

**WILLIAM MARSH
UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST
TO NEW BRUNSWICK AND UPPER CANADA**

Surname:

Marsh

First Name:

William

Military:

1783 & prior During the Revolutionary War William served in the Civilian Militia Company Number 54 under the command of John Wetmore of Westchester County New York USA. [3] [4]

Where Settled:

1783 Oct 17 William and his family arrived at Parr Town Nova Scotia (St. John New Brunswick Canada) from New York City New York USA aboard the "Sally". Accompanying him was his wife and six children of who 4 were older than age 10 and 2 were younger than age 10. [3] [4]

Status as a Loyalist:

Proven

Proven Descendants:

Yes. Certificate issued to Terrilee Craig U.E. 5th Day July 2004 Toronto Branch UELAC

Died:

1830 Dec 30 Markham Township York County Upper Canada (Ontario Canada) [8]

Burial:

1830 William Marsh U.E. stated in his Will that he wished to be buried with his son Leonard and wife Ann at the church yard cemetery on Yonge Street. [8]

It is believed that William Marsh was referring to St. John's Church Cemetery (York Mills) located on the east side of Yonge Street just north of the present day York Mills Road (Toronto) York Township York County Upper Canada (Ontario Canada) and immediately north his property on Lot 8 Concession 1 Yonge Street East side.

What is interesting is that the first full time Anglican priest at St. John's York Mills was a man also by the name of William Marsh. He arrived with his wife Susannah (Brown) Marsh and children from Wiltshire England in 1828. And he is buried there in the cemetery. While headstone hunting in the churchyard one day it was both weird and surprising to see his stone. Unfortunately no early markers for Loyalist William Marsh or other settlers who were buried there at an early date were found.

Will

1830 Dec 30 Of William Marsh Senior dated 22 July 1822: [8]

Married:

Ann/Anna/Nancy [1]

Children:

- 1866-1870 **William Marsh** born New York USA; died about 1856 Ridgetown Howard Township Kent County Ontario Canada; married Sarah Montgomery born 31 May 1799 New York City New York USA; died 31 May 1883 Ridgetown Howard Township Kent County Ontario Canada on 08 March 1804 at St. James Anglican Church Little York York Township Upper Canada (Toronto York Township York County Ontario Canada); Sarah was a daughter of Alexander Montgomery and Juda Myers; William and Sarah resided in York Township York County until 1823 when they then removed to Howard Township Kent County Upper Canada (Ontario Canada)[8] [17]
- 1774 Nov 11 **Nancy Marsh** born New Jersey USA; died before 1851 Markham Township York County Upper Canada (Ontario Canada); married William Perkins born 04 August 1774 Hackensack New Jersey USA; died December 1857 in Markham Township York County Canada West (Ontario Canada); William Perkins was a son of Isaac Perkins and Rachel Allen; William and Nancy resided in Markham Township York County Upper Canada (Ontario Canada) [8] [14][15]
- 1782 ca **Leonard Marsh** born New York City New York USA; died 01 September 1819 York Township Upper Canada (Toronto York Township York County Ontario Canada); married Mary Kendrick 20 November 1804 St. James Anglican Church Little York York Township Upper Canada (Toronto York Township York County Ontario Canada; Mary was the daughter of John and Mary Kendrick; John Kendrick was one of four Kendrick brothers who arrived in York around 1793 with their widowed mother Dorcus Kendrick (wife of the late John Kendrick) [8] [17] [18]
- 1789 ca **probably Sarah Marsh** born New Brunswick; died 10 Nov 1866 Owen Sound Grey County Ontario Canada; married James McNabbb. 09 July 1787 Barnet Caledonia Vermont USA; on 13 June 1814 at St. James Anglican Church Little York York Township Upper Canada (Toronto York Township York County Ontario Canada); James was a son of John McNab and Janet Fletcher; James and Sarah lived in Norval Esquesing Township Upper Canada [16] [17]
- Unknown **probably Bathsheba Marsh** married William Henry McGary on 05 February 1806 at St. James Anglican Church Town of York York Township Upper Canada (Toronto York Township York County Ontario Canada [4] [17]
- Unknown **Child 1 Name not known** [4]
- Unknown **Child 2 Name not known** [4]

Residences:

- 1783 New York City New York USA [3] [4]
- 1783 Oct 17 Parr Town Nova Scotia (St. John New Brunswick Canada) [3] [4]
- 1784 Lot #1108 Parr Town Nova Scotia (James Street St. John New Brunswick Canada; located about one block from the water and four blocks from the landing place of the Loyalists) [1] [3]
- 1784 Lot 14 Little Kennebecasis River Nova Scotia (Hammond River Kingston Kings County New Brunswick Canada. According to the Kings County Museum in New Brunswick the community of Kingston was originally the shire town of Kings County and all land agreements were issued out of Kingston. The Little Kennebecasis River was renamed the Hammond River in honour of Captain Hammond an early settler in the region. William Marsh's lot would (1999) be located on the Bonnie Road just outside of Hampton. It is also interesting to note that the French Village still exists on the Hammond River and is between the communities of Hampton and Quispamsis. [1] [3]
- 1799 Town of York York Township Upper Canada (Toronto York Township York County Ontario Canada) possibly residing with his son William Marsh on Yonge Street [11]
- 1800 Lot 1 Concession 7 Markham Township York County Upper Canada (Ontario Canada [5]
- 1808 Lot 8 Yonge Street Concession 1 East York Township York Upper Canada (Toronto York Township York County Ontario Canada) [7]
- 1823 - Markham Township York County Upper Canada (Ontario Canada) [8]
- 1830 Dec 30

Occupation:
 1783 Blacksmith [3] [4]
 1799 Blacksmith [5]
 1805 Blacksmith [12]
 Pound keeper for Yonge Street (York Township Upper Canada) [11]
 1808 Blacksmith [7]

Land Petitions:
 1787 Nov 03 Petition of William Marsh Sr. filed in New Brunswick[2]

Land Grants:
 1784 Lot #1108 Parr Town Nova Scotia (St. John New Brunswick Canada) for his service to the Crown during the Revolutionary War [3] [4]
 1784 Lot 14 Little Kennebecasis (Hammond) River Nova Scotia (New Brunswick Canada) for his service to the Crown during the Revolutionary War [3] [4]
 1800 Nov 18 Lot 1 Concession 7 Markham Township York County Home District Upper Canada (Ontario Canada) [5]

Land Patents:
 1805 Lot 1 Concession 7 Markham Township Upper Canada [12]

Properties:
 1784 -
 1798 July 28 Lot #1108 Parr Town Nova Scotia (this land is currently located on the north side of James Street St. John New Brunswick which is about one block from the water and four blocks from the landing place of the Loyalists. [1] [3]
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 1797 May 10 Lt 14 Little Kennebecasis River Nova Scotia (Hammond River Kingston Kings County New Brunswick Canada. [1] [3]
 1800-1805 Lot 1 Concession 7 Markham York Township Upper Canada (Ontario Canada) [7] [12]
 1808 – 1817 Lot 8 Yonge Street Concession 1 East York Township of York Upper Canada (just south of York Mills Road on the east side of Yonge Street Toronto Ontario Canada); partial transfer of land to Leonard Marsh [6]

Sources:

- [1] PANB various land transactions one contained the name of his wife Ann and son Leonard with his actual signature (Province of New Brunswick RS 94 Registry Office Records Saint John New Brunswick Microfilm # F7265 Sale of land from William Marsh to John Sinnot 28 July 1798 RS 94 Registry Office Records Saint John New Brunswick Memorial 861 Book E1 Deed 105; sale of Hammond River land to William Bull signed by William Marsh, Ann Marsh and William Marsh Jr.
- [2] PANB land petition #553 dated 03 November 1787
- [3] Loyalists to New Brunswick by Esther Clark Wright page 304
- [4] Early Loyalists to Saint John by D. G. Bell page 222
- [5] Province of Ontario land petition and land grant MS 638 RL 91 1799
- [6] 1812 Land Deed Province of Ontario GS 5910 Old York County Memorial #3071 MS 638 Reel 91
- [7] 1808 Land Deed Province of Ontario GS 5910 Old York County Memorial #3079
- [8] 30 December 1830 Will of William Marsh dated 1823 containing his actual signature matching that from the land transaction document in New Brunswick; Province of Ontario Archives (OA) Surrogate Court RG 22 York County Series 6-2 M3/22 July 1822 William Marsh Sr.
- [9] Dr. William Marsh correspondence

- [10] Letter from St. John New Brunswick genealogical society regarding location of Parr Town lot
- [11] York Upper Canada Minutes of Town Meetings and Lists of Inhabitants 1797-1823 edited by Christine Mosser pages 35, 44, 52, 61, 56, 77, 89, 97, 107, 111, 118, 130, 143
- [12] Township Papers Markham Township York County Home District Upper Canada OA RGI C IV MS 658 282 (9-441) dated 06 May 1805
- [13] The Pickering Story by William A. McKay; published by the Township of Pickering Historical Society 1961; pages 180-181
- [14] Marriage bond dated 10 March 1818 at York Township Upper Canada (York County Ontario Canada) of Thomas Rogers to Anne Perkins daughter of William Perkins and Nancy his wife of Markham Township Upper Canada (York County Ontario Canada) confirms the first name of Nancy Marsh as William Perkins was recorded in the Will of William Marsh Sr. and referred to as his son-in-law.
- [15] The birth date and place of Nancy Marsh was provided by Henry Law
- [16] 1851 and 1861 Canadian Census Records
- [17] St. James Anglican Church Marriage Registers held in the St. James Anglican Church Archives King Street East Toronto York Township York County Ontario Canada
- [18] Upper Canada Marriage Bonds # 27