

## Info re Loyalist John Yerxa/Johannis Jurckse

### Siblings of John Yerxa/Johanne(i)s Jurckse

He had half brothers and sisters through his mother's second marriage.

His father, Abraham was baptized in 1726 and resided in Philipsburgh/Tarrytown area.

He married Engeltje Storm 24 Oct. 1750 and they had one son, Johannes, baptized 8 Oct. 1751 at Old Dutch Sleepy Hollow Church. Abraham died shortly after and Engeltje remarried in 1755 to Hendrik Boulier/Bolje/Henry Bulyea. ( Several children of this marriage). They were loyalists to New Brunswick in 1783 and are buried in the Anglican Cemetery at Oak Point, N.B. near Saint John.

Siblings of Catherine Gerow/Giraud - info received from Amy Cosman c.1984; attributed to 1977 research by Maggie Mae Webb, daughter of Charles Rankin Yerxa, who lived in Stillwater, Maine. Rankin was the son of Charles and Sophia Yerxa.

1. William 1749 – 1832 Married Esther Chadeayne
2. Elizabeth 1751/52 “ James McCallum (McCollom)
3. James (Loyalist) 1754 - “ Sarah Coombs; settled in N.B.
4. Catherine (Loyalist) 1752/53 mrd. John Yerxa/Yerkes/Jurckse; settled in N.B.
- 5 Daniel (Loyalist) 1758 – 1835 mrd. Hannah Golding. N.B. in 1783
- 6 Esther ..... mrd. William Clark
- 7 Jane 1762 - “ James Coutant
8. Deborah 1763 – 1858 “ James Denton; moved to Tennessee.
9. Elias 1765 – 1838 “ Elizabeth Coutant, his cousin
10. Mary 1767 – 1848 “ Adolphus Shuart
11. Sarah 1769 - “ 1) Jacob Russell, 2) Isaac Brown
12. John 1750/51 - “ Elizabeth Palmer

Note 1: not in order of birth according to dates from different source – Maine-NB. Connection Newsletter. Do not know if above information is accurate.

Note 2: I have copy of Will of John Yerxa, dated 11 March 1828. It names all his 14 children and leaves Lot 6 to 4 sons, Abraham, Daniel, Isaac and John, and Lot 4 to son James “who now lives there”. Lot 6 was purchased in 1788 from Frederick de Peyster for 20 pounds. Lot 4 was purchased 10 January 1792 from David Horton of Queens Co & State of New York for 20 pounds. Have copies of these land transactions.

Note 3: Attached to Will is property valuation by Thomas and Jacob White and Michael Hawkins Sr. The value 319 pounds.

Note 4: A book by Sylvia Yerxa Sharpe “The Madam Keswick – A Village of Two Centuries”, copyright 1984 tells about the Yerxa families at Keswick, and has pictures of their homes and maps. I have picture of James and Sarah, and of their home as of recent years.

Note 5: I did not follow any of siblings of James Yerxa my great-grandfather down to the present. James married Sarah Hawkins 8 July 1817. They had 9 children, all born at Keswick

farm, Lot 4. I have some information on most of these. The 8<sup>th</sup> was my grandfather Charles, born 24 Dec. 1833 and died 21 June 1913, and buried in Keswick Cemetery. He married 12 Nov. 1857 Sophia Augusta Yerxa (1837 – 1876) daughter of Michael Yerxa and Temperance White. They had 6 children – have some info on each. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage from M.Film 1248, NB. Archives – “Charles Yerxa of Gibson/St. Marys married Amelia Ebbett of Keswick/Douglas , York Co. Dec. 5, 1886, by Rev. J.E. Reud, Free Baptist Church Minister.”

- 2 children of this marriage:
- 1) Frances Leora 1890 – 1976 mrd. Albert E. Libbey in 1913 – had 5 children.
  - 2) Lulu Bernadette 1892 – 1969 mrd. in 1914 James A. Inch 1888 – 1990 – had 2 children – Charlotte Frances b. 1915 (compiler of this document,) and Roma Alison, b. 1918 and died 1993.

Of course, I never knew Grandfather Charles; Grandmother Amelia lived with my family in Saskatchewan intermittently from about 1916 until she died in 1947 at Regina, and is buried in the Regina Cemetery.

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