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Introduction:

Col. Joel Stone, United Empire Loyalist and founder of Gananoque, was born at Guilford, Connecticut, Aug. 7, 1749, to Stephen Stone and his wife Rebecca Bishop, both members of families that took part in the original settlement of Guilford in 1639. The Stone family removed in 1751 to Litchfield County, Conn., where shortly before the Revolutionary War Joel Stone entered business as a general merchant. A known loyalist, Stone took refuge in New York toward the end of 1776 and during the remainder of the war served as a volunteer, attaining the rank of captain in the city militia. From 1783 to '86 he was in London seeking compensation for the loss of his confiscated American property; this took the form of a military pension of \$40 per annum.

Stone sailed for Quebec in August 1786 and by the following spring was settled with his family at New Johnstown (Cornwall). In the latter year he surveyed (with Solomon Jones) the land at the mouth of the Gananoque River, which was presently divided between Sir John Johnson and himself. Stone took up residence on his grant about 1792, being the first white settler at what was to become the town of Gananoque. During the next 40 years he was the principal land-owner and leading citizen of the little community, acting as justice of the peace, collector or deputy collector of customs and roads commissioner for much of that period. He was colonel of the 2nd regiment, Leeds militia, from 1809 to 1821, and in that capacity conducted the defence of the Gananoque area during the War of 1812. In 1819 he was appointed to the Land Board for the Johnstown District. In addition to farming, he was engaged in the timber trade and operated a mill.

Stone was twice married, to Leah Moore, who died about 1793, and subsequently to Abigail Dayton who survived him. Of the first marriage, one son died in infancy, another was collector of customs at Gananoque from 1803 until his death in 1809, and a daughter, Mary, married Charles McDonald who later founded the town's leading business establishment, C. & J. McDonald & Company. Col. Joel Stone died at Gananoque Nov. 20, 1833, in his 85th year.

References:

- Memoir of Colonel Joel Stone by Judge Herbert S. McDonald (OHS Papers, Vol. XVIII, 1920)
History of Leeds & Grenville by T. W. H. Leavitt (1879)

N.B. Additional Joel Stone papers are in the Public Archives of Canada and the MS. Collection of the Toronto Public Libraries.

Description:

A. Correspondence 1787-1833:

77 letters to and from Joel Stone, arranged in chronological order (see calendar); nine letters to and from William Stone. (1803-1809)
(4 folders)

B. Militia papers:

1. general & regimental orders 1813-21
(8 pieces; 1 folder)
2. miscellaneous papers relating to 2nd regiment, Leeds militia, including draft memorial by Joel Stone with schedule of losses in War of 1812, 1802; 1812-15; 1826.
(19 pieces; 1 folder)

C. Commission of the peace 1809-32:

routine papers & prosecutions
(43 pieces; 1 folder)

D. Customs administration, Port of Gananoque 1803-30

(17 pieces; 1 folder)

E. Miscellaneous accounts & receipts 1796-1842

(21 pieces; 1 folder)

F. Miscellaneous documents:

1. roads commission - record of survey/Elizabethtown & Yonge townships road, Jan. 9-10, 1800.
- notice concerning road statute labour, May 29, 1820, Gananoque.
2. indenture of election, Leeds County, June 2, 1812.
3. memorandum listing persons, "In favour of Gourley in the Township of Kitley" (n.d.).
4. typewritten copy of letter from E. B. Littlehales to Mr. Aitken, Surveyor, Midland District, Kingston, April 18, 1795, concerning Joel Stone's tenancy of Howe Island (from the Simcoe Papers, Public Archives of Ontario).
5. Memorial re Confiscated Land of Joel Stone from State of Connecticut, 1786. (bottom 1/2 ripped off)
6. Notice from Joel Stone, J.P., 1815.

of marriage of Daniel Landon and Margaret Grant

General Contents:

The Joel Stone Papers consist of 77 letters and drafts of letters received and sent by Stone between 1787 and 1833, and nine letters received and sent by his son William; militia papers; customs papers; papers relating to the commission of the peace; accounts and receipts, and a miscellaneous group of documents.

The bulk of the correspondence is from the years 1812 to 1821, the period when Stone was most active as a militia officer. Of especial interest is a group of 20 letters exchanged by Stone and Lt.-Col. Nathaniel Coffin who was Adjutant-General of the Upper Canada militia from 1815 to 1837, having previously served as Deputy Adjutant-General. The letters throw light on local defence problems and measures during the War of 1812 and indicate that not the least of a militia commander's concerns at that time was the unruliness of his own officers and men: in his claims for damages Stone refers both to losses resulting from enemy action and the depredations of the home army; moreover, his troubles are not ended by the Treaty of Ghent for in the exercise of his duties he has involved himself in much post-war litigation. This series concludes (and with it the Colonel's not entirely happy military career) with a letter of resignation resulting from an apparent affront received in militia general orders. In addition to the correspondence with Coffin and other superior officers, there are letters exchanged by Joel and William Stone and the government at York on the subject of customs administration at the Port of Gananoque; business letters; and two letters from Stone's sisters in the United States.

Among the militia papers are several general orders issued from the Adjutant-General's office between 1813 and 1821, relating to services rendered by Indian warriors, claims for pay, military pensions, land grants etc.; the draft of a memorial by Stone concerning his services and losses in the War of 1812; officers' quarterly returns. Papers connected with the local administration of justice and the customs are of a routine nature. Among the miscellaneous papers is an indenture of election executed by Joel Stone as returning officer for Leeds County and the freeholders of the county, June 2, 1812.

Calendar of Correspondence (1787-1833)

Letters to Joel Stone:

arranged by author

Boulton, G. S.	York	Aug. 26, 1818	Concerning Mrs. Stone's petition (ownership of land).
Burpee, Peter	Bastard	Aug. 8, 1816	Request from land claimant for copy of oath of allegiance etc.
Camp, Elisha	Grindstone Island	Mar. 31, 1823	Request from American citizen to use influence to persuade inhabitants of Grindstone Island to accept his proprietorship.
Coffin, Nathaniel	Kingston	May 28, 1814	Order for militia detachment to be sent to Kingston for garrison duty. Order re deserter.
"	"	Sep. 24, 1814	Orders for issue of muskets, apprehension of horse thieves.
Elizabeth-town	"	Oct. 21, 1814	Order for disposition of troops to protect expresses, apprehend horse thieves.
Kingston	"	Oct. 28, 1814	Peace negotiations. Fleet movements. Niagara frontier, Guard for expresses.
"	"	Nov. 19, 1814	Conveys official regret concerning damage inflicted on Stone's property by militia; promise of compensation.
"	"	Nov. 19, 1814	Private report on conversation with Sir Gordon Drummond concerning Stone's property losses. Order for boards, pease, hay.
"	"	Apr. 6, 1815	Acknowledges letter & pease. Mrs. Stone's accident.
"	"	Apr. 7, 1815	Militia orders. Stone's claim. Report on reception of Stone's claim by Board of Claims. Price of horses; offer to purchase mare.
York	"	Nov. 25, 1819	Settlement of Stone's military claims (for £130).
York	"	Jan. 21, 1820	Transmits order-in-council & militia general orders (Crown grants - see B)

Letters to Joel Stone:

Coffin, Nathaniel	York	Jan. 21, 1820	Encloses order-in-council (Crown grant).
"	"	Apr. 5, 1820	Corrects error in militia document.
"	"	Apr. 18, 1820	Instruction concerning Crown grant to militia.
Cooke, Charles	London	Aug. 9, 1788	Concerning Stone's military allowance.
Ferguson, John	Kingston	June 20, 1800	Loyal Militia Association, [Midland?] District.
Foster, C. L. L.	Kingston	Dec. 3, 1814	Promises early consideration of memorial setting forth claims for property damage.
Freer, Noah	Kingston	Aug. 10, 1813	Conveys Gen. Prevost's approval of arrangement for road repairs.
Green, James	n.d.[York	May 2, 1803]	Appointment of William Stone as Collector of Customs at Port of Gananoque.
Hopkins, Irene	Hartford	Dec. 31, 1797	Discusses possibility of Stone's children & sister Rachel joining him in Canada [from his sister].
Huck [?], Truman	Crosby	Sep. 19, 1821	Transmits information concerning land in Crosby.
Jones, William	Bastard	Oct. 15, 1816	Request for payment of acct.
Kirby, John	Kingston	Nov. 29, 1810	Request to collect debt.
Leavenworth, Rachel	New York	June 1, 1813	Death of Mr. Leavenworth. News of friends & relatives. [from his sister].
McDonald, John	n.d.[Gananoque	May -, 1830]	Transmits enquiry from John Macaulay concerning assessment of his property in Leeds [Macaulay's letter, May 7, 1830, attached].

Letters to Joel Stone:

Raymond, Dr. Truman	Niagara	Nov. 6, 1826	Complains of persecution caused by 'professional jealousy'; requests Stone to certify that Raymond acted as surgeon in late war.
Schofield, Ira	Bastard	Jan. 1, 1818	Concerning money owed to Stone.
Sherwood, Adiel	Brockville	May 28, 1819	Wilkinson v. Albro (theft of notes).
Sherwood, Daniel	Augusta	Feb. 16, 1803	Order for potashes.
Sherwood, Livius P.	York	Dec. 16, 1802	Offers contract for customs house at Gananoque, states specifications.
Smyth, Thomas	Yonge	June 29, 1814	Information concerning suspect in tobacco theft.
Stone, Giles	Percy	Oct. 21, 1815	Request to support application for Crown land.
Stone, William M.	'2 miles from Crab Island'	June 24, 1803	Reports loss of cribs in storm, intended recovery.
Vincent, Col.	[Kingston]	Dec. 9, 1812	Militia business. Request for list of ship carpenters.
Whitehead, Rev. Thos. Burford	Burford	Jan. 12, 1816	Request to rent farm in Burford Twp. Effects of war in Burford. Report of [Benajah?] Mallory's imprisonment at Batavia. David Balden & family.
"	"	July 31, 1816	Burford farm. Death of Col. Henry Bostick. Frost & drought; lack of fodder. Morale of the people.
"	"	Apr. 21, 1823	Burford farm.
Wiltse, Benoni	Yonge	July 3, 1813	Militiamen [?] at liberty; threatened prosecution of Stone.
Correspondent	Unknown	Brockville - - 1821	Information concerning land in North Crosby Twp.

Letters from Joel Stone:

arranged by recipient

To: Beesley, Richard	June 13, 1818	Property in Burford Twp.
Bowen, William D.	Nov. 15, 1820	Land transaction, Burford Twp.
Breakenridge, James	Jan. 10, 1806	Recommends Samuel Howland for commission in Leeds militia.
Coffin, Nathaniel	Mar. 27, 1814	Complaints against magistrates, militia officers. Request for charges to be laid against prisoners at Kingston.
	Feb. 9, 1815	Militia returns. Claims for pay & allowance.
	Apr. 15, 1815	Illness. Claims; war service; losses.
	Nov. 21, 1816	Transmits commission with letters. Boundary line between [Leeds] regiments.
	Nov. 21, 1816	Charles Jones of Brockville: his political opinions, quarrel with Stone. Litigation in which Stone has been involved as result of war.
	July 21, 1818	Report on Lt. William Read. Claims.
	Feb. 23, 1819	Apologizes for inability to explain in person to Lieut.-Gov. his conduct during late war.
	Feb. 24, 1820	Concerning delay in receipt of militia orders.
	Nov. 21, 1821	Protests General Order of Oct. 31; resigns his command.
Cooke, Charles	Nov. 7, 1787	Stone's business affairs in London. Prospects for his distilling business at Cornwall.
Foster, Ezekiel	Nov. 15, 1820	Land transaction, Burford Twp.
Glege, Major	Apr. 27, 1815	Request for permission to send militia equipment to Kingston.
Green, James	Jan. 11, 1803	Estimate for proposed customs house, Gananoque. Request for continuance in customs post under present title.
	Apr. 5, 1803	Unable to serve as Collector of Customs at Gananoque; recommends William Stone for the post.
	May 26, 1803	Encloses William Stone's bond (as Collector of Customs) and quarterly returns.

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Letters from Joel Stone:

To: Hillier, Major	June 3, 1828	Encloses return showing salary & emoluments for 1827.
Howard, John et al	Aug. 9, 1813	Request to lower level of Gananoque River.
Jones, William	Oct. 21, 1816	Concerning account with firm of Jones & Scheffield.
Lorand, Capt.	Mar. 13, 1814	Application for Court of Enquiry to examine complaints against militia officers. Legal proceedings against Stone.
Macaulay, James B.	Mar. 22, 1822	Concerning land in South Crosby Twp. [Forfeited Estates Com.]
Munsell, Benjamin R. & Archibald McLean	Nov. 1, 1833	Apologizes for 'blunder' in dealing with petition. James McAdam's fine.
Sherwood, Livius P.	Feb. 9, 1815	Concerning award to Capt. Schofield; litigation.
Stone, Mrs. Abigail	June 25, 1801	Accident with raft. Instructions for hiring of farm labor, disposal of cow.
Stone, Giles	Oct. 29, 1815	Declines to use influence to procure land grant unless proof given of war service.
Swan, Thomas	Feb. 8, 1787	Arrangements for transporting stills, furniture etc. from Quebec to Montreal & Johnstown.
Vincent, Col.	June 5, 1813	Re-organization of 2nd Regiment, Leeds Militia, following 'Desertions and vile Elopements'.
Whitehead, Rev. Thos.	Mar. 1, 1823 Aug. 27, 1823 July 5, 1828 Sep. 23, 1828 Dec. 27, 1828	Concerning rental of farm in Burford Twp. Dispute with Bowen family concerning land in Burford Twp.
Recipient Unknown	Jan. 23, 1815	Concerning failure of militia detachment to return blankets.
"	n.d.	Draft letter (incomplete) protesting writ issued against Stone & Mr. Wills on behalf of Avery Stone, Dec. 22, 1817.

List Joel Stone Correspondence ^(only) 1787-1833
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Document	From	To	Date	Subject
Letter	Col. Joel Stone	Thomas Swan	Quebec Feb. 8, 1787	regarding stills and furniture sent from Quebec by Col. Stone.
"	Wm. M. Stone	John M. Gill	Leeds, Mar. 31, 1804	stating the enclosure of accounts and request for information regarding last accounts which were not acknowledged.
"	J.M. Gill	Wm. Stone	York, Apr. 11, 1805	Letter and duties received, also account not previously acknowledged. Particulars about duties.
"	D. Rennelly	Wm. Stone	Kingston, Mar. 31 '09	answer to letter from Wm. Stone, who is suffering from a consumptive tendency, asking for information as to cause, in order that the proper treatment may be given.
Account Receipt	Amaria Howe Daniel Howe		Aug. 13, 1812	For work done at Gananoque Blackhouse for government. For his father Amaria Howe. Signed by F.H. Howland, ensign.
Receipt	B. Harvéy		Sept. 7, 1812	for magazines and stores received - list of stores.
Account			1813	of arms delivered, received, carried off by enemy or by deserters.
Letter	Col. Joel Stone	Col. Vincent	Kingston, June, 12 '12	suggests additions and alterations for regiment - promotion of Lieut. Bradish.
"	Col. Joel Stone	Capt. John Howard Henry Delmaster Nathan Fish	Can. Aug. 9, 1813	request that waters of River Gananoque be let down in natural channel.
"	Noah Freer	Col. Stone	Kingston, Aug. 10 '12	Commander in Chief approves of plan of repairing road and desires that it begin as soon as possible without interfering with harvest.
Account Receipt	L.P. Sherwood		Aug. 15, 1813	to Denamore, Dr.
Account	L.P. Sherwood		May 21, 1814	received sum of money from Col. Stone on account of Wm. Denamore's note of Principal and Interest due on note from Denamore.
Letter	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	Can. Mar. 27, 1814	request that a report on collection of fines and conduct of officers and men be made to Lieut. General Drummond.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	Kingston May 28/14	Directions from the President to have officers and men specified, sent to Kingston for duty in that Garrison. Isaac Simpson to be sent.
"	Thomas Smith	Col. Stone	June 29, 1814	relative to illegal purchase of tobacco. Names of deserters.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	Kingston Sept. 24/14	orders from General Kemp for 11 muskets.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	Elizabethtown Oct. 21/14	orders for detachment to protect expresses and take horse thieves.
Orders	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	Oct. 21/14	regimental orders in consequence to orders received.

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Letter	N. Coffin	Col. Stone	Kingston Oct. 28/14	Prospect of peace is banished due to attitude of Americans to our Commander's orders - Failure of Americans to force position at Chippewa - Gen. Drummond within 3 miles of Erie - Protect expresses.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	Kingston Nov. 19,/14	In answer to report of injury done, President regrets troops' behaviour - gives instructions to prevent future damage to property - Provisions
Letter	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	" Nov. 19,/14	President instructs him to make statement of losses sustained by troops
Report			Nov. 30,/14	Return of arms and equipments delivered by Mr. Soper to Mr. Wiltsee.
Letter	Col. Foster	Col. Stone	Kingston Dec. 3,/14	Gen. Drummond will take propriety of claims into consideration. Plans interview between Drummond and Stone at Militia Gen. Court Martial.
Orders	Col. Foster	Col. Stone	" Dec. 26,/14	Concerning arrears of pay - particulars of march from Gananoque to Kingston.
Orders	Col. Foster	Col. Stone	" " 27,/14	Respecting all wounded and meritorious militia men.
Letter (2 cops)	Col. Stone	Liveous Sherwood	" Feb. 9,/15	In regard to pay for Capt. Schofield - Request to supply particulars to Attorney-General about his case and that of Hicock and Scovil.
Letter	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	" Feb. 9,/15	Mentions enclosure of money and certificate respecting stores burnt by the enemy. Transmits claims for pay and allowance.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	" Apr. 7,/15	Report upon claim for loss of buildings destroyed by enemy not favourable. - Reasons.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	" Apr. 7,/15	Acknowledge receipt of letter and peace and enclose militia order.
"	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	Gen. Apr. 15,/15	Congratulations on appointment. Disappointed in attitude of Judge Cartwright to his claim for losses. Explains action of duty at time and great sacrifices made in defence and preservation of his country.
"	Col. Stone	Mayor. Glege	" Apr. 27,/15	Seeks lieve to ship militia arms in his charge to Kingston.
Receipt	F. Sisson	Col. Stone	Kingston July 11/15	For arms delivered at Kingston.
Letter	Rev. Thos Whitehead	Col. Stone	Burford Jan. 12,/15	Hope for peaceful enjoyment of blessings deprived during war. Request for lease of property, belonging to Mrs. Stone, for his son.
Order			York Apr. 18,/15	Of Lieut. Governor (1) to suspend laws relating to Trade and Commerce between U.S. and Prov. of U.C. by land or inland navigation, (2) that wares and manufactures of growth or produce of U.S. imported to U.C. by land or inland navigation shall be liable to payment of duties (in schedule shown below) (3) No furs to be exported from this prov. to U.S.

<u>Document</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Letter	Rev. Thos. Whitehead	Col. Stone	Burford July 31/16	Nothing further done respecting property. Winter severe - general seriousness in minds of people of Canada.
"	Wm. Jones	Col. Stone	Oct. 15/16	Request for money owing to him.
"	Col. Stone	Wm. Jones	Oct. 15/16	Denies owing money to Wm. Jones.
"	Capt. Schofield	Col. Stone	Jan. 1, /18	Respecting money Capt. Schofield and Wm. Jones got from Col. Stone by cunning.
"	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	Can. Nov. 21, /16	Regarding the acceptance of Smith's commission - plan of boundary line between the two regiments.
"	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	Can. Nov. 21, /16	Regarding the conduct of Charles Jones who is a tyrant and guilty of many forms of insubordination.
"	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	Can. Feb. 23, /18	Regrets delay in explaining to His Excellency the facts of his conduct toward the government and his fellow mortals during the late war - will do so in person!
" (2 cops)	Col. Stone	Col. Richard Beesly	Can. Jan. 13, /18	Asks that information be secured from surveyor, Augustus Jones about Y. lands and settling of Abraham Dayton in Burford.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	York Nov. 25, /19	His preference to receive 130 is favoured by His Excellency on condition that he relinquish all other claims upon the government.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	" Jan. 21, /20	States the enclosure of an Order of the Lieut. Governor's Council and Militia General Orders.
"	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	Can. Feb. 24, /20	Packets mentioned in letter of Jan. 21 not received.
"	Col. Coffin	Col. Stone	York Apr. 5, /20	Relative to mistake made by the printer in Certificate B.
"	Col. Stone	Ezekial Foster	Can. Oct. 30, /20	Relative to sale of Mrs. Stone's property.
"	Col. Stone	Wm. Bowen	" Nov. 15, /20	Informs him of plan to sell property adjoining his and thanks him for information concerning trespassers on premises.
Receipt	Col. Stone	Pringle & Macaulay	Kingston Dec. 28 /20	For payment of Kingston Chronicle.
Letter	Col. Stone	Col. Coffin	Can. Nov. 21, /21	Surprised and mortified that inconvenience was caused from conversation with Major Miller respecting Militia affairs - hopes to receive remuneration for damage done him during late war for what was buried, carried away and plundered by the enemy on Sept. 21, 1812 - will ask His Excellency's lieve to resign.

Document	From	To	Date	Subject
Letter	Elisha Camps	Col. Stone	Gr. March 31, /23	Hains Grindstone and other islands by a patent from New York State.
Note	Col. Stone	Rev. Thos. Whitehead	Aug. 27, /25	Request to pay rent for lot in Burford.
Letter	Col. Stone	Mayor Hillier	Can. June 3, /28	States enclosure showing amount of salary and enrollments for year 1827
"	Col. Stone	Rev. Thos. Whitehead	" July 5, /28	relative to lease of property. - States enclosure of lease in two parts.
"	Col. Stone	Rev. Thos. Whitehead	" Sept. 23, /28	Reply to letter regarding state of lot leased.
"	Col. Stone	Rev. Thos. Whitehead	" Dec. 27, /28	Request to ask the Boen widows to give up land not belonging to their lot or a prosecution shall be ordered.
"	M. McCauley	John McDonald	Kingston May 7, /30	Relative to taxes paid on lands of Col. Stone and M. McCauley.
"	Col. Stone	(Benjamin Muntzell Archibald McLean)	Can. Nov. 11, /33	Mistake made about John Logan's petition.
"	Margaret and Henrietta Davys	William Baker	Bath Mar. 3, /46	Plans visit from Bath to Belleville.
Note	Sophia Davys	William Baker		
Letter	William Kelso	William Baker	Belleville Aug. 14, /46	Friendly reply to William Baker's last letter.
Order	The President	Col. Stone	July 1814	Appointment as commissioner to carry into effect provisions of an act to secure and detain such persons as His Majesty shall suspect of treasonable adherence to the enemy.
Map			1873	Lower part of Prov. of Ontario showing Free Grant Lands with Free Grant Agencies listed also roads, railways and boundary lines.
Invitation	E. Boyd	H.S. McDonald	Kingston Apr. 17, /61	Cricket Club Ball.
Certificate	Chris. Van Sickle	Col. Stone		for lot in Town of Leeds.

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Next - M. L. H. Papers, (no list docs), [1813-1821], [1802, 1812, 15, 1826]