

## **Cairn to Westchester Loyalists in North Wallace, N.S.**

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On the North shore of Nova Scotia, at North Wallace in Cumberland County, stands a solemn cairn to over 400 Loyalists, mostly from Westchester, New York, who fled there as refugees to take up lands granted by the Crown. A plaque on the front of the Cairn states it is a Province of Nova Scotia Heritage Site and reads:

**“To commemorate the United Empire Loyalists who remained Loyal to the British Crown and came here during the American Revolutionary War to establish new homes under severe hardships.**

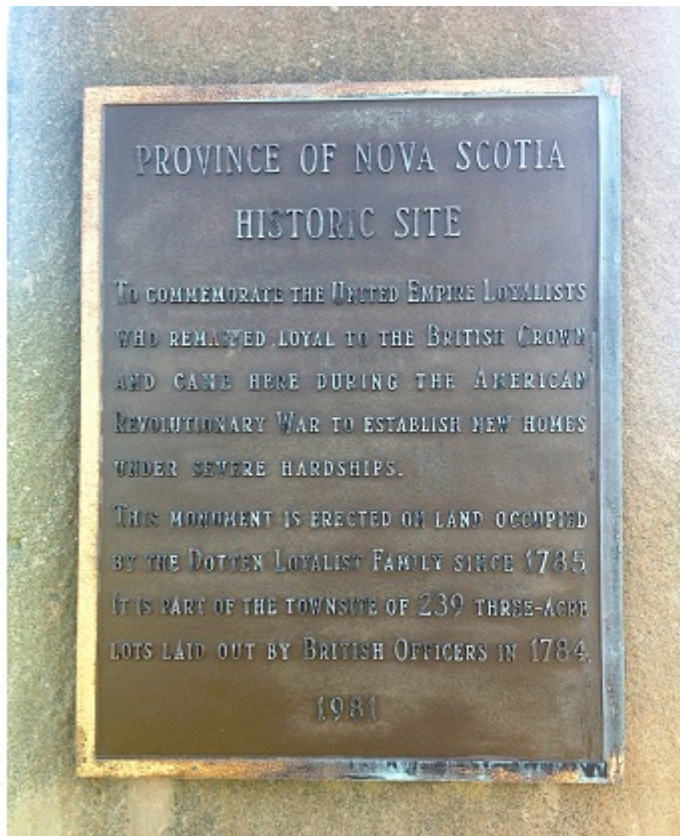
**This monument is erected on land occupied by the Dotten Loyalist Family since 1785. It is part of the Townsite of 239 three acre lots laid out by the British officers in 1784.”**

Land for the Cairn was donated by James Dotten, the fifth great grandson of one of the Loyalist settlers. The Cairn at North Wallace facing the present day town of Wallace, formerly Remsheg, was unveiled and dedicated by the North Cumberland Historical Society on October 27, 1981. (1) Behind it is the Dotten Cemetery, one of over 70 cemeteries or graveyards in and around the area to Loyalists.



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**Plaque on Front of Loyalist Cairn**



The Loyalists who settled here left New York during the first week of June, 1783 on board two vessels, the "Thetis" and the "Nicholas and Jane". They travelled up the Bay of Fundy and landed at Fort Cumberland on July 15<sup>th</sup>. It was considered too late in the year to continue on to Remsheg as there would not be time to build shelters and plant before the winter. After wintering in tents at Fort Cumberland, the Loyalists completed their journey in the spring of 1784.

Among the leaders accompanying the Loyalists were several Officers who had served in a Loyalist battalion known as Delanceys Volunteers or Westchester Light Horse, at Westchester, New York. (2) These included Captain Moses Knapp who in 1783 had been

ordered by Sir Guy Carleton to serve at Westchester. He and Captain Samuel Kipp, also of Westchester, were both granted lands at Remsheg. They and members of their families left for exile in Nova Scotia.

The Dotten family that donated the land for the Loyalist Cairn remembers their family connection well. According to a story that appeared in the Truro Daily News on June 18, 2008, on the occasion of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Loyalists, family member Marion Dotten described the history. (3) She told how when James Dotten sailed into Wallace Bay more than two centuries ago he had meagre supplies but nonetheless great ambition. He and hundreds of others had fled from the United States to Nova Scotia's North Shore leaving behind all his worldly possessions.

"They were treated very badly after the war," said Marion Dotten. "They were persecuted, tarred and feathered. They ran them out. Everything they had was confiscated or burned. I imagine he was quite excited to see the trees lined up to the edge of the shore when he arrived here, excited to see the new possibilities." Dotten arrived with only a few building tools, a cow and enough food for a year. His wife Abigail and two children under the age of three stayed in New York but set out on foot to reunite with their husband carrying little more than the clothes on their back.

There were 109 lots of 200 acres each in the Remsheg Grant for the Westchester Loyalists. The Deed was dated June 16, 1785 and registered July 14, 1785 . A transcribed copy which indicates the names is attached as Appendix A. (4) They were also each given one of 239 three acre building lots in the surveyed township of Fanningsborough, part of the Remsheg Grant. It was named after Colonel Edmund Fanning, who had raised a regiment of Loyalists called the Kings American Regiment. He fled to Nova Scotia in 1783 where he was appointed Lieutenant Governor and received a grant of 800 acres. In 1786 he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of St. John,s Island ( later named Prince Edward Island) The descendants of many of these families that were granted lands are still in the area today including surnames such as: Brown, Dotten, Forshner, McKim, Piers, Tuttle, and Williams.

On one side of the Cairn is a copy of the survey showing the location of the 239 building lots and also the names of the Loyalists. The original hand - drawn Remsheg Loyalist grant survey was found in the home of a descendant and donated to the museum in Wallace. The museum curator, David Dewar, noted in 2008 during the anniversary year that the Remsheg Loyalist pioneers had a huge impact on Nova Scotia bringing about improvements in education, farming methods and building roads to connect settlers with the rest of the country. He said "Our area is just flooded with their history - Tatamagouche, Pugwash, Westchester, Wallace - that is one of the elements that shapes us as we are today and serves to remind us of the people who were here before." More than 150 descendants participated in the anniversary activities which included a visit from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Loyalist military re-enactors, and genealogy information.

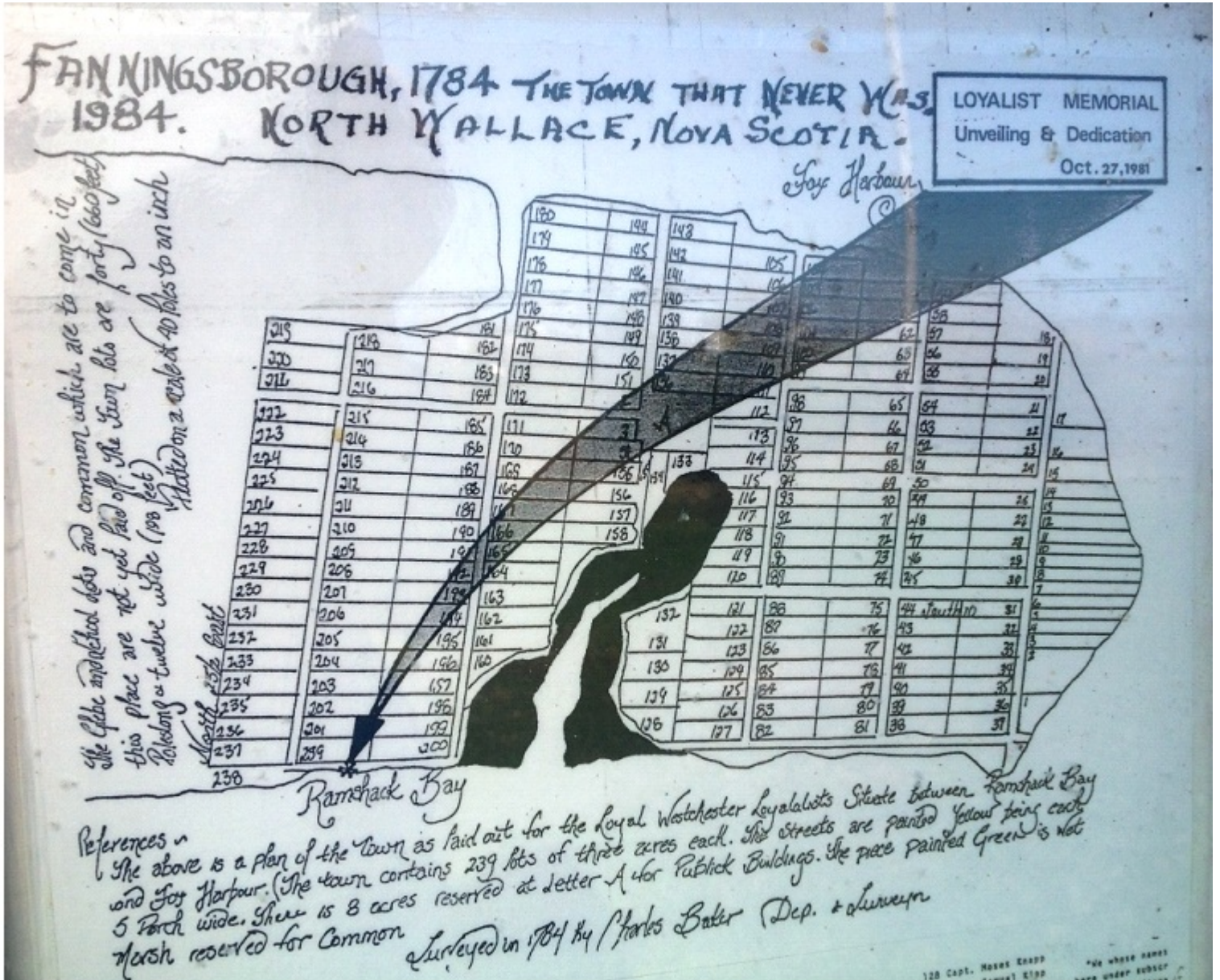
### Survey of Loyalist Grants in Fanningsborough on Cairn



This photo above of survey identifies location of 239 three acre lots granted to the Westchester Loyalists. It also lists below the names of the Loyalists as grantees. On the following two pages, it has been enlarged to show the top and bottom of the page separately in order to identify lots and names.



Top Portion of Survey showing Lots





Bottom Portion of Survey with Names of Loyalists

1 Knapp, Capt. Moses	60 Holbert, Phil	125 Knapp, Mary	171 Allin, John	221 Stevens, Levi	128 Capt. Moses Knapp	
2 Kipp, Capt. Samuel	61 Holbert, Tremain	126 Knapp, Michel		222 Chatterton, John	130 Capt. Samuel Kipp	"We whose names
3 Cornell, Samuel	62 Hickey, John	127 Knapp, Moses	176 Ogden, Nancy	223 Jenkins, Thomas	131 Capt. Moses Knapp	here under subscr
4 Purdy, Henry	63 Fisher, Wld. Sarah	128 Pugsley, John	177 Embree, Robert	224 Dotten, James, Jr.	132 Capt. Samuel Kipp	being in habitans
5 Leed, John	64 Dotten, John [1857]	129 Totten, James	178 Derry, James	225 Dotten, Joshua	133 Capt. Moses Knapp	of this Return
6 Covert, Abraham		130 Bishop, Samuel	179 Akerley, Obidiah	226 Chatterton, James	134 Capt. Samuel Kipp	Fening (D) Borough
7 Covert, Abraham	75 Dotten, John [1857]	131 Worden, Jonathan	180 Akerley, Oliver	227 Smith, James	135 Capt. Moses Knapp	Thomas Husted
8 Brown, Ebenezer	76 Symons, Stephen	132 Holiday, Samuel	181 Totten, Jeremiah	228 Smith, Absolom	137 Gilbert Purdy	John Brisband
9 Purdy, Lt. Gilbert	77 Tuttle, Stephen, Jr.	122 Winn, Peter	182 Totten, Gilbert	229 Mills, David	145 Obadiah Akerley	James Brisband
10 Purdy, Gilbert, Jr.	78 Tuttle, John	124 Eeries, Joseph	183 Totten, Daniel	230 Forsner, Martin	153 John Brisband	James Miller
11 Haviland, Lt. Gilbert	79 Tuttle, William	135 Baker, John, Jr.	184 Totten, Peter	231 Kipp, John	159 John Brown	Oliver Smith
12 Embree, Lt. Samuel	80 Tuttle, Stephen, Sr.	"A" Dotten, John [1857]	185 Totten, Edward	232 Coon, William	162 John Brisband	Absolom Smith
13 Purdy, Joseph	81 Fall, John	136 Purdy, Samuel	186 Suttin, Edward	233 Dotten, Ens. James	163 John Brisband	Gilbert Totten
14 Fowler, Jonathan	82 Purdy, Stephen	137 Hunter, John	187 Austin, James	234 Rundle, Jabez	164 John Brisband	Isaac Akerley
15 Maby, Peter	83 Canfield, Stephen	138 Purdy, Gabriel	188 Webb, Noah	235 Husted, Thomas	165 John Brisband	John Chatterton
16 Miller, James	84 Canfield, James	139 Seaman, Moses	189 Winn, Peter	236 Forsner, Andrew	166 John Brisband	Stephen Canfield
17 Williams, William	85 Canfield, Stephen	140 Chatterton, John	190 Angevine, Peter, Jr.	237 Kipp, Daniel	177 Capt. Samuel Kipp	John Baker
18 Williams, Samuel	86 Purdy, Robert	141 Angevine, William	191 Kipp, Abraham	238 Hatfield, Barnes	178 Obidiah Akerley	Peter Maby
19 Fowler, Josiah	87 Brundidge, Joshua	142 Wood, Samuel	192 Horton, Helenara	239 Roblee, John	180 Obidiah Akerley	Thomas Jenkins
20 Horton, Samuel	88 Baker, John	143 Pugsley, David	193 Bugly, Vorzeith		185 Capt. Gilbert Totten	Levy Stevener
21 Scofield, Paul Carpus		144 Tidd, David	194 Williams, John		186 Capt. Gilbert Totten	Phil Hulbert
22 Weeks, Wright	90 Dotten, John [1857]	145 Knapp, Titus	195 Brisband, John		187 John Brisband	Peter Angevine
23 Horton, Solomon, Jr.	100 Dotten, John [1857]	146 Akerley, Wld. Patricia	196 Lefargee, John		198 John Brisband	John Angevine
24 Newton, Caleb	101 Smith, Elijah	147 Seaman, Jacanish	197 Akerley, Nathaniel	14 Nathaniel Miles	199 John Brisband	Obadiah Akerley
25 Jennings, Charles	102 Embree, Joseph	148 Ogden, John	198 Wyatt, Nathaniel	18 Capt. Samuel Kipp	200 John Brisband	James Tidd
26 Meid, James	103 Dotten, John [1857]	149 Seaman, Ezekiah	199 Brisband, James	25 Capt. Samuel Kipp	193 James Hewson	Solomon Horton
27 Embree, Elishua	104 Smith, Elijah	150 Griffin, Caleb	200 Fowler, Ancy	28 Samuel Kipp	194 John Brisband	James Hewson
28 King, Wld. Sarah	105 Cravey, Martin	151 Herritt, David	201 Zoyong (?) John	29 Capt. Samuel Kipp	195 John Brisband	Samuel Kipp
29 Dickerson, Daniel	106 Gleason, John	152 Herritt, Jeremiah, Jr.	202 Weathered, Joshua	30 Capt. Samuel Kipp	197 John Brisband	Moses Knapp
30 Tidd, Daniel	107 Fountaine, Aaron	153 Webb, Noah	203 Totten, Daniel	31 Capt. Samuel Kipp	198 Oliver Smith	Gilbert Purdy
31 Watts, Daniel	108 Peers, Henry	154 Angevine, John, Jr.	204 Ogden, Jesse	32 Capt. Samuel Kipp	200 John Brisband	
32 Chamberlain, Benjamin	109 Maby, John	155 Purdy, Nathaniel	205 Hewson, James	33 Capt. Samuel Kipp	201 Peter Maby	
33 Akerley, David	110 Dotten, John [1857]	156 Brown, Abraham	206 Hewson, James	34 Capt. Samuel Kipp	202 Capt. Moses Knapp	
34 Low, John	111 Dotten, John [1857]	157 Brown, John, Jr.	207 Trenchard, Henry	36 Stephen Canfield	203 Oliver Smith	
35 Kipp, Samuel, Jr.	112 Baker, Charles	158 Brown, John	208 Snow, William	38 Capt. Moses Knapp	204 Moses Tidd	
36 Pierce, Joseph	113 Myers, John	159 Barker, Israel	209 Horton, Solomon	39 Capt. Moses Knapp	216 Thomas Husted	
37 Ferris, Joshua	114 Myers, Marcus	160 Brisband, John, Jr.	210 Roblee, Joseph	58 Capt. Samuel Kipp	217 Thomas Husted	
38 Horton, Joshua	115 Baxter, John	161 Brisband, John, Jr.	211 O'Brien, John	62 James Miller	218 Oliver Smith	
39 Piers, Ezekiel	116 McFee, Angus	162 Beardsley, Sybal	212 Roblee, William	81 Stephen Tuttle	219 Oliver Smith	
40 Treen, Joseph	117 Wood, William	163 Herritt, James	213 Smith, Elizabeth	101 Oliver Smith	220 Oliver Smith	
41 Waugh, Alexander	118 Budd, William	164 Halstead, Samuel	214 Akerley, Samuel	104 John Brisband	230 Oliver Smith	
42 Outhouse, Simon	119 Tidd, Moses	165 Holiday, Samuel	215 Akerley, William	115 Capt. Samuel Kipp	231 Oliver Smith	
43 Lloyd, Michael	120 Jervis, Black	166 Hotten, John	216 Gray, Henry	116 Capt. Samuel Kipp	232 James Dotten	
	121 Grant, James	167 Baxter, Lockwood	217 Husted, Joshua	118 Capt. Moses Knapp	234 Thomas Jenkins	
57 Covert, Isaac	122 Baxter, Frederick	168 Tidd, Joshua	218 Newman, Jeremiah	119 Capt. Moses Knapp	236 James Dotten	
58 Miles, Nathaniel	123 Knapp, Daniel	169 Akerley, James	219 Stevens, Oliver	120 Capt. Samuel Kipp	238 John Pugsley	
59 Vinson (?), Charles	124 Knapp, Elizabeth	170 Brisband, Mary	220 Stevens, Aprian	122 Capt. Moses Knapp		

**Notes:**

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(1) Dave Dewar, Curator of the Wallace and Area Museum, indicated by email on June 30, 2017 that the cairn was “sponsored by the North Cumberland Historical Society. It was built from a large piece of sandstone from the Wallace Quarry.”

(2) For an excellent history of the Westchester refugees see “The Civil Sword: James Delancey’s Westchester Refugees” by G.R. Vincent, Cobequid Press, Duncan, B.C., 1997

(3) See “Unfurling the Loyalist Colours”, by Sherry Martell, published June 18, 2008 in Truro Daily News

(4) See Original Deed ( ie. Grant) recorded July 14, 1785. Nova Scotia Provincial Crown Lands Record Centre, Old Grant Book 17, page 32. Transcribed for the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of arrival of Loyalists in 2008 and attached here as Appendix A.

Appendix A

**Transcription of 1785 Land Grant to Ackley, Isaac & Others "The West  
Chester Loyalists"**

20,300 acres. Several tracts of land on the Harbour of Remsheg and  
Tatamagouche, County of Cumberland, Nova Scotia

[ ] = alternative spelling from map or uncertainty;

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Preprinted; *Handwritten*

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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 *Isaac Ackley, Junr, Alexander Piers, Joseph Earles, Joel Edget [Edjet], John Hunt, Sybal Beardsley, Samuel Mills, James [Jacob] Totten, Junr, David Tidd, Samuel Haldstead [Halstead], James Brisband [Brisbane], Lank Leeves [Seeves], Capt. Gilbert Totten, Samuel Cornell, Obadiah Ackley, Nathaniel Wyat [Wyatt], James Darry [Derry], Reuben Mills, Isaac Tidd, Thomas Jenkins, Oliver Smith, Captain Frederick Williams, Zinns [Zenus] Goolding [Gooding], Nathaniel Niles, John Edjet [Adjet], Daniel Tidd, John Bryant, Samuel Holliday [Holiday], Joshua Ferris, Gilbert Purdy, John Derry, William Williams, Samuel Holmes, Captain Moses Knapp, Daniel Dunn, John Rustin, Junr, Lockwood Baxter, John Robblee [Robbles], John Baker, Thomas Husted [Hastead], John Stevens [Stephens], Michael Lloyd, Robert Katch [Hatch], Jonathan Fowler, Ensign, Augustus Baxter, John Brown, Jeremiah Merrit, Frederick Philips, Samuel Haviland [Haveland], Joseph Pierce, William Foster, Solomon Horton, Capt. Barnes Hatfield, Daniel Totten, John Tidd, Ensign, Ephraim Piers, James Dotten, Isaac Ackley, Senr, William Budd, James Totten, Senr [John Totten], Oliver Ackley, Peter Winne [Winn], Angus McFee, Captain Samuel Kipp, Samuel Williams, Jesse Mills,*



*Gabriel Purdy, Ezekiel Piers, John Angevine, John Jacobs, John Chatterton, Mercus Myers, James Tidd, Absalom Smith, Jacob Neal, John Lesargee, Samuel Horton, Thomas Cornell, John Gannong [Ganong], Frederick Baxter, James Huson [Hewson, Huston], Joshua Brundige [Brundidge], Moses Tidd, Ebenezer Brown, Paul Carpus Scoffield [Scofield], John Totten, John Parr, John Low, Josiah Fowler, John Piers, John Edmonds [Edmons], Noah Webb, Andrew Forsner, John Pugsley, Jesse Scolfield [Schofield], Daniel Pugsley, Nathaniel Hoeg [Hoag], James Chace [Chase], Daniel Piers & James Goolding [Golding], James Knipp, Jeremiah Newman and James Tillit in severalty unto each of them, and unto each and every of their severall & respective Heirs and Assigns severall Allotments of Land containing in the whole Twenty Thousand Three hundred acres and comprehended within the District hereinafter described that is to say Situate lying and being on the Harbor of Rhemsheg & Tatamagouche within the County of Cumberland & Province of Nova Scotia & abutted & bounded as follows, Beginning at a White Birch on the North side the River that Empties into Tatamagouche Harbor, thence to run North One hundred and two chains, thence North Seventy Degrees West Seventy chains. Thence North fifty nine Degrees West six hundred & sixty three chains or until it comes to the western angle of James Tillit's Lot No. One hundred & Six, thence to run North forty five Degrees East seventy one chains, or till it comes to the River Rhemsheg, thence to run down the severall courses of that River to Point Malagash, thence round that point to Tatamagouche Bay and up that Bay Harbor, and River to the Bounds first mentioned, Also another Tract Beginning at the Bound of Land laid out for Josiah Smith and others in the South side Fox harbor, thence to run South forty eight chains to a Maple Tree thence Seventy seven Degrees West one hundred and Sixty Six chains thence South Twenty four Degrees West Eighty chains to the River Rhemsheg thence to run down the severall courses of that River and round into Fox Harbor, and up that Harbor to the Bound first mentioned in that Tract containing in both Tracts exclusive of the Town Plot, Common, School Lot and Minister's Lot or Glebe and also the Lots number Seventy nine, Ninety, Ninety one and Ninety two which are hereby excepted out of this present Grant Twenty Thousand Three hundred acres And hath such shape, form, and marks, as appears by a plat thereof hereunto annexed; together with all woods, underwoods, timber and timber trees, lakes, ponds, fishings, waters, water courses, profits, commodities, appurtenances, and hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining; together also with privilege of hunting, hawking, and fowling in and upon the same, and mines and minerals. Saving and reserving nevertheless to us, our heirs and successors, all white pine trees, if any shall be found*

growing thereon, and also saving and reserving to us, our heirs and successors all mines of gold, silver, copper, lead and coals, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Parcel or Tract of *Twenty Thousand Three hundred* acres of land, and all and singular other the premises hereby granted unto the said *several and respective Grantees in the Lots Shares Quantities & Numbers as follows that is to say, unto the said Isaac Ackley, Junr Lot number one, unto Alexander Piers number two, unto Joseph Earles number three, unto Joel Edjet number four, unto John Hunt number five, unto Sybal Beardsley number six, unto Samuel Mills number seven, unto James [Jacob] Totten, Junr number eight, unto David Tidd number nine, unto Samuel Haldstead [Halstead] number ten, unto James Brisband [Brisbane] number eleven, unto the said Lank Lines [Seeves] number twelve, unto Captain Gilbert Totten number thirteen, unto Samuel Cornell number fourteen, unto Obadiah Ackley number fifteen, unto Nathaniel Wyatt number sixteen, unto James Darry [Derry] number seventeen, unto Reuben Mills number eighteen, unto Isaac Tidd number nineteen, unto Thomas Jenkins number twenty, unto Oliver Smith number twenty one, unto Capt. Frederick Williams number twenty two, unto Zenus Gooding [Gooding] number twenty three, unto Nathaniel Niles number twenty four, unto John Edjet [Adjet] number twenty five, unto Daniel Tidd number twenty six, unto John Bryant number twenty seven, unto Samuel Holiday [Holliday] number twenty eight, unto Joshua Ferris number twenty nine, unto Gilbert Purdy number thirty, unto John Derry number thirty one, unto William Williams number thirty two, unto Samuel Holmes number thirty three, unto Capt. Moses Knapp number thirty four, unto Daniel Dunn number thirty five, unto John Rustin, Junr number thirty six, unto Lockwood Baxter number thirty seven, unto John Robblee number thirty eight, unto John Baker number thirty nine, unto Thomas Husted [Hastead] number forty, unto John Stephens number forty one, unto Michael Lloyd number forty two, unto Robert Katch [Hatch] number forty three, unto Jonathan Fowler Ensn number forty four, unto Augustus Baxter number forty five, unto John Brown number forty six, unto Jeremiah Merrit number forty seven, unto Frederick Philips number forty eight, unto Samuel Haviland [Haveland] number forty nine, unto Joseph Pierce number fifty, unto William Foster number fifty one, unto Solomon Horton number fifty two, unto Capt. Barnes Hatfield number fifty three, unto Daniel Totten number fifty four, unto John Tidd Ensn number fifty five, unto Ephraim Piers number fifty six, unto James Dotten number fifty seven, unto Isaac Ackley, Senr number fifty eight, unto William Budd number fifty nine, unto James Totten, Senr [John Totten] number sixty, unto Oliver Ackley number sixty one, unto Peter Winn number sixty two, unto Angus McFee number sixty three, unto Capt. Samuel Kipp number sixty four, unto*

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ground, and not fit for planting or pasture, shall and do, within three years as aforesaid, begin to employ thereon, and continue to work for three years then next ensuing in digging any stony quarry or mine, one good and able hand for every fifty acres, it shall be accounted a sufficient cultivation and improvement. Provided also, that every three acres that shall be cleared and worked, or cleared and drained as aforesaid, shall be accounted a sufficient seating cultivation and improvement to save forever from forfeiture fifty acres of land in any part of the tract hereby granted, And the said *several & respective Grantees & their several & respective* heirs and assigns be at liberty to withdraw *respectively his* or their Stock, or forbear working in any quarry or mine, in proportion to such cultivation and improvements, as shall be made upon the plantable lands, swamps, sunken grounds or marsh therein contained. And if the said rent hereby reserved shall happen to be in arrear or unpaid for the space of one year from the time it shall become due, and no distress can be found on the said lands, tenements and hereditaments hereby granted, or if this grant shall not be duly registered in the Registrar's Office of our said Province within six months from the date hereof, and a docket also entered in the Auditor's Office of the same, then this grant shall be void, and the said lands, tenements and hereditaments hereby granted, and every part and parcel thereof shall revert to us, our heirs and successors. And provided also, and upon this further condition, that if the land hereby given and granted to the said *several & respective Grantees and their several & respective* heirs as aforesaid shall at any time or times hereafter come unto the possession and tenure of any person or persons whatever, inhabitants of our said Province of *Nova-Scotia*, either by virtue of any deed of sale, conveyance, enfeoffment, or exchange, or by gift, inheritance, descent, devise, or marriage, such person or persons being inhabitants as aforesaid, shall, within twelve months after his, her or their entry and possession of the same, take the oaths prescribed by law, and make and subscribe the following declaration, that is to say, " I \_\_\_\_\_ do promise and declare, that I will maintain and defend to the utmost of my power the authority of the King in his Parliament as the supreme Legislature of this Province" -- before some one of the Magistrates of the said Province, and such declaration and certificate of the Magistrate that such oaths have been taken being recorded in the Secretary's Office of the said Province, the person or persons so taking the oaths aforesaid, and making and subscribing the said declaration, shall be deemed the lawful possessor or possessors of the lands hereby granted. And in case of default on the part of such person or persons in taking the oaths, and making and subscribing the declaration within twelve months as aforesaid, this present grant, and every part thereof, shall and we do hereby declare the same to be null and void to all intents and purposes, and the lands hereby granted and every part and parcel thereof, shall in like manner revert to and become vested in us, our heirs and successors, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding .

*Given under the Great Seal of our Province of Nova-Scotia.* Witness our trusty and well-beloved *John Parr Esquire Our Captain General and Governor* in Chief in and over our said Province this *sixteenth* day of *June* in the Year of our LORD One thousand Seven Hundred *and Eighty five* and in the *Twenty fifth* year of our reign. *Dated 16th June 1785*  
*Regis'd 14 July 1785 By His Excellency's Command*  
*Isaac Ackley & 105 Rd Bulkeley*  
*others. 20300 acres*  
*of Land*  
*Rhemsheg Signed in Council (LSi*

