

CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN EVENTS IN THE FOUNDING OF LOYALIST KINGSTON AND DISTRICT

- 22 September 1760 Major Robert Rogers formally took possession of Fort Frontenac for the British. No garrison was established. The fort was in partial ruins until 1783. Carleton Island became the British post in the area, not Fort Frontenac.
- There were no white inhabitants in eastern Ontario between 1760 and 1783.
- 30 July 1783 Major Ross came from Carleton Island with 25 officers and 422 other ranks to Cataraqui to rebuild Fort Frontenac for the Loyalists. Detachments of the 34th, 84th and King's Royal Regiments of New York were sent to Cataraqui.
- 22 May 1784 Landing of the Mohawks at Tyendinaga (Deseronto, Ontario)--the first Loyalist allies to settle in Upper Canada.
- 25 May 1784 Capt. Michael Grass and party left Sorel for Cataraqui (Kingston, Ontario).
- 12 June 1784 First group of Loyalists arrived at Cataraqui under Captain Michael Grass making the first permanent settlement in eastern Ontario.
- 16 June 1784 Landing of Peter VanAlstine's band of Loyalists at Adolphustown, Bay of Quinte.
- 24 June 1784 All Loyalist Regiments in Upper Canada disbanded.
- 26 June 1784 Baron Von Reitzenstein and persons of Brunswick troops arrived at Kingston; later settled in Marysburgh Twp., Prince Edward County.
- 1785 Second group of Loyalists that included the Rev. John Stuart, the first Anglican minister, arrived.
- 1785 District of Mecklenburg (later Midland District) was surveyed. It stretched from the Gananoque River to Trenton, 56 miles wide and 100 miles north including the Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington.
- 1789 Naval dockyard began in 1789 in Haldimand Cove between Point Frederick and Point Henry. A large oaken scow worked by five men and running on a cable did ferry duty between Kingston and Ford Frederick. Civilians used two row boats, paying two pence each way.
- 09 November 1789 Lord Dorchester's Order-in-Council, of the MARK of HONOUR, UE.
- 1792 St. George's Church built. Lieut. Gov. Simcoe took the oath of office here (corner of King and Clarence).
- July 1792 Lieut.-Gov. John Graves Simcoe called his first executive meeting at corner of King and Queen Streets.
- 23 August 1792 First record of Chief Justice Osgoode, the first Superior Court Judge in Ontario, when he presided at Kingston at that date.
- 1796 Molly Brant, sister of Chief Joseph Brant, died; buried in St. Paul's churchyard.
- 1799 John Strachan arrived in Kingston. The Hon. Richard Cartwright and the Hon. Robert Hamilton asked him to come as teacher of their sons. Taught 10 other boys for 10 pounds a year each.
- 27 May 1914 Incorporation of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada by Act of Parliament.