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**United Empire
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Chilliwack Branch

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President's Message

The last two months have been very busy, resulting in the largest issue of the Link Up ever. There are many items including: Branch member news; lots of pictures from the Fall Fleet with the Phillip E.M. Leith Volunteer winners; pictures from our participation in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at two locations in Chilliwack; news of our Christmas gathering on page 3 and, sadly, the Last Post on page 8 for life time member Mildred Hall UE. All this together with Part 2 of the article written by our own Chris Hay UE for the two issues of the 2019 Loyalist Gazette. Congratulations Chris. Well done.

We are very proud of you.

I mentioned last issue, my involvement with the Faces to Graves project: www.facestograves.nl/ and I have just finished a second submission.

It was an honour to meet with the family and see how dearly they hold the memory of their uncle killed in WW2.

In a separate email, I will send out the details of the new online membership renewal system. But for this year, we have also included the renewal form on page 9, as you can still renew this way. We will work towards having everyone on the new system for next year.

We will take one step at a time.

When I look back on 2019, it is with a smile and appreciation for all the good people I work with and for all the events we have enjoyed together.

Thank you so much for your support.

I couldn't do this job without you.

I will close by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. May you enjoy all the blessings of the season shared with loved ones.

I look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Loyally yours

Marlene Dance UE



Calendar of Events for 2020

Print and save with your calendar



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall, 7258 Vedder Road, Chilliwack BC
Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch - then a planned program.

*****Note: any changes to starting time will be listed below in future newsletters and emails *****

Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served at most meetings.

There is no charge for our regular meetings.

Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting
or make a small donation into the refreshment basket.

We are pleased to present our calendar for the coming year:

- 2019** December 7th Christmas meeting and social. Details on page 3.
- 2020**
- February 15 Annual General Meeting, Heritage Week and National Flag Day
 - April 18 Spring Fleet. Details and guest speaker. Details TBA
 - April 25 LDS Finding your Roots display in Abbotsford, BC
 - June 6 Berry Social and guest speaker. Details TBA
 - June 24-28 Annual Conference in Winnipeg, Man.
 - July 22 BC Loyalist Day . Details TBA
 - August 3 Long Weekend: Fur Brigade Days at Ft. Langley
 - October 3 Fall Fleet hosted by Vancouver Branch. Details TBA
 - November 11 Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about guest speakers
will be sent via email and in each edition of this newsletter.

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to: chwkbraelcontact@gmail.com



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL!

Saturday, December 7th, 2019

@ 11:45 am Carman United Church Hall

7258 Vedder Road, Chilliwack, BC

Please bring a contribution to the food table:

sandwiches, veggie tray, cheese and crackers, pickles or such

Desserts will be provided by the Branch and will include:

“Bread Pudding with Caramel sauce” and cookies.

Coffee, tea and juice

Our Program includes:

Guest speaker: Carl Stymiest UE “My Childhood Christmas Memories in the Maritimes”

Outline of coming events in 2020

News of our new membership online system

Music and Christmas Carols - bring your best singing voice

Door Prizes!



Congratulations

Kole UE & Alyssa Heibner

We announced their engagement in the August issue and are now proud to include a wedding picture.

Nuptials took place November 9th in Tavernash, Colorado with family in attendance. Proud parents are Kevin and Vicky UE Heibner and proud grandmother is Judy Schulz UE. We wish you a lifetime of happiness.

UEL Certificate presented to Gordon Corcoran UE



Making a presentation in Hinton AB was going to be difficult.

So we mailed it, but extracted a promise of a picture for the newsletter. Bonnie Corcoran UE was proud to present her son Gordon with his UE certificate for Loyalist Jacob Bonesteel (Sr). Jacob settled in the Stormont, Dundas Co., Upper Canada. He was from Dutchess Co., New York and a member of the Loyal Rangers. Bonnie was presented with her certificate last April at the Spring Fleet Meting.

Congratulations Gordon!

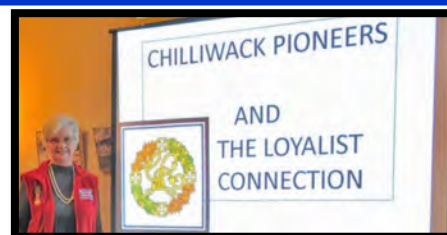
And thank you, Bonnie, for doing the honours for us.

Telling the Loyalist story!

President Marlene Dance UE has been very busy these past two months getting the Loyalist story better known in the community. Recently, at a meeting of Heritage Chilliwack Society she presented “The Pioneers of Chilliwack and the Loyalist Connection” to an interested group. Many were not aware that a good number of the Pioneers of Chilliwack were descendants of Loyalists. Lots of questions were asked. In addition, her genealogy classes at the UFV campus for Chilliwack ElderCollege and her Sardis Library Workshops, always include a Loyalist segment together with an outline of “How to find your Loyalist Ancestor”. Chilliwack Branch has earned a few new members over the years as a result.

This past October at the “Finding your Roots” Conference sponsored by the LDS Church, Surrey Stake, Marlene was honoured with a “Long-time Service” award for her 10 years of presentations on many subjects including the Loyalists.

Congratulations Marlene!



Captured by Fire: Surviving BC's new Wildfire Reality

By Chris Czajkowski and Fred Reid.

Held November 1st at Carman United Church Hall.

In the summer of 2017, over 10,000 people in the area around 100 Mile House, Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Princeton and Williams Lake received the instruction *YOU MUST EVACUATE NOW*. But not everyone left. Branch member Fred Reid UE and Chris Czajkowski stayed behind to protect their properties, livestock and livelihoods. Living in a remote area, they knew that their homes would be of low priority to officials when fire fighting resources were deployed.

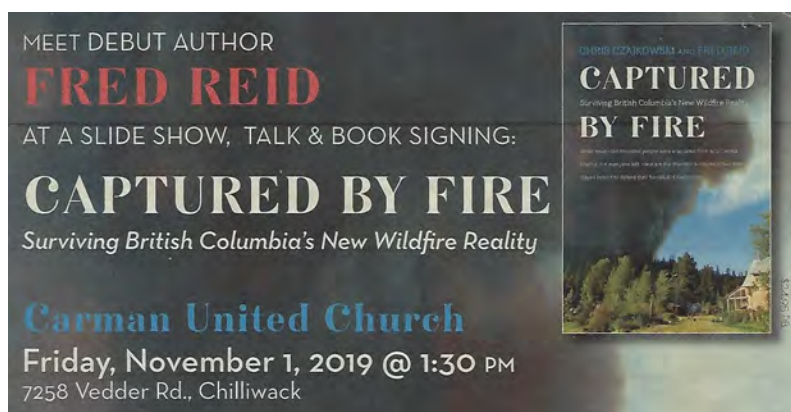
Fred presented a very engaging talk and slide show to an interested group of about 20 people.

Co-authored with his friend Chris who also remained in her home, they were eye witnesses to the power, fury, devastation and beauty of the fire. A number of branch members came out to support Fred and hear his story. This is a very good read. If you are interested please go to:

www.amazon.ca/Captured-Fire-Surviving-Columbias-Wildfire/dp/1550178857



Above: Chris Czajkowski and Fred Reid UE
Right: Poster and book cover



Fall Fleet Luncheon & Phillip EM Leith Memorial Award

The Pacific region is well represented. October 5th, 2019



L-r: Frans Compeer Pacific Regional Councillor; Judy McMullen UE President Victoria Branch; Christine Manzer UE President Vancouver Branch; Marlene Dance UE President Chilliwack Branch; Sandy Farynuk UE President Thompson/Okanagan Branch; Carl Stymiest UE Pacific Regional VP.

The annual presentation of the Phillip EM Leith Memorial Volunteer Award for 2019 was jointly shared by:
 Karen Borden UE of Victoria Branch and Diane Faris UE of Vancouver Branch, two very worthy and hard working members.

There were forty-five members and guests from all parts of the province in attendance to celebrate. Special Guest speaker was Chilliwack MP Mark Strahl who presented "My Great Grandfather: a British Home Child" to a very appreciative audience including his proud grandparents Keith and Carol Bateman shown below left.

Centre is Mark Strahl MP with Marlene Dance UE, being presented a thank you gift from the Branch.



Above is Ken Vance UE, shown with his UEL Certificates for Loyalists: Johannes Warner Sr. and Adam Poapst. Congratulations Ken!

The Fall Fleet event began with Piper Dr. Dan McDermid piping in the colours and the parade of members in Loyalist attire. This was followed by the singing of God Save the Queen, toasts to the Piper and the Queen, Welcome & Greetings from the UELAC delivered by Carl Stymiest UE Pacific Regional VP. Shirley Dargatz UE said grace and luncheon was served. A big thank you goes to the Ladies of the



Carman United Church for a wonderful meal, beautiful presentation and efficient service. Well done once again. The program began with the Fall Fleet story, followed by the special presentation by Mark Strahl MP. Then the presentation of a Loyalist Certificate to member Ken Vance UE. The presentation of the Phillip Leith award to Karen Bowden UE and Diane Faris UE ended the days event. Door prizes donated by the four regional branches were awarded and the colours were retired to the singing of O Canada.



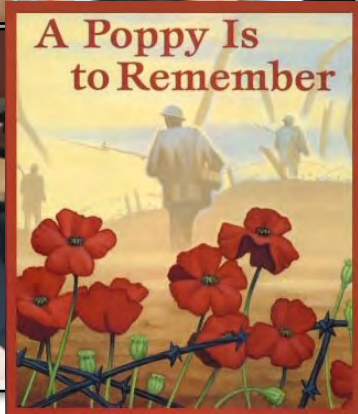
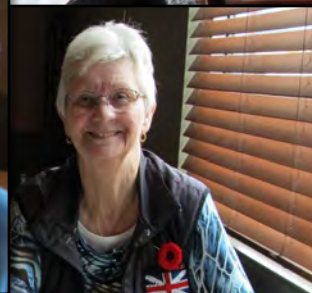
Pictures contributed by Carl Stymiest, UE; Sandy Farynuk UE; Fay Kovacs; Carol Vance and Marlene Dance UE.



Remembrance Day November 11, 2019

Garrison Crossing Cenotaph Cross placed by Cindy Frizell UE.
Downtown Cenotaph Wreath placed by Marlene Dance UE.

Grey skies did not keep people away.
The crowds get larger every year. Following
the ceremony, we had lunch at Canton
Gardens with family and friends.
Deleine showed off her handsome grandson.





**LAST POST:
Mildred Edna Hall UE
(1927-2019)**



We are sad to advise of the passing of Mildred Evans Hall UE, on Friday, November 15, 2019 in Chilliwack, BC.

Born on the Evans family farm in Chilliwack on July 23, 1927, she lived in Chilliwack her entire life.

She was the fourth generation of the Evans family to live on the farm that her great-grandparents Charles and Jane Evans had purchased in the 1860s.

Her parents, Gordon and Edna Evans built a home at the corner of Atchelitz Road and Yale Road West and Mildred grew up as the only girl in a family of boys.

She outlived her four brothers - Owen "Bud," John, Victor and Eugene.

Mildred was an avid researcher and recorder of family and Chilliwack history, working back in the day when much research was done by writing letters and making expensive physical copies. When visiting a new town, she took great joy in first checking out the phone book for any possible family connections. She was excited when her niece Vivian moved to Ontario and could be deputized for personal trips to various archives and museums with lists of names and dates to be verified, saving months of correspondence and wait times for her and for the families she was helping with research.

Her life was forever changed by the purchase of an electric Smith-Corona typewriter with a "White-Out" cartridge for erasing mistakes. With this, she was able to gather her research into one place in the form of family history books. Her work on Charles and Jane Evans has been summarized and is viewable on the Yale Historical Society website, at the Chilliwack Museum and Archives, and at the Royal BC Museum.

In addition, much of the historical information she researched on various Chilliwack families, places, events and groups such as the Royal Engineers can be found in the catalogue listings:

www.chilliwackmuseum.ca/research/archives/ .

With an eye to the future, Mildred ensured that family treasures of historical significance were saved for all to share by donating them to institutions pledged to preserve them. The Charles Evans Diary, which details her great-grandfather's journey from Ontario to the BC Gold Rush in the 1860s is held at the Provincial Archives. Because of her dedication to Chilliwack's history, artifacts as tiny as the Chinese medicine bottles used by labourers on the Evans farm, or as large and intricate as the bridal bowl given to her grandmother as a wedding gift, can be found at the Chilliwack Museum and Archives, where she was also a life member. Mildred Hall was an active member of the UELAC Chilliwack Branch from its charter in the fall of 1990. She was the first branch member to receive her UEL Certificate for Loyalist William Casey and served the branch as genealogist for over 15 years till her retirement in 2013. During this time she helped countless numbers of members achieve recognition as Loyalist descendants. This dedication earned her an honorary life membership in the Chilliwack Branch of the United Empire Loyalists, an accomplishment that brought her much pride. She is survived by her son Ken Hall, grandchildren

Greg and Andrea, their mother Dr. Denise Hall, and two great-grandchildren Sydney and Ryan.

From her many friends and members of the UELAC Chilliwack Branch,

who all respected and admired her dedication to Loyalist history, our thoughts and prayers go to her family.

Good bye dear Mildred. Thank you for all you have done to preserve both Loyalist and Chilliwack history.

Submitted by members Vivian Evans Walker and Marlene Dance UE.





**UELAC CHILLIACK BRANCH
NEW MEMBERSHIP 2020/ or Renewal**

Many thanks for your continued support.

The fees are as follows:

Individual Memberships: \$40.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$55.00

Student Memberships (25 yrs. or younger Name of school/university below) = \$25.00

Family Membership: _____
\$55.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$70.00
(A Family membership is for all persons residing at the same address)

If already a Member of another branch = \$15.00

Please indicate name of branch: _____

Make your cheques payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Loyalist Ancestor (s) if known: _____

Membership Fees - Please circle the membership category chosen above.

Please mail to:

President Marlene Dance UE

5546 Highroad Crescent

Chilliwack, BC V2R 3X9

Your membership includes receiving a copy of our Magazine "The Gazette" twice yearly, 6 issues of the "Link UP" – the Chilliwack Branch newsletter as well as email reminders for events, signups and items of interest.

Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires that our Branch have your consent for us to contact you electronically. By joining our Branch, you are consenting to receive electronic communications from us. You may ask us to remove you from the group email list at any time by replying to one of our communications and asking us to remove you.

Please return this form with your membership:



CHRIS HAY UE

In a follow-up to his Spring 2017 story about his fifth great-grandfather, Major Richard Witham Stockton, Chris Hay UE, of Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Chilliwack Branch, continues here with new discoveries about Stockton's eventual capture at the Battle of Bennett's Island. An extraordinary set of circumstances has led to a two-year collaboration with Christian McBurney of Washington, DC, a respected American author of Revolutionary history, uncovering several important Revolutionary War discoveries, including the story and location of the lost and forgotten battle site of Bennett's (Lawrence) Island, New Jersey.

Chris' story about Major Richard Witham Stockton appears in *The Loyalist Gazette*, Volume LV, No. 01, Spring 2017, pp. 16 – 20.

The *Loyalist Gazette* published the first, of a two-part history of the surprise attack on this strategic site in the Spring 2019, Volume LVII, No. 1, edition, on pp. 32 to 34. Now, here in the Fall 2019 issue, we continue this story with a report about the ramifications and the significance of the capture of the Loyalist, Major Richard Stockton UE, and the loss to the British of Bennett's Island.

PART TWO BENNETT'S ISLAND: 18 FEBRUARY 1777

NEW JERSEY'S FORGOTTEN REVOLUTIONARY BATTLE

Colonel Neilson's force captured Major Stockton, Captain Dunham, Lieutenant Francis Fraser, one Ensign, a Volunteer and fifty-five privates.

Further interesting details of the attack are revealed in a number of American Revolutionary War Pension Applications. Cutlope Hancock, a private newly drafted into Neilson's regiment, recalled that he and his attackers "surrounded the house where the enemy was" before the Tory guards could make an alarm.²⁶ Charles Fisher, whom Neilson identified as one of his guides at Bennett's Island, claimed in a rather detailed pension application that his father had, prior to the war, occupied all of "Lawrence Island". This claim is supported in the pension application of Jacob Fisher, born on Bennett's Island in 1746. Jacob was presumably Charles brother.²⁷

Charles Fisher further stated that he "conducted" Neilson's militiamen and the Bedford County riflemen "on to the island." While those statements are credible, some of his other statements may not be. Fisher claimed that, being aware of Major Stockton's post at Bennett's Island and the locations of his sentries, he "communicated the plan to Colonel John Neilson" of surprising the Tories. We know this was actually not the case, as documented in Neilson's order book. However, there is little doubt Fisher became involved in the planning of the attack, due to his knowledge of the island site.

Fisher had further reported that in the



➤ The statue of Colonel John Neilson, installed at New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 2017.

initial stages of the attack on the island. "We [stunned] all the 8 or 9 sentries and the last sentry was killed by a blow" from Fisher himself. He then said that he, along with three or four other men, "took up the bridge to prevent any relief from the British to the island," meaning to isolate the additional British troops that were stationed at Longfield's farm to the west. This could be possible, although Fisher's name did not appear in Colonel Neilson's order book regarding the leaders of this particular action.

Apparently everywhere at once, Fisher next claimed that, "with his own hands", he disarmed Major Stockton "of his sword by force" and threw him

through the window of the main house "and also threw Dennis Combs and John Grimes, two commissioned officers known to your narrator, through the window."²⁸ Major Stockton does claim later to have been injured at the time of his apprehension. However, his actual injury remains unknown.²⁹ While it is unlikely that Charles Fisher was responsible for all these actions, it is very possible that he saw others do them and that he participated in a few of them.

Colonel Neilson's force captured Major Stockton, Captain Dunham, Lieutenant Francis Fraser, one Ensign, a Volunteer and fifty-five privates. They also took "63 exceeding fine arms, some blankets, three horses and a few other articles," and sent them on to General Putnam. As he reported to General Dickinson, "This was done with little opposition, our plans succeeded so well - a short engagement of about one minute decided the matter." He explained that they had lost only one man, with none wounded, while the British had "4 killed & one mortally wounded." He concluded with a commendation for Major Scudder of the Third Battalion of Middlesex Militia, second in command, who "behaved in a very Soldier-like manner, and executed his orders with the utmost punctuality and firmness."³⁰ The deserter's prominent role is also noted, as his help in piloting the attack had aided greatly in its final success and he was later praised as "particularly deserving notice" in Colonel Neilson's report to General Putnam.³¹

General Washington was pleased on receiving the news of Neilson's success in a letter from General Putnam. The capture of Major Stockton had provided a much needed boost to American moral. A letter sent by George Washington to John Hancock, on 20 February, was deemed so important that it was read aloud to congress. In it, Washington warned of the "weak and feeble state of our little army" but he was able to add in the good news of Neilson's small victory at Bennett's

*Extract of a letter from an officer of distinction, dated
Princeton, February 18, 1777*

"Last night Col. Nelson, with a party of about one hundred and fifty men, attacked sixty belonging to Cornwall Skene's brigade at Lawrence's Island, under command of Major Richard Stockton, formerly an inhabitant of this place the enemy's renowned landlord. The Colonel took the whole, among which was this Stockton, a Captain, and three or four subaltern officers. The enemy had four killed, and ten wounded. We had one killed. This you may depend upon to be a fact. Col. Nelson is just arrived here. Fifty of the Bedford county riflemen of your state, detached from this place, were with Col. Nelson. The whole, officers and men, both belonging to that County and the militia of this state, behaved with great bravery; such as would do honor to veteran soldiers. We have also sixty or seventy stands of arms.

"P. S. Since writing the above the whole of the prisoners have arrived here."

Published by order of the Council of Safety.

JACOB S. HOWELL, Sec.

Last Saturday afternoon Major Stockton, and the prisoners mentioned above, were brought to this city under a strong guard, and confined in the new jail.

Connecticut Journal
New Haven, CT
12 March 1777

> The first of two Stockton story newspaper articles mentions the capture of Major Richard Stockton and his involvement with the taking of General Lee. The larger article provides excellent detail regarding Stockton's capture.

FISH-KILL. February 27.

*Extract of a letter from an officer at Murriss-Town,
dated February 21.*

"I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that a few days ago a party of General Putnam's division, attacked and defeated a party of Tory soldiers, in Munmouth, killed a number, and took about 40, with their arms, and one Major Stockton, an infamous Tory, who commanded them. [The above Major Stockton, is the identical villain that betrayed his Excellency General LEE into the hands of the enemy.]

Independent Chronicle
Boston, Massachusetts
06 March 1777

BENNETT'S ISLAND

Island.¹² In a letter to Major General Schuyler, Washington wrote that, of all of the skirmishes with the enemy, the *"most considerable that has happened"* was Nelson's raid on Bennett's Island.¹³

This was an incredible feat for Nelson's small militia company. In just the three months following their successful attack, they made a major contribution in helping to force the British from their main winter encampment at New Brunswick, New Jersey, by cutting off their Raritan River supply route. By 19 May 1777, *"with the warmer weather, they (the British) moved out of town to camp along the west bank of the Raritan."* Two days later the camp at Perth Amboy also moved. This was a significant achievement for Colonel Nelson who was promoted by the New Jersey Legislature as a Brigadier General of the state militia. This was followed by appointments in September 1780 of both Quartermaster General of the Continental Army and Deputy Quartermaster General of New Jersey.

Major Stockton suffered greatly for his prior role as the guide for Lieutenant Colonel William Harcourt. The prisoners were marched, manacled, to Philadelphia where Stockton was paraded through the city in a wagon, with his back towards the horse, in irons, and a drum going before him, bearing the *"Rogue's March"*.¹⁴ The captured Loyalist officers were sent to Carlisle Prison where they were treated more harshly than was common practice.¹⁵ While most officers were gradually released, Major Stockton remained in captivity for over one and a half years.¹⁶ He was released in September 1778 and, following the war, he settled in New Brunswick, Canada, remaining until his death, at age sixty-eight, in 1801. Although accused in both newspapers and official documents, Stockton had never admitted his involvement in the capture of General Charles Lee, either during his imprisonment,

After 240 years, the Battle of Bennett's Island has finally been rediscovered, along with an amazing series of events of Revolutionary history.

or even following the cessation of the war. Richard Witham Stockton is the founder of the Stockton family in Canada.

For years the details of these events were challenging to piece together, due to the difficulty in proving the exact location of the original Bennett's Island Battle site. Amazingly, this final missing piece of the story was revealed by Timothy J. Lynch, a local New Jersey historian. In the map collections at Princeton University, he had discovered the island's early name, *"Thomas Lawrence Jr's Island,"* on a 1762 map created by John Dalley.¹⁷ Incredibly, this map even shows the location of the original island house and provided the final necessary clue to complete the story. Although the site was known by a few local historians, the island itself was never named on early New Jersey maps. The mystery surrounding the battle site location was likely compounded by the various names for the island throughout

the years: Lawrence Island, Thomas Lawrence Jr's Island, Bennett's Island, Island Farm and, most recently, Clancy Island.

Bennett's Island lies within the triangle created by the confluence of the Raritan River, the South River and Lawrence Brook. Today this triangle is called Clancy Island and contains a large portion of the Edgeboro Landfill. The likely site of the battle is near the location of the original main farm house. It appears that the original house site could be just on the outer edge of the landfill but future archeological work would be required to confirm this possibility.

After 240 years, the Battle of Bennett's Island has finally been rediscovered, along with an amazing series of events of Revolutionary history. The critical actions of Major Richard Witham Stockton in the capture of General Charles Lee, and the clever strategic military tactics of Colonel Nelson, are now undeniably linked with the historical significance of the long-neglected New Jersey Battle site of Bennett's Island.



Battle of Bennett's Island Prisoner List

A list of the officers and soldiers belonging to Courland Skinners Brigade taken at Lawrence (Bennett's) Island under command of Major Richard Stockton, by a party under command of Colonel Neilson on the morning of the 18th Instant.

(18 February 1777) - [Historical Society of Pennsylvania](#)

Notes

The following research on these soldiers' names has found connections to many Loyalists who were possibly previously

unknown to be participants in this battle. As noted, many names have alternate spellings. [See Loyalist Institute]

Symbols

- * Loyalists documented on the official UELAC Directory.
- UE? Appear qualified as Loyalists although their names do not appear on the official UELAC Loyalist List.
- N/L No listings or documents have been found, perhaps due to death or relocation to other countries.

- * **Richard Stockton** (6th Batt. NJV) **Major**
- * **Asher Dunham** (6th Batt. NJV) **Capt.**
- Francis Fraser** (3rd Batt. NJV) **Lieut.**
- * **John Gump** (3rd Batt. NJV) **Ensign**
- * **John Cumber** (Coombs, K's Co. Grant 1784) **Vol.**
- * **John Hunter** (Holmes, Kingston UEL List) **Private**
- Jacob Osburn** (Osborne, 3rd Batt. NJV) **Do**
- Wm. Pack** (William, 3rd Batt. NJV) **Do**
- Jm. Scott** (John, Queen's Rgr's, died 1780) **Do**
- Edwd. Gibbins** (Edward Gibbins, Vol. Irc.) **Do**
- * **Henry Smith** (Prisoner 4th Batt. NJV) **Do**
- * **Jonathan Rockman** (John, UEL List) **Do**
- Hugh Fitzpatrick** (3rd Batt. NJV, Sick 1781) **Do**
- * **Wm. Christie** (William, King's Amer Drag.) **Do**
- N/L **Robt. Grimes** (Robert) **Do**
- N/L **Jm. Aliby** (John Allaby/Aliby) **Corporal**
- * **James McDonald** (6th Batt. NJV) **Sergt.**
- Jm. Enley** (John Insley, 1st/3rd Batt. NJV) **Sergt.**
- Zebulon Cockifer** (Cockifer, 3rd Batt. NJV) **Private**
- * **Jas. Philips** (James, St. Andrews NB, UEL) **Do**
- Jas. Parrison** (James Patterson, Vol. Irc.) **Do**
- N/L **Jm. Bois** (Jeremy Boyce/Boice/ Bois) **Sergt.**
- N/L **Jm. Morris** (John) **Private**
- N/L **Alex. McGuin** (Alexander McGuin) **Do**
- Jas. Wilson** (James, Butler's Rangers) **Corpl.**
- UE? **Philip Devier** (King's Co Grant 1784) **Private**
- James Roney** (Roney, 3rd Batt. NJV) **Do**
- * **Jm. Potter** (John Pottier, UEL List) **Do**
- * **Wm. Allen** (William, Prisoner 1st Batt. NJV) **Do**
- * **Jm. Taylor** (John, Prisoner 1st Batt. NJV) **Do**

- N/L **Thos. Morgan** (Thomas) **Private**
- N/L **Saml. Bradley** (Samuel Brady/Bady) **Do**
- N/L **Wm. Classon** (William Classon) **Do**
- * **Dennis Cumber** (Coombs/Coombes 3rd Batt. NJV) **Sergt.**
- * **Jm. McMaster** (John McMaster, K's Co. Grt. 1784) **Private**
- * **Wm. Briton** (Wm. Britton/Brittan, 1st/3rd Batt. NJV) **Do**
- Saml. Froman** (Samuel, 3rd Batt. NJV) **Do**
- * **Jm. Hall** (John, 3rd Batt. NJV) **Do**
- Wm. Donaldson** (William, Queen's Rangers) **Do**
- UE? **Josiah Foster** (3rd Batt. NJV, King's Co. Grant 1784) **Do**
- N/L **David Cornwell** (David) **Do**
- N/L **Wm. Marshall** - **Deserted** (William Marshall) **Do**
- UE? **Corneilus Anderson** (6th Batt. NJV, K's Co Grant 1784) **Do**
- * **James Steward** (UEL List) **Do**
- N/L **Henry Shover** **Do**
- N/L **Wm. Wilden** (William) **Do**
- Corneilus Cornel** (Corninc?, Prisoner 1st Batt. NJV) **Do**
- N/L **David Blumfield** (David) **Corpl.**
- * **Wm. Young** (William, 3rd Batt. NJV Grant 1784) **Private**
- N/L **Jm. Crowl** (John Crowel/Crowell) **Do**
- N/L **David Boyler** (David) **Corpl.**
- UE? **Isac Mills** (3rd Batt. NJV, King's Co. Grant 1784) **Private**
- Luke Tiple** (Tecple Cpl., 3rd Batt. NJV) **Do**
- N/L **Jm. Sperling** (John Sperling) **Do**
- * **Jas. Fitzer** (James, 4th Batt. NJV, Carleton, NB) **Do**
- * **Thos. Adams** (Thomas, Prisoner 3rd Batt. NJV) **Do**
- * **Wm. Basky** (William, 3rd Batt. NJV Grant 1784) **Sergt.**
- N/L **Richd. Hale** (Richard) **Private**
- * **Alex. Inglis** (Alexander, St. John, NB, UEL List) **Do**
- Mathew Bois** (Boyce/Boice, Deserted 1st Batt. NJV) **Do**

ENDNOTES

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²Chris Hay, Father & Son Capture Generals, *The Loyalist Gazette*, Spring, 2017, pp. 16-20.

³For-sale advertisement, 08 December 1878, *New Jersey Gazette*, quoted in William Nelson, Documents Relating to the Revolutionary History of the State of New Jersey Extracts from American Newspapers Relating to New Jersey, Vol. III, Trenton, NJ: John L. Murphy Publishing Company, 1906, pp. 11-12.

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⁵George W. Dress, Colonel John Neilson and the Revolution in New Jersey, Master's degree dissertation, New York University, June 1961, p. 31, citing John Neilson's orderly book in the Neilson Papers, held by Rutgers University Library.

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⁸Report of the Bedford Commanders, 07 February 1778, quoted in Grizzard, ed., Washington Papers, 8:280, n. 7.

⁹Richard W. Stockton to Thomas Peters, undated [probably about February 1778], Society of the Cincinnati. In a letter after his capture, Stockton stated that he had been ordered to "support" the British post at Bennett's Island.

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in conducting and bringing off the troops that took General Lee, I was desired to promote him to a Majority which I did at Pennington."

¹²Israel Putnam to Pennsylvania Council of Safety, 18 February 1777, from Princeton, in William Farrand Livingston, Israel Putnam, Pioneer, Ranger and Major General, 1718-1790, New York, New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1901, p. 342.

¹³Letter written by a Patriot gentleman from Philadelphia, The London Chronicle, Saturday, May 17th to Tuesday, May 20th, 1777; David Munn, Battles and Skirmishes of the American Revolution in New Jersey, New Jersey Bureau of Geology and Topography, 1976, Metuchen, 01 February, 1777, p. 53.

¹⁴Israel Putnam to George Washington, 18 February 1777, in Grizzard, ed., Washington Papers, 8:362

¹⁵Israel Putnam to Washington, 18 February 1777, noting existence of a sixty-man guard one-half mile away from Bennett's Island).

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¹⁷Isaac Covenhoven sworn statement, 19 September 1832, Revolutionary War Pension Application, National Archives, Washington, DC.

¹⁸Israel Putnam to John Neilson, 17 February 1777, Neilson Papers, Box 1, Rutgers University Library (copy)

¹⁹Israel Putnam to Pennsylvania, 18 February 1777; John Neilson sworn statement 11 September 1832, Revolutionary War Pension Application, National Archives, Washington, DC. It is sometimes said that the riflemen hailed from Virginia, but that is not accurate, as Putnam's 18 February letter and the 07 February Report of the Bedford Commanders (see Note 8 above) make clear.

²⁰John Neilson sworn statement, 11 September 1832; Andrew McDowell sworn statement, 05 June 1833, Revolutionary War Pension Application.

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Benjamin Ogden. A detailed description follows for the location of the Ogden house on the South River: Colonel Neilson's order book gives the final distance of a mile from "Old Ogden's" to the Bennett house. Additional details available in War Damages 1776-1782, New Jersey Archives.

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²⁸Charles Fisher sworn statement, 19 September 1832, Revolutionary War Pension Application, National Archives, Washington, DC.

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³²George Washington to John Hancock, 20 February 1777, in Grizzard ed., Washington Papers, 8:381.

³³George Washington to Schuyler, 23 February 1777, in Grizzard ed., Washington Papers, 8:434.

³⁴General William Howe to George Washington, 26 November 1777, in Grizzard ed., Washington Papers, 12:413

³⁵Richard W. Stockton to Thomas Peters, February 1778; George Washington to Major General Horatio Gates, 10 March 1777, in Grizzard, ed., Washington Papers, 8:548.

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³⁷A Map of the Road from Trenton to Amboy. . . ., 08 March 1762, by John Dalley. Manuscript Maps Collection, Princeton University Library.

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