

# CAPTAIN JOHN THORNE WEYLAND, WAR OF 1812 - 1814



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**C**aptain John Thorne Weyland, born in 1789, in Exeter, Devonshire, England, had a very impressive military record, beginning when he enlisted at 17 years of age. He was commissioned as an ensign in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot on 30 June 1806 and became a Lieutenant in the King's 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot on 01 March 1809. In 1824, he was serving as a lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Veterans' Battalion and the following year transferred to the 34<sup>th</sup> Regiment. In 1829, he served as Captain in the 65<sup>th</sup>. Regiment and then transferred to the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment on its formation on 16 July 1841.

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Weyland fought in the Battle of Fort George on 27 May 1813 and was wounded on 06 June 1813 in the Battle of Stoney Creek where he took a musket ball in the left bicep. After peace was restored between Canada and the United States, Captain Weyland was posted to various outposts of the British Empire, including garrisons in Wales, Ireland and India.

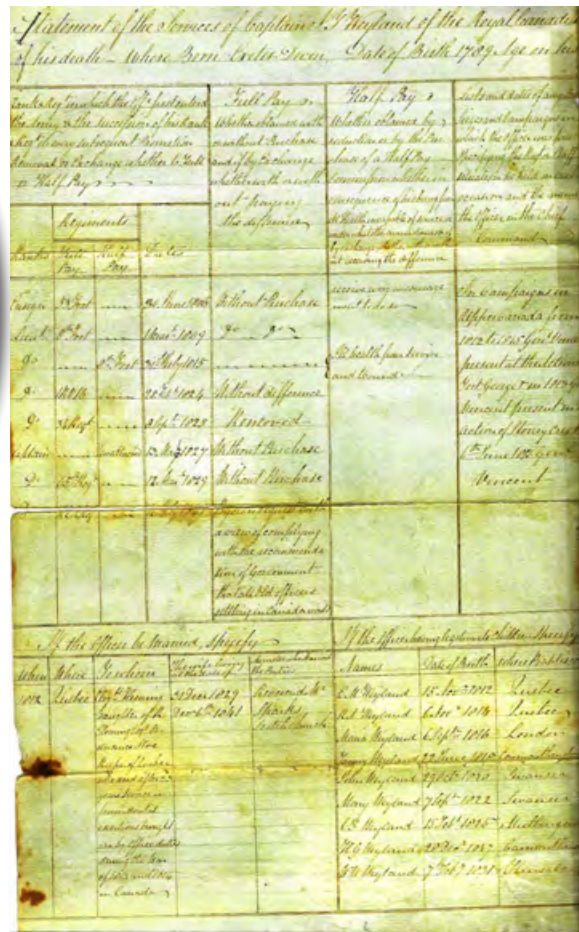
On 09 February 1812, Weyland married Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of Richard Fleming, Ordnance Store Keeper in Quebec City. According to military papers that we have in our possession, Mr. Fleming died after thirty-three years of service brought on by mental exertions and his office duties during the War 1812 - 1814 in Canada. After the death of his father-in-law, Richard Fleming, John inherited tracts of land in Weedon Township, Province of Quebec. The land surrounded Clear Lake, where Weyland and his wife raised their nine children of whom we have genealogy records.

He also had property at Iles-Aux-Noix, Chambly, Kingston, and on Adelaide Street in Toronto. A reference to one of his



properties describes "A stone cottage on the south side of the Montreal road near Lachine with three acres of Garden Grounds, a Well, all enclosed by a Stone Wall."

We have the original paper entitled, "Statement of Services of Captain J.T. Weyland, Royal Canadian Rifle Regt." If I have read the faded ink correctly, it appears that he joined Service Companies from Halifax at Chambly, Montreal, Lower Canada, on 23 January 1806. This paper also lists all the battles in which he fought, when, and where, etc. It also lists his children, dates of



birth and locations. We have several account books that are more like diaries, including his record of purchasing liquor for the men! We have his original Certificate with Seal, from London, England; there are many photos of him along with his family, even a lock of his hair and his sword.

John Thorne Weyland died at 10 Queen Street, Kingston, and in reference to one of his son's obituary, he is buried "at Lundy's Lane as a true soldier should be." His wife, Elizabeth, passed away on 24 September 1869 on Adelaide Street in Toronto; their nine children died at a variety of locations. Weyland is featured in James E. Elliott's book entitled, Strange Fatality: The Battle of Stoney Creek 1813. My husband, Milt, is a descendant of his son, Henry, who married Louisa Stacey. His sword is identified with: "FIRMIN & SONS, 153 Strand & 13, Conduits.T, LONDON."

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