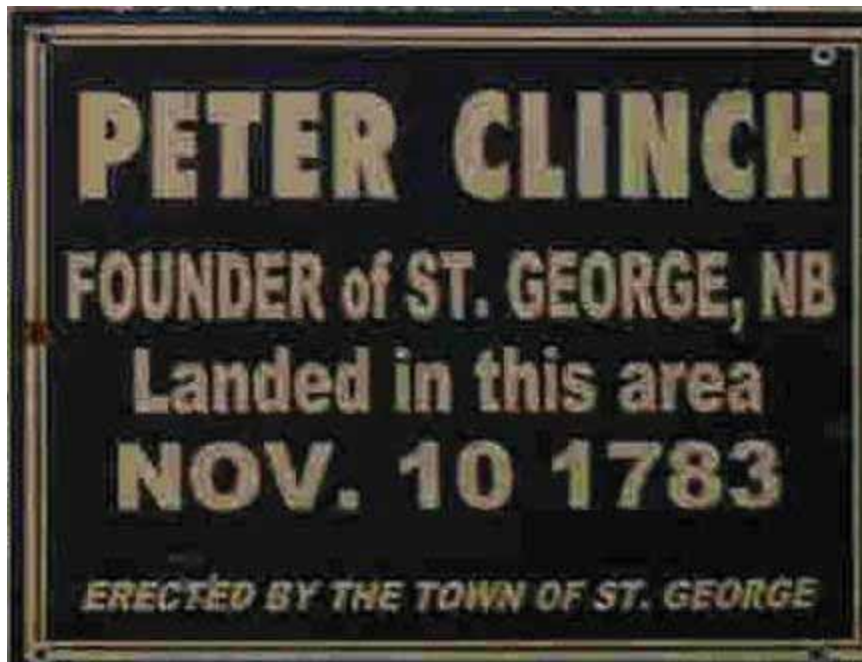


## 17 'UE' Loyalists of Ireland & Northern Ireland

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The United Empire 'UE' Loyalists who made new lives in Canada after the American Revolution included people originally from Ireland and present day Northern Ireland. Their final resting places can be found across Eastern Canada, Quebec, and Ontario. The following list of 17 gives an overview of the experiences of these native sons and daughters of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

**Peter Clinch, Capt.** (1753 - July 31, 1816) Born in Dunshaughlin, County Meath, Ireland and educated at Trinity College, Dublin. He came to America before the outbreak of the American Revolution. Gazetted a Lieutenant in the Royal Fencible Americans on May 15, 1776 and shortly afterwards was appointed Adjutant of the Corps. After the war he went to New Brunswick in 1783 and is known as Founding Father of the Town of St. George. In 1786 he was a representative for Charlotte County in the first House of Assembly for New Brunswick at Mallard House in Saint John. His gravestone can be seen in St. George First Community Cemetery in St. George, Charlotte County, New Brunswick. The site of his landing is designated a local historic site with a commemorative wooden plaque.

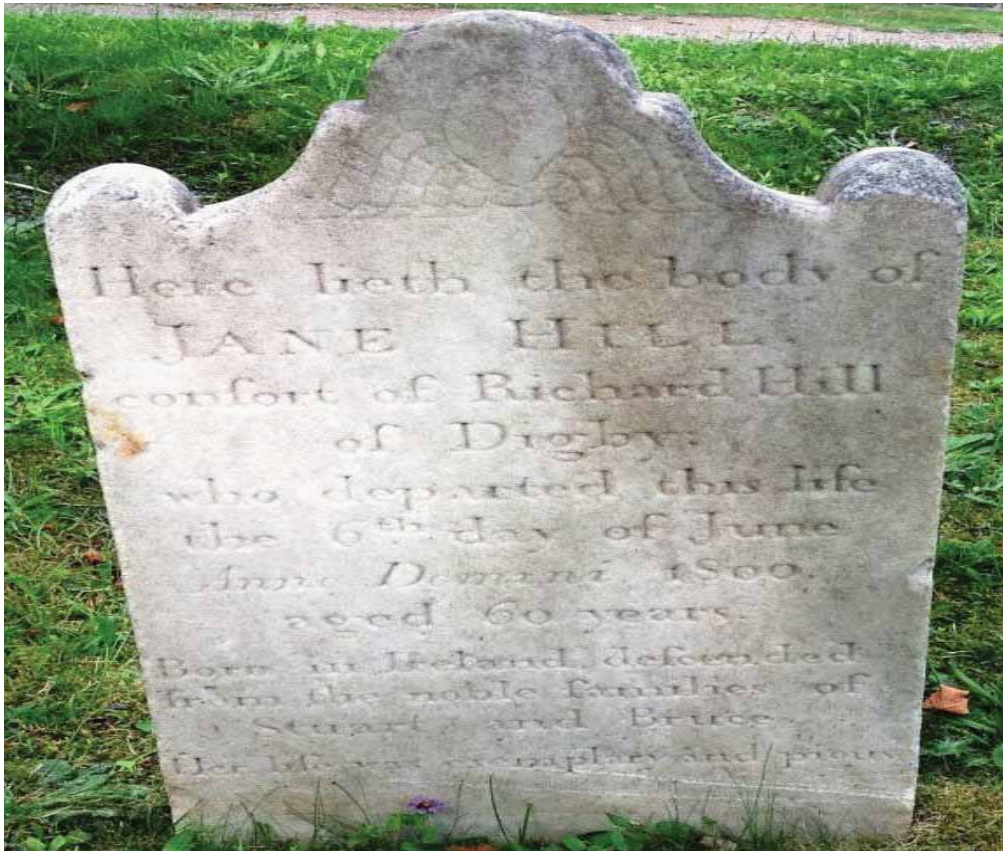


**Ephraim Curry** (1756 - 1806) was from County Antrim, Northern Ireland. The Curry family were Ulster Scots. He and his brothers James and Robert were in the British Navy. Their father was murdered during religious strife in Northern Ireland. Ephraim and James immigrated to Cooksburg, Albany County, New York. When the American Revolutionary War began he joined Jessup's Loyal Rangers as a Sergeant. He was in Captain William Fraser's 6th Company. After the war ended as a United Empire Loyalist he was allotted Lot 21, Concession II, Edwardsburg Township, Ontario where he settled. His gravestone is in the North Channel Cemetery in Concession 1 - Centre Commons, Edwardsburg Township, Johnstown, Leeds and Grenville United Counties, Ontario.

**Richard Robert Crowe, Capt.** (1728 - June, 1821) commanded a company of Black Pioneers during the American Revolution. He was born in Galway, Ireland son of the Right Reverend William Crowe Dean of Clonfert, Ireland. After the American Revolution he was granted land in Parrsborough Township, Kings County ( now Cumberland), Nova Scotia. No gravestone has been found for him but one for his son William Blascot Crowe (1773 - 1851) is in Oak Grove Cemetery in Kentville.

**James Dalrymple, Private** (Jan. 1, 1761 - March 9, 1837) from County Cork, Ireland served as a Private with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment ( Royal Highland Emigrants). Arrived in America as a child. After the war he received a grant of 500 acres in Douglas Township, Hants County, Nova Scotia in 1816 as his entitlement to the regimental lands granted to Col. John Small of the 84th Regiment. Buried in Saint Peters Anglican Church Cemetery at Upper Kennetcook, Hants County, Nova Scotia.

**Jane Hill** ( - June 6, 1800), an Ulster Scot whose gravestone proudly states she was a native of Ireland descended from the noble families of Stuart and Bruce. She was the wife of Captain Richard Hill who is listed in the Loyalist Muster Roll for Digby, Nova Scotia dated May 29, 1784. They came to Digby with other Loyalists from New York. Both are buried in Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery in Digby.

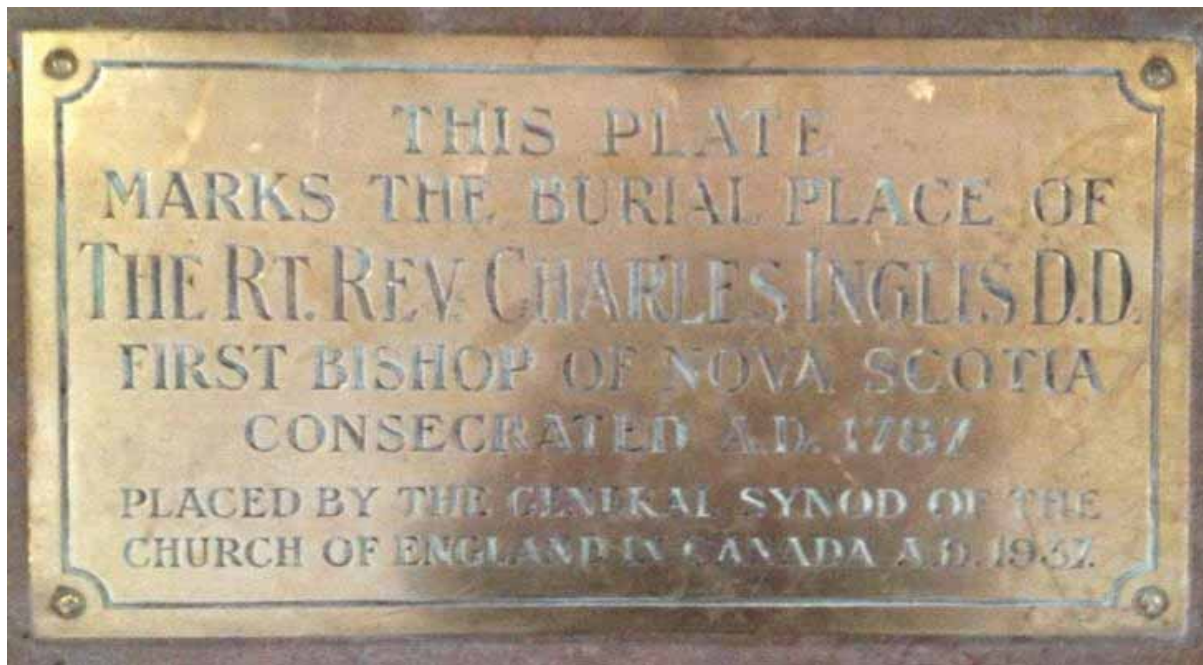


**Jane Hill gravestone in Digby's Trinity Church Cemetery reads:**

*Here lieth the body of, JANE HILL, Consort of  
Richard Hill, of Digby, who departed this life  
the 6th day of June, Anni Domini 1800  
aged 60 years  
Born in Ireland descended  
from the noble families of  
Stuart and Bruce  
Her life was exemplary and pious*

**Daniel Keith, Capt.** (1761 - 1830 ) Born in Dublin, Ireland. During the American Revolution he enlisted with the Queens Rangers as a Private and then Sergeant. He arrived in New Brunswick in 1783 on St. John River with Queens Rangers and eventually settled in New Canaan. Also served in Queens County Militia as a Lieutenant and later Captain. Buried in New Canaan (Upper) Methodist Cemetery in New Canaan, Queens County, New Brunswick

**Charles Inglis, Bishop** (1734 - Feb. 24, 1816 ) who is interred under St. Paul's Anglican Church in Halifax. Originally from Glencolumbkille, County Donegal, Ireland he was a rector with the Anglican Church in New York and after the war appointed the first Bishop in North America as Bishop of Nova Scotia which at the time included all of Eastern Canada. During the conflict he spoke out and published articles favouring the Crown. He also served as Chaplain to the New Jersey Volunteers, a Loyalist Regiment. (1)



**Bishop Charles Inglis burial place marked by plaque in St. Paul's Church, Halifax, NS**

**Henry Magee** (1741 - August 2, 1806), an Ulster Scot from Armagh, in present day Northern Ireland sailed to America with his wife and son in 1773. He landed at Philadelphia and set up a mill in Cumberland County. At the beginning of the Revolution he joined with the British Army. After the war he settled in Kings County, Nova Scotia and operated the first general store in Kentville as well as a grist mill. He was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in the Town. After he died his wife Ann went to live with a son and is buried in St. Marys Anglican Church Cemetery in Auburn, Nova Scotia. (2)

**Alexander McCormick** ( 1728 - Oct. 20, 1803) born in County Down, Northern Ireland moved to Pennsylvania where worked as an Indian Agent and trader. As conditions in Ohio became unsettled the McCormicks left the Ohio Valley and joined the colony of Loyalists settling on Lake Erie. The McCormicks settled in Essex County in Colchester South Township, Ontario on Government land, Lots 77 and 78, Conc. 1. He was buried on his son Matthew's farm.

**Benjamin McConnell** (1742 - Dec. 28, 1808) came with his family from New York to Weymouth, Nova Scotia in May, 1784 on sloop 'Shoulderham'. He is buried in St. Peters Cemetery at Weymouth North, Nova Scotia. His brother John McConnell ( 1771 - 1865 ) also came as a Loyalist from New York and both are listed in the Loyalist Muster Roll of June, 1784 for Sissiboo ( now Weymouth) Digby County. John's gravestone can be seen at Riverside Baptist Cemetery in Weymouth North.

**John Moore** (Feb. 1760 - March 30, 1845) Born in Northern Ireland. Served in Captain Livingston's Company of the King's American Regiment during the American Revolution. Buried in Lower Meductic Cemetery in York County, New Brunswick.

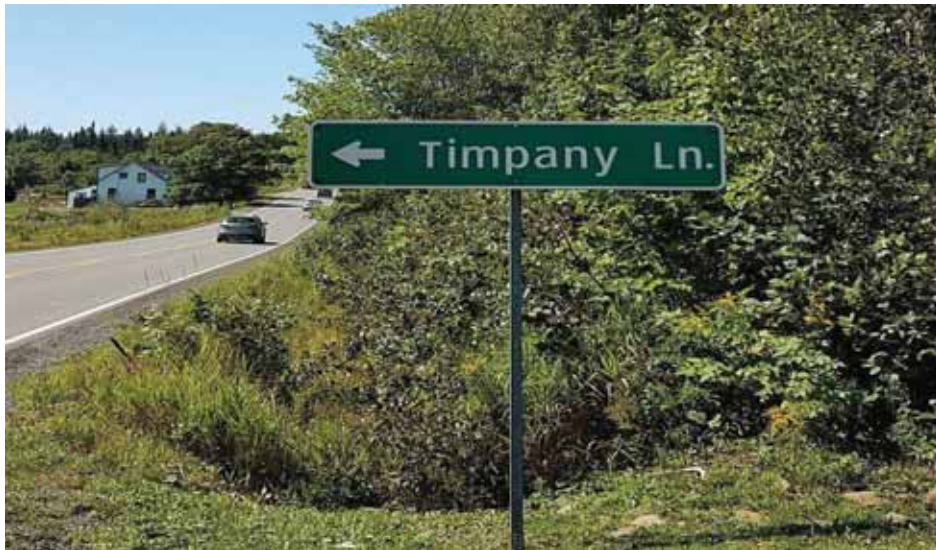
**Henry Rutherford** (Jan 31, 1751 - Feb. 21, 1808) whose family is interred in the graveyard around Trinity Anglican Church in Digby, Nova Scotia where he served as Warden. He was from Waterford, Ireland and trained for the Presbyterian Ministry before emigrating to America He became engaged in commercial activity in New York, supporting the Loyalists, and after the American Revolution moved to Digby. There he was a successful businessman and Digby's first elected representative in 1793 serving in the House of Assembly in Halifax until 1808.

**John Savage, Captain** (1740 - Sept. 27, 1826) He came to America from Ireland with two uncles while still a young man and took up land near Spencertown, New York, near Albany. Sometime before 1769, he married Ann, daughter of Deacon Elisha Pratt of Proprietors' Meeting House. During the American Revolution he was as an Officer with the Loyal Rangers. He was frequently imprisoned for being a Loyalist and afterwards settled in Shefford (now Bromont) Township, Eastern Townships, Quebec. His burial took place in St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery, Bromont, Quebec on land he had donated for the church. (3)

**Peter Sparling, Sr.** (1732 - 1821) Born in Killiheen, County Limerick, Ireland he married Margaret Fissell at Killiheen on 29 October 1754. They moved to New York in 1760, then received a grant of land in the Camden Valley of Vermont. As the American Revolution started they were driven out of their home for being Loyalists and went back to New York. They were evacuated to Port Roseway (now Shelburne), Nova Scotia with other Loyalists in 1783 and resettled to North Sydney in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in 1785.

**George Sproule, Capt.** (1742 - Nov. 30, 1847) Born in Athlone, Ireland into a military family he joined the British army in 1762 as an Ensign and trained as a Surveyor and Engineer. He attained the rank of Captain. In 1766 he was stationed at Louisbourg NS, and he worked on Cape Breton Island, and then on mapping the shores of the lower St Lawrence. In 1772 he worked on New Hampshire's boundaries, and in 1774 was appointed Surveyor General. In 1782 his lands were confiscated by the state. In 1784 he was appointed Surveyor General of the recently established colony of New Brunswick. He established the Surveyor General's Office, created and undertook task of surveying land for loyalist refugees. In 1795 he acted as a Surveyor to determine the Maine–New Brunswick boundary. He was also frequently involved in the construction of roads and bridges, and helped erect House of Assembly building and the Surveyor General's Office. In 1805 he became the province's Receiver General and in 1808 was appointed a member of the Council. His grave can be seen in the Old Burial Ground in Fredericton, New Brunswick. (4)

**Robert Timpany, Major** (Dec. 25, 1742 - Feb. 16, 1844) who was an officer with the 4<sup>th</sup> and later 1st Battalion New Jersey Volunteers is also buried at Trinity Anglican Church graveyard in Digby, Nova Scotia. Originally from Newtownards, County Down, in present day Northern Ireland he was an Ulster Scot. He was the son of Robert Timpany and Elizabeth Eaton and attended Glasgow University before he came to America about 1760 to teach. After the American Revolution he settled in Digby County, Nova Scotia where he was a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Land Surveyor for Nova Scotia. A road is named after him near Rossway, Digby County, Nova Scotia.



**Timpany Lane, Rossway, Nova Scotia named after Loyalist Maj. Robert Timpany**

**John Turney, Lieut.** ( 1744 - ) Lieutenant in Butler's Rangers, born in Strangford, County Down, Northern Ireland 1744, enlisted in King's 8th Regiment, served as Sergeant in Germany and America, and during American Revolution served with Butler's Rangers. Gravestone situated in Turney - Torney Graveyard, in St. Catherines, Niagara Regional Municipality, Ontario.

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