



## INTRODUCTION

It is an honour to write a brief introduction to this valuable document. For those of us with Loyalist ancestors, we are fascinated with such a background – not in an elitist sense, but because it is exciting to know one has ancestors involved in such stirring times. Granted, many of the original Loyalists might not have seen it that way. The Loyalist who spent several hard years in a Provincial Regiment, with his life in danger from the Rebels, his house burned, his land confiscated, and his family facing hardships, may have used other adjectives to describe the times.

This Resource Book will give you an overview of the Loyalist experience, the events during and after the American Revolution, and in particular a look at those areas of Canada where they settled. Why a Western book? The Loyalist political influence and settling of the land spread across the whole country over several generations. Open any phone book in Canada, and you will likely spot the surnames that can be traced back to the original Loyalists.

The Loyalists are central to the history of this country. I invite you to trace their journey in these pages.

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