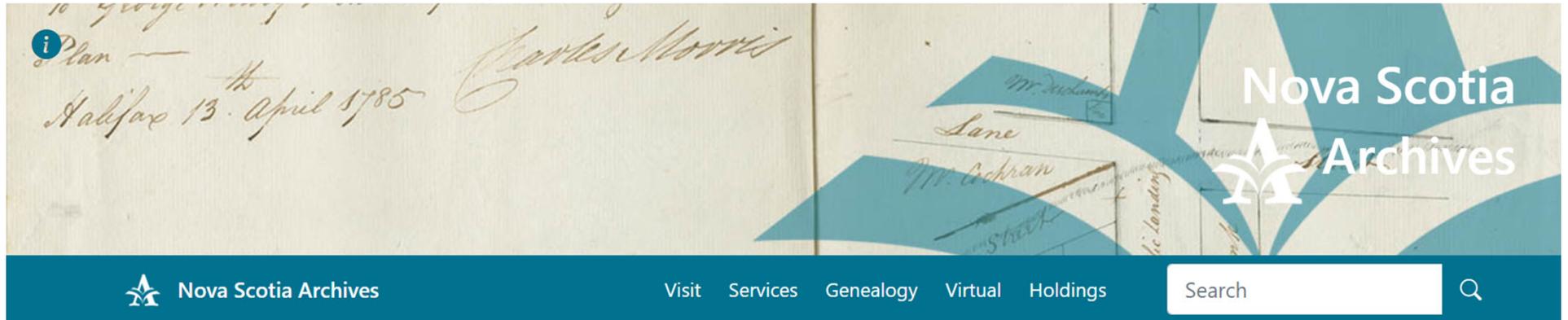
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Other names on this grant (55):

BAILEY, Zachariah 250 acres
 BROCK, Nicholas 100 acres
 BUTLER, Benjamin 150 acres
 CARROL, Joseph 100 acres
 CLEMENTS, John 200 acres
 COHEE, Lemuel 0 acres

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Land Records

For many early settlers in Nova Scotia, land was often the only possession of real value. As a result, land records have been carefully documented and maintained since the first days of colonial government. A large, complex system quickly evolved, serving various purposes: documenting the land-granting process, whereby free land was offered by government to intending settlers; providing a continuous record of property transactions (sellers to buyers, and the reverse) over time; and protecting landholders' ownership and occupation of property.

Land records collectively provide a significant resource for family history research. The collection maintained at the Nova Scotia Archives is voluminous and complex; because of its size, little has been digitized, and most research must be done onsite, accessing the records via microfilm.

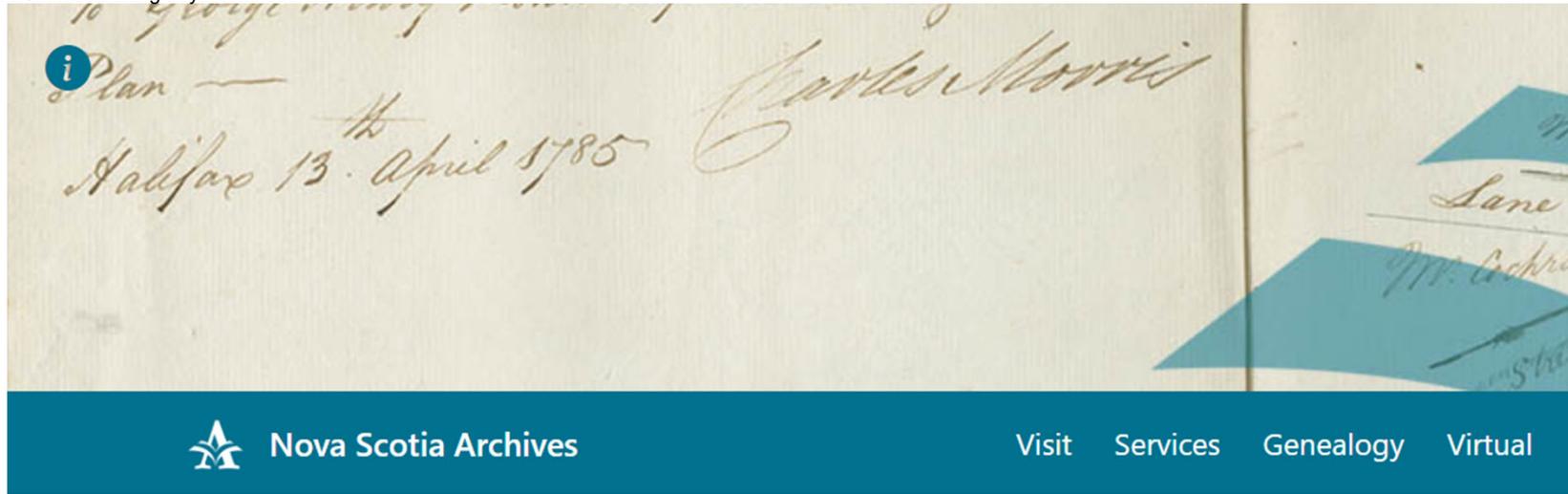
A few resources are available online to start your exploration of land records.

- The [Nova Scotia Land Papers 1765-1800](#) database available on this website contains 11,464



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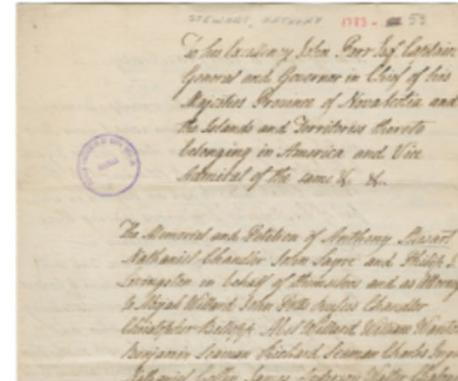
This is a searchable database for petitions made to government by individuals or groups of people seeking grants of Crown Land for settlement purposes in early Nova Scotia. The database contains 11,464 names, and will link from the petitioner's name to the fully digitized document file created for that particular land grant — 1890 files, containing 9259 image scans. If you're searching for online information about early land settlement in Nova Scotia, you've come to the right place!

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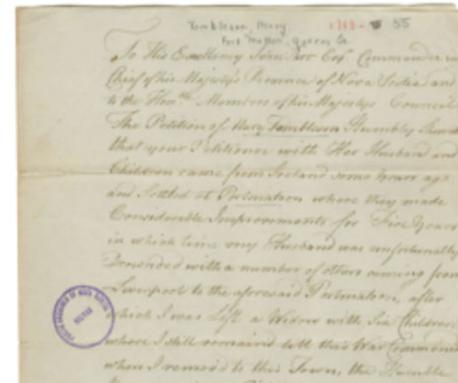


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Tombelson, Mary – 1783 – Queens County

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Names listed in the documents: Anthony Stewart, Nathaniel Chandler, John Sayre, Philip I. Livingston, Abijah Willard, John Potts, Rufus Chandler, Christopher Billopp, Abel Willard, William Wanton, Benjamin Seaman, Richard Seaman, Charles Inglis, Nathaniel Coffin, James Anderson, Walter Chaloner, Abiather Camp, Bartholomew Crannell, James Clarke, Joseph Taylor, Stephen Skinner, Thomas Knox, William Taylor, James Peters, Samuel Donaldson, Thomas Blaine, Henry Addison, Joseph Taylor, John LeChevalier Boome, George Tanton, Hugh Henderson, Samuel Goldsbury, Aaron Cortelyon, John Smith, William Taylor, Ward Chipman, Isaac Wilkins, John Bowden, James Sayre, James Fairlie, Edward G. Lutroyche, Issac Longworth, Benjamin Davis, William Campbell, Thomas Horsfield, Colin Campbell, Colbourn Barrell, Harvey Peters, John Mawdsley, John Watson, Thomas Bannister, John Moore, David Seabury, George Taylor, Andrew Bell

Joint petition of Loyalists on the continent for lands in the Bay of St. Mary's, extending on each side of the Sissibo into the vicinity of Port Roseway.

Memorial for 5000 acres with waste and marsh land as well, for each person. "Approved", 1783 (Parr).

Warrant issued, observing that they are not to interfere with any other person.

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STEWART, ANTHONY 1783 - ~~1783~~ 53.

To his Excellency John Parr Esq. Captain
General and Governor in Chief of his
Majesties Province of Nova Scotia and
the Islands and Territories thereto
belonging in America and Vice
Admiral of the same &c. &c.

THE MEMORIAL AND PETITION OF Anthony Stewart
Nathaniel Chandler John Sayre and Philip I.
Livingston in behalf of themselves and as Attorneys
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Christopher Killogg Abel Willard William Wanton
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Petition of Anthony Stewart and Others, 1783,
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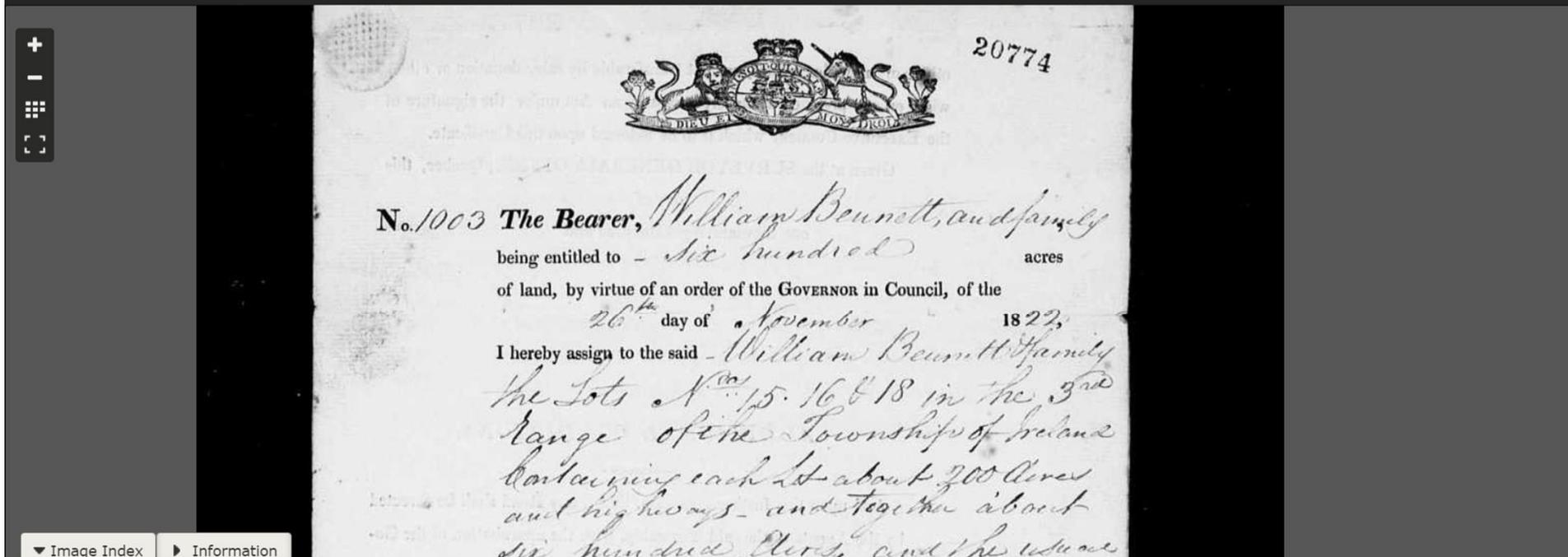
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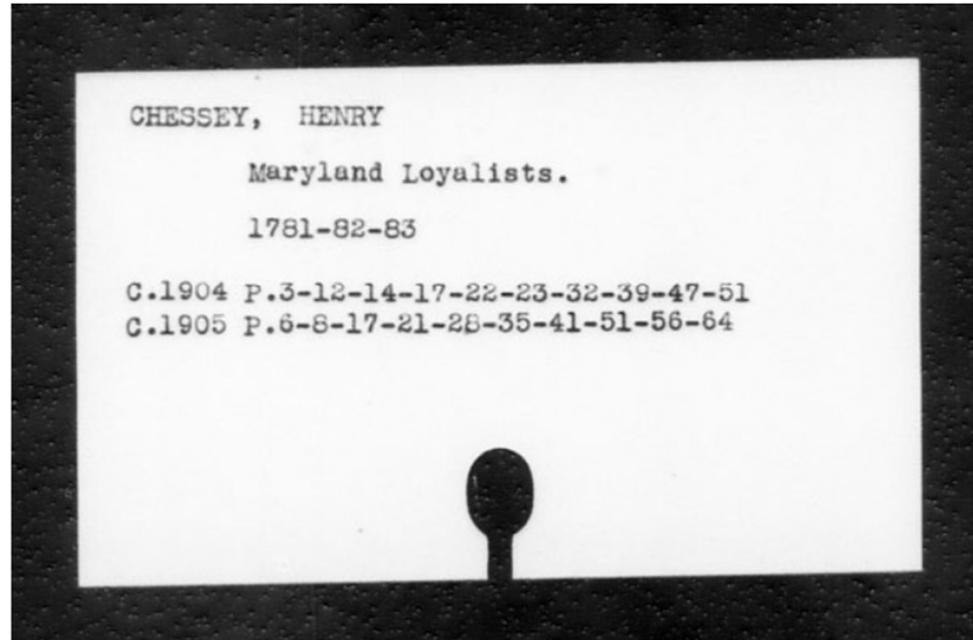
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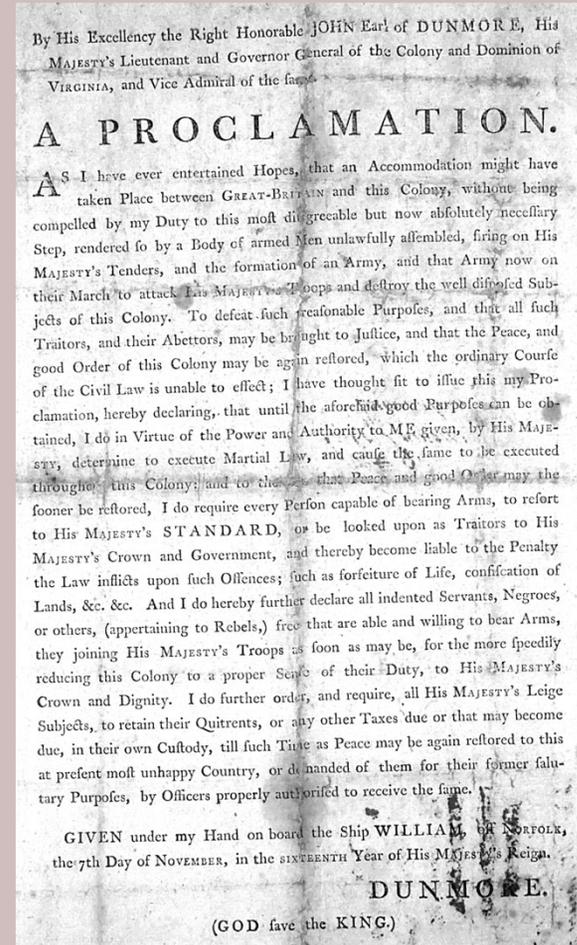


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Black Loyalists

Dunmore Proclamation

- Decreed that any enslaved persons who joined the British to fight against the American rebels would be freed from slavery
- Thousands of enslaved persons joined the British forces and became known as the Black Loyalists
- They were formed into military units, such as the Black Pioneers and the Ethiopians



Relocation

- At the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, General George Washington demanded that they return all American property, including the enslaved
- British relocated thousands of ex-slaves outside of the United States
- Sir Guy Carleton, commander of British Forces in North America, oversaw the evacuation of Black Loyalists to British territories including Jamaica, London, and Nova Scotia

"Birch Trials"

- Carleton appointed Samuel Birch to conduct the interviews of Black Loyalists
- From April to November 1783 on each Wednesday at noon, Birch would conduct the "Birch Trials" at Fraunces Tavern in Manhattan, New York
- The Black loyalists would identify themselves, their former masters, and provide information about their service to the crown during the war
- If Birch deemed their statements truthful, they were awarded a certificate of freedom (known as a Birch certificate)

NEW-YORK, *21 April* 1783.

THIS is to certify to whomsoever it may concern, that the Bearer hereof
Cato Ramsay
a Negro, resorted to the British Lines, in consequence of the Proclamations of Sir William Howe, and Sir Henry Clinton, late Commanders in Chief in America ; and that the said Negro has hereby his Excellency Sir Guy Carleton's Permission to go to Nova-Scotia, or wherever else *He* may think proper.

Birch Certificate, Cato Ramsay, 1783,
Maryland Loyalist Project

Major Settlements

- Birchtown (near Shelburne)
- Brindley (near Digby)
- Negro Line (now Southville, Digby County)
- Old Tracadie Road (Guysborough County)
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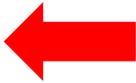
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Surname:	BROWN	
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Gender:	Male	
Race:	Black	
Military Service:	No	
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Former Legal Status:	Slave	
How Freedom was Obtained:	Ran off	
When Freedom was Obtained:	1780, at the siege of Charleston	
Certificate of Freedom:	No	
Name of Former Owner:	BUCKIE, Peter	
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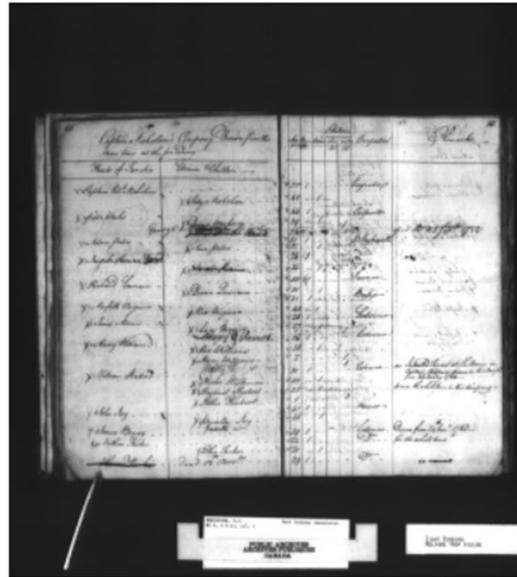
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	X Mary Nicholson	41	1		
X Peter Nichols		46	1	Carpenter	
	X Anne Nichols	39	1		
X Adam Peters	George X Elizabeth Peters	38	1		25 Feb 1784
	X Anna Peters	31	1	Blacksmith	
X Hugh Thomas		28	1		
	X Hannah Thomas	26	1		
X Richard Lawson		55	1	Lawyer	
	X Diana Lawson	31	1		
X Joseph Virginia		31	1	Barber	
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Muster Book of Free Black, Settlement of Birchtown

Birchtown Settlement

- In September 1783, the colonial government finally awarded land to Black Loyalists
- Seven companies of pioneers went to the new settlement, called Birchtown
- The population ranged from 1,500 to 2,000, which was more than half of the Black Loyalists in Nova Scotia
- The settlement was proved to be unsuitable; land was mostly rocky barren soil

The Colony of Sierra Leone

- Established in 1786 by the British Committee for the Relief of the Black Poor
- "The Province of Freedom" - a permanent home for impoverished Blacks that were under the protection of the British crown and Royal Navy
- In 1787, the first group of about 400 men and women arrived from Great Britain

Leaving Nova Scotia

- In 1791, Thomas Peters went to London to lodge a complaint about the injustices faced by the Black Loyalists
- Peters met with the chairman of the Sierra Leone Company and negotiated free passage for 1,200 Black Nova Scotian residents to resettle in Sierra Leone on the west coast of Africa
- The emigrants sailed from Halifax for Sierra Leone on 15 January 1792 to establish the Freetown Colony
- Approximately 50 families remained and moved to Halifax and other cities



African Nova Scotians in the Age of Slavery and Abolition



Black Loyalists, 1783-1792

The aftermath of the American War of Independence brought the Black Loyalists to Nova Scotia. During the war, British authorities in America offered freedom to slaves of rebels who escaped and made their way into British lines. Many enslaved African Americans seized this opportunity to gain their freedom and came over to the British side, as did a much smaller number of already free African Americans. Some of the Black Loyalists provided military service alongside the British Army, while others served in non-military roles. Toward the end of the war most of them converged on New York, which was home to British general headquarters. Three thousand of them sailed to Nova Scotia between April and November 1783, on both Navy vessels and private transports chartered by the British.

In addition, a small number of free black people came as Loyalists on an individual basis. By 1784, well over 3000 Black Loyalists had immigrated to Nova Scotia, which included present-day New Brunswick. They came from Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, New York, and New Jersey, as well as parts of New England. Among them were men and women of accomplishment, such as preacher David George and schoolteacher Catherine Abernathy, and a significant number of skilled labourers and craftsmen. Also among them was the father of Rose Fortune, noted as "Fortune – a free Negro," in the muster roll of Loyalists at Annapolis in June 1784. Other Black Loyalists included the members of the Black Pioneers, the only official black regiment on the British side during the War of Independence. There were also a number of ship pilots, such as London and James Jackson, who had been employed by the British during the war.

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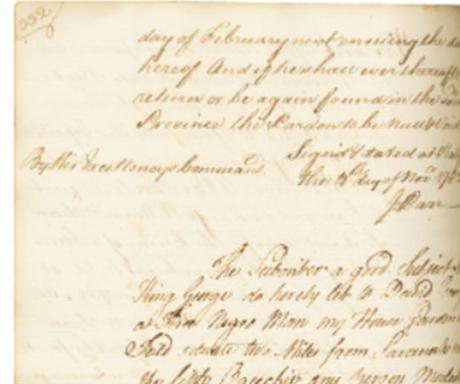
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David George's lease and passports, 1779-1781

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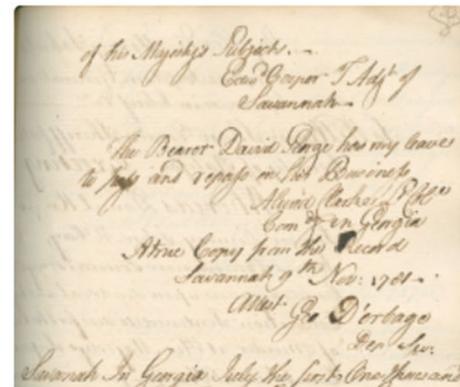


Certificates for Thomas Williams and his wife as "freeborn Blacks", 1 July 1781

Date: Recorded in orderly book at Halifax, late 1782 or early 1783

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Savannah In Georgia July the first One thousand
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Hannah are both free born Blacks, both
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cast away, but lost every thing they had,
Likewise there free pass which I saw
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Certificate of Freedom, Thomas and Hannah Williams,
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The Muster Book of the blacks in Birchtown - 1784.

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- Roll of the disbanded Men, Women, and Children on the 74th Regiment present at St. Andrews, Passamaquoddy Bay, Nova Scotia 21 May 1784.
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Loyalists to Great Britain

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- Series consists of four volumes of pensions paid out to American Loyalists and others seeking refuge in Great Britain
- Each list contains the names of persons who will receive the pension or allowance, the period for the pension or allowance, and the amount
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- Widows and children were included in the allowances
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- As discussed in Class 2, claims for or against giving compensation incurred during the Revolutionary War
- Ancestry.com database: "UK, American Loyalist Claims, 1776-1835"

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- Officers' Birth Certificates, Wills, and Personal Papers
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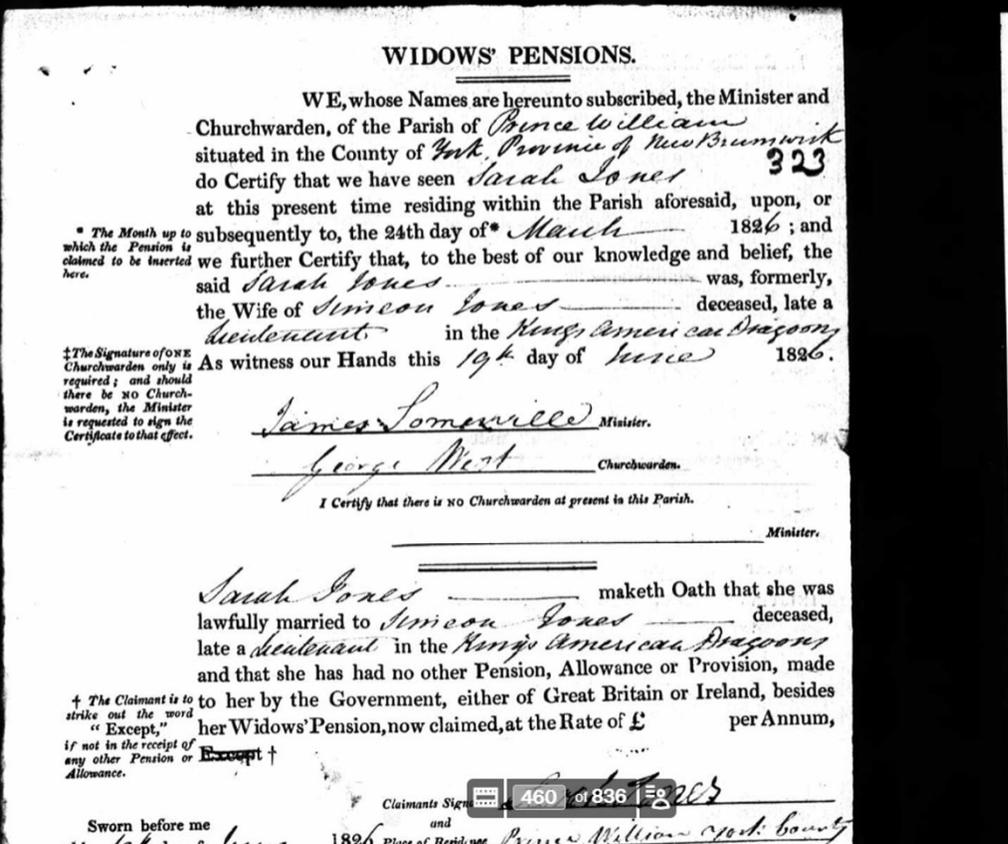
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WE, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, the Minister and Churchwarden, of the Parish of *Prince William* situated in the County of *Yuk. Province of New Brunswick* do Certify that we have seen *Sarah Jones* **323** at this present time residing within the Parish aforesaid, upon, or subsequently to, the 24th day of *March* 1826; and we further Certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the said *Sarah Jones* was, formerly, the Wife of *Simcon Jones* deceased, late a *Lieutenant* in the *Kings American Dragoons*. As witness our Hands this *19th* day of *June* 1826.

James Somerville Minister.
George West Churchwarden.

I Certify that there is NO Churchwarden at present in this Parish.

Sarah Jones maketh Oath that she was lawfully married to *Simcon Jones* deceased, late a *Lieutenant* in the *Kings American Dragoons* and that she has had no other Pension, Allowance or Provision, made to her by the Government, either of Great Britain or Ireland, besides her Widows' Pension, now claimed, at the Rate of £ *10* per Annum,

Sworn before me this *1st* day of *June* 1826 Place of Residence *Prince William York County*




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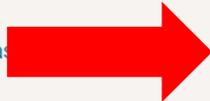
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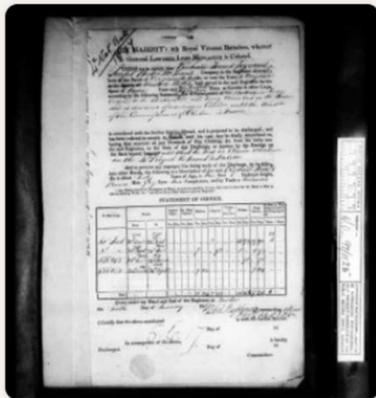
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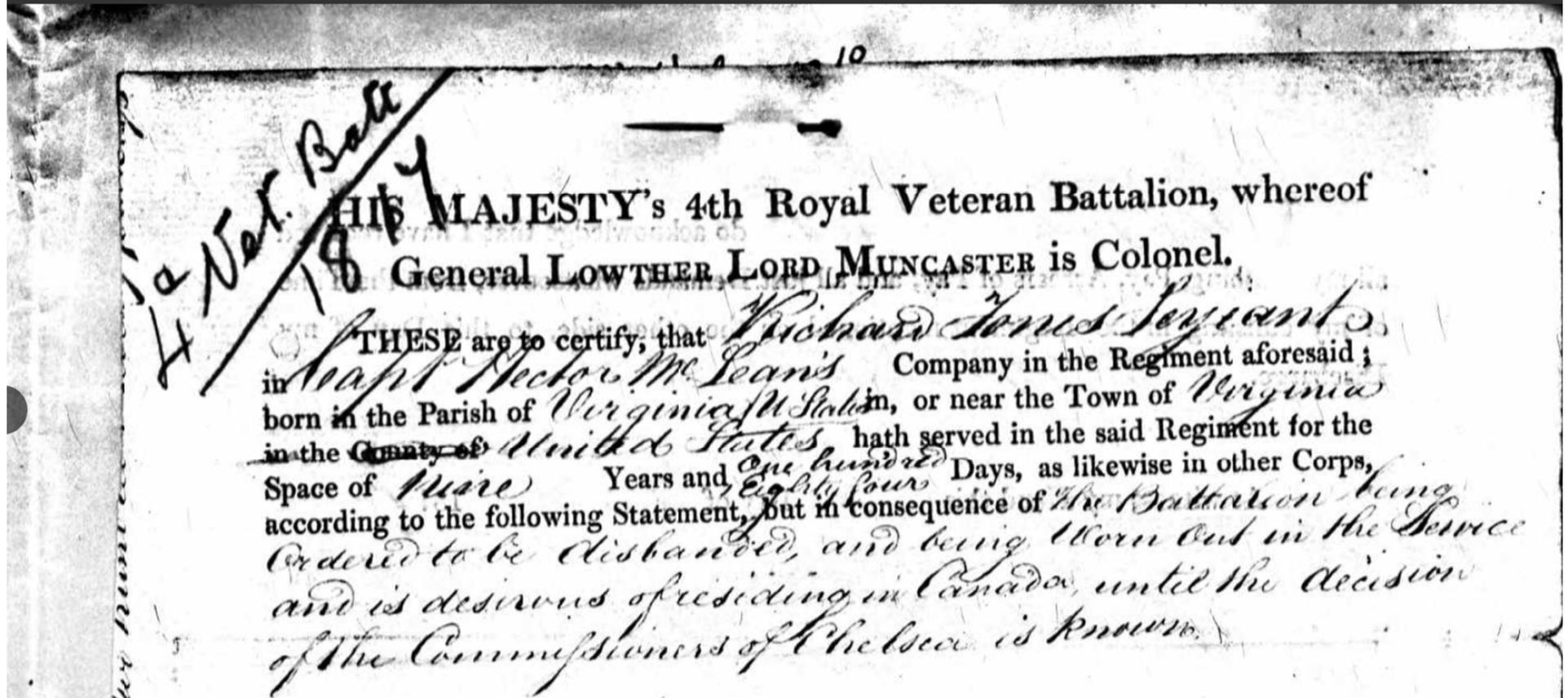
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Statement of Service, Richard Jones, Royal Hospital Chelsea Service Record, Ancestry.com

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GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, KING, DEFENDER of the FAITH, and so forth. *To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.* KNOW YE THAT WE, of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do Give and Grant unto *William Gamble Esquire his*

Heirs and Assigns, All that

Lot of Land in the Town of Nassau, on the west side of Cumberland Street, being part, or one moiety of a Lot known in the plan of the said Town by number eighty three; fronting to the East sixty one feet six inches on Cumberland Street, bounded to the South by part of the said Lot N. 82, to the west sixty one feet six inches on Lot N. 88, and to the North by Lot N. 87.
 having such Shape and Form as are represented in the Plat thereof hereunto annexed, as drawn by Our Surveyor-General of Lands of Our said Islands, ~~and assign~~

and is bounded as in and by the Certificate also hereunto annexed, under the Hand of Our said Surveyor-General of Lands of Our said Islands, may more fully and at large appear; together with all Erections, Buildings, and all other Improvements whatsoever on the same now standing, being, and growing; and all Ways, Waters, Paths, Passages, Privileges, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Lot belonging, or in any wise appertaining: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Lot, Hereditaments, and all other the Premises hereby granted with the Appurtenances unto the said *William Gamble his*

Crown Land Grant to William Gamble,
Bahamas, 22 Nov. 1788

Jamaica

- Most Loyalists came from Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Virginia
- They departed from the cities of Charlestown and Savannah
- There were 3,000 Loyalists who took 8,000 enslaved persons to Jamaica

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This is a virtual genealogy library for those researching family history for Jamaica, West Indies, especially for people born before 1920. The site contains transcriptions from various documents including nineteenth century Jamaica Almanacs (which list property owners and civil and military officials), Jamaica Directories for 1878, 1891 and 1910, extractions from Jamaican Church records, Civil Registration, Wills, Jewish records, and excerpts from newspapers, books, and other documents. There is information on immigration and on slavery.

Jamaica was a British colony from the time of its conquest by the English 1655-1660 from the Spaniards, until it gained its independence in 1962 and became a part of the British Commonwealth. The indigenous Indians had been killed by the Spaniards. The population over the past 350 years has been comprised of:

- British: within its first 100 years as a British colony thousands of British immigrants arrived in the island, and made up the white population along with
- Portuguese Jews who had been left behind by the Spanish. The British remained the dominant majority until
- African slaves grew in number with the slave trade from 1663 until their emancipation in 1838.
- Diversity increased with the addition of other people groups:
- French refugees from St. Domingue arrived in the late 18th century.
- German settlers were brought to the island in the mid 1800s.
- Indian laborers were brought in accordance with Acts of the Assembly in 1842 through 1899.
- Chinese laborers were brought in 1854.
- Indian, Syrian, Lebanese merchants and businessmen came in the late 19th to 20th centuries.
- Individuals from China, Europe, and countries around the world have added to the variety in the population.

Their mingling is reflected in our island motto, "Out of Many, One People."

In the decade of the 1830s many landowners returned to Great Britain, or dispersed to other parts of the British Empire. In the decade of the 1970s there was another dispersion to North America and the UK in particular.

In the 17th through 19th centuries Britain required that the colony should take a census or a count of the population in various years in order to provide statistics concerning the makeup of the population. The results which have been preserved as census records do not contain any names of individuals, but merely numbers of persons in various categories, which generally included: white, black, free colored, certain countries of origin, and occupation. One exception is the Census information for Hanover for 1822 which has been found in some Colonial Office correspondence and is on this site. Because of this lack of what most genealogists would

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AMERICAN LOYALISTS IN JAMAICA 1783

LAND GRANTS

On 6th October, 1781, the "Cornwall Chronicle" newspaper published a letter, dated 18th August, from a "Gentleman in Georgia" to a correspondent in Jamaica:

"I am exceeding sorry to tell you, that I consider the greatest part of your and every other person's debts in Carolina to be totally lost; that country and this, except the very small part of them that our troops cover, have almost unanimously revolted and are become more violent, cruel and obstinate rebels than ever."

In 1783, at the end of hostilities in North America, the following loyalists were granted land in St. Elizabeth. Most were from Carolina.

ATKINSON, John
AVID, John
ALEXANDER, Henry
BRAIDSFORD, Elizabeth
BRAIDSFORD, Miss
BRAIDSFORD, Miss
BRADFORD, Wm.
BORNAL, Samuel
BUNYIE, James
BULL, Mr. Francis
BULL, Wm., Esq.
BROWN, Robert
BURGESS, Ann
BRYAN, Samuel
BETHUNE, John
BRAILSFORD, Wm.
BLOOMER, Lawrence
BROVACK, ___
BADID, James, Esq.
BRAILSFORD, Mrs. Jane
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Jamaica, Church of England Parish Register Transcripts are available online, click here.

Microfilm of originals at the Registrar General's Department, Spanish Town, Jamaica.

The registers are arranged in five series: 1) Copy registers of individual parishes, early-ca. 1825, 2) Parish registers (transcripts compiled at the Diocesan Office), 1826-1850, 1860-1871, 3) Parish registers, new series (transcripts as in 2), 1849-1860, 4) Law 6 registers (refers to law 6 passed in 1871), 5) Birth and death registers, 1844-1851. Entries for parishes are combined in all but the first series.

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Baptisms, marr., burials (v. 1) 1725-1835 (vol. 2 missing)	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1291769	4620529	

Review

1. Researching the land grants of your Loyalist ancestors will help you learn their approximate arrival in Canada, their families, and sometimes their origins in the United States
2. Military records should be examined for extended service for the British crown during their residence in Canada and elsewhere
3. Multiple repositories house Loyalist records that should be consulted. Remember not everything is online!

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