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Name (including variations): Birth date & place: _____ Death date & place: _____ Other locations: _____ Spouse/s (inc. birth/death date etc.): _____ **Parents: Grandparents:** Siblings: Children: **Occupation:** Religion: _____ Military unit: Known documents & other:

» STEP ONE

These useful biographical and indexing books are located with the <u>MICGDL</u> books (part of *The Loyalist Collection*) on the 5th floor of the Harriet Irving Library. Particular focus is given to sources related to New Brunswick loyalists. (See "Print Material" page on *The Loyalist Collection site* for full list of holdings - loyalist.lib.unb.ca/print-materials)

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It also recommended you search the journal article database, *America: History and Life*, subscribed to by UNB Libraries and search for academic articles on your individual, their community, military unit, profession, etc.

» STEP THREE

KEY PRIMARY DOCUMENTS CHECK LIST

The Loyalist Collection is found online at loyalist.lib.unb.ca.

Loyalist claims (for losses sustained during the war)

You can find claims in the AO (Audit Office) 12 (Series I) & 13 (Series II) records held in *The Loyalist Collection* by:

1. Use book indexes (see "Nominal Searching" list: Antliff, Fraser, Coldham & Haigh, Coldham, Dryer & Jones)

2. Go to the shelf list in the red binders (under call numbers MIC-Loyalist FC LPR .G7A9C5L6.and MIC-Loyalist FC LPR .G7A9C5L7; the finding aids for AO 12 and AO 13 are also available online in the catalogue)

3. Locate the corresponding reel of microfilm in the cabinets.

□ Land petitions & grants

Petitions were requests for land which could include descriptive information about the petitioner's circumstances, while grants provide the location in detail of where property was given by the government.

<u>New Brunswick</u> land petitions are available in *The Loyalist Collection* under the title *Land Petitions, New Brunswick, Surveyor General* (MIC-Loyalist FC LPR .N4S9L3P4). To find a petitions, you need to:

1. Use PANB's (Provincial Archives of New Brunswick) online database "Land Petitions: Original Series" and record reference letters and numbers and the name under which the petition is listed (Note: This may not be your loyalist's name)

2. Use *The Loyalist Collection* finding aid for the record (MIC-Loyalist FC LPR .N4S9L3P4, either online or in the red binders) to locate the corresponding reel number

3. Retrieve the microfilm reel from the cabinet.

The PANB online database "New Brunswick Land Grants" will enable you to find land grants.

For Nova Scotia:

The Nova Scotia Commissioner of Crown Lands fonds, *Nova Scotia Land Papers, 1765-1800*, are available online through the Nova Scotia Archives website. (<u>https://novascotia.ca/archives/landpapers/</u>). Many loyalist grants were made when New Brunswick was still part of Nova Scotia.

For Ontario:

Index to the Lower Canada Land Petitions (1764-1841) [HIL-MIC-Loyalist FC LPR .Q4E9L3P3Index] Accompanying material included and shelved with Index

Index to the Upper Canada Land Petitions and the Executive Council Minute Books on Land Matters : 1787-1867 [HIL-MIC-Loyalist FC LPR .05E9L3P4 Index]

Indexes petitions and land books. Petitions are available for 1783-1867 [FC LPR .O5E9L3P4];

Minutes of the Land Committee are available for 1787-1867 [FC LPR .O5E9M5]

For Quebec:

Minutes of the Land Committeeof Quebec (later known Lower Canada), 1787-1835 are found in the collection Upper Canada. Executive Council: Minutes of the Land Committee.... volumes 1-4, 13-17 [HIL-MIC-Loyalist FC LPR .05E9M5]

☐ Military records

Use the *Index to British Military and Naval Records* (MIC-Loyalist FC LMR .N3B7M5 Index) to find military records within *The Loyalist Collection*. The index consists of microfilm of typed index cards which is also available on Library and Archives Canada's website (http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/british-military-naval-records-index.aspx).

Also, *Ward Chipman Muster Rolls* (MIC-Loyalist FC LMR .C4W3M8) and *Carleton's Loyalist Index* (MIC-Loyalist FC LMR .D6G8B7 Index, ask Microforms staff for CD version) may also be of use.

<u>Note:</u> Muster rolls were prepared by the captains of each company by a military writ for the purpose of paying the soldiers; they usually contained a date and place when taken and at times notations indicating rank change or reasons for absence. To get basic information on loyalist provincial regiments and their movements, check *The On-Line Institute for Advanced Loyalist Studies* (royalprovincial.com) and *King George's Army* 1775-1783: A Handbook of British, American and German Regiments by Philip Katcher. (HIL-MICGDL E267. K37 1973b)

□ Wills & probate records

Use the PANB database online "Early New Brunswick Probate" for content of documents. New Brunswick Probate Records from 1785-1840 for Saint John County (MIC-Loyalist FC LPR .N4C6P7S2R4) are located in *The Loyalist Collection* which are arranged on the reels by date.

Note: Probate is a legal process wherein the estate of a deceased person is administered.

□ Widow's petitions

Use the PANB database "Records of Old Revolutionary Soldiers and Their Widows" to search *Records of Old Soldiers' and Widows' Pensions; 1837 – 1871* available in *The Loyalist Collection* (MIC-Loyalist FC LMR .N4P7S6P4). See shelf list to locate reels.

\Box Court records

See Microforms staff to look up individuals in *the New Brunswick Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace* indices for early New Brunswick counties; the references will then allow you to retrieve the primary documents from records contained in *The Loyalist Collection*.

Copies of many Nova Scotia county papers for General Quarter Sessions of the are available in *The Loyalist Collection* as well.

<u>Note:</u> Individuals might appear in county court records for criminal cases, as jury members, justices, brides and grooms, parish officers, and as recipients of tavern licenses and teaching certificates.

□ Church records

Identify community and denomination if possible, then you can locate potential church records within *The Loyalist Collection*.

□ Marianne Grey Otty Database

This index allows you to search baptismal, marriage, and death records kept by early travelling minsters in New Brunswick centred on Queens County, New Brunswick. The Database if found off *The Loyalist Collection* website: <u>https://motty.lib.unb.ca/</u>.

□ Special Collections and Family Records

Make sure to check *The Loyalist Collection* catalogue (loyalist.lib.unb.ca) for any mention of your loyalist, their community, or regiment. Use quotations to search if it is more than one word.

□ The Winslow Papers

The Papers are available online through the Centre for Digital Scholarship (<u>https://lib.unb.ca/winslow/</u>) and on microfilm. Edward Winslow mentions many New Brunswick loyalists in the extensive record he created during the period of major loyalist activity.

□ Gravestones/ Graveyards

Use cemetery reference books, PANB database online "New Brunswick Cemeteries", and the website "Find A Grave" (<u>https://www.findagrave.com/</u>) to locate individuals or family members in the American colonies or New Brunswick.

□ Maps

Many types of maps will prove useful, but particularly early survey and land grant maps of New Brunswick (available in the UNB Library Map Collection located in the HIL basement and on PANB's website). The *David Rumsey Map Collection* offers a robust selection of digitized maps (https://www.davidrumsey.com/).

$\hfill\square$ Book of Negroes

Carleton, Guy. *Book of Negroes*. The National Archives, Kew (PRO 30/55/100). Available Archives of Nova Scotia website, https://novascotia.ca/archives/africanns/BN.asp. A transcription is also available on the website *Black Loyalist*: https://www.blackloyalist.info/sourceimagesdisplaypage/transcript/15

$\hfill\square$ Census Records

For Nova Scotia, *Census Returns, Assessment and Poll Tax Records* are available online from <u>1767</u>-1838. novascotia.ca/archives/census/

□ Township Records

The Loyalist Collection holds most of the township books kept by townships, of which many contain vital statistics. Browse by category to find the various Nova Scotia Township Records listed alphabetically together.

□ Newspapers

The Micoforms Collection t has the largest collection of New Brunswick newspapers, including early publications (see below listing) and early publication from Nova Scotia and Upper Canada as well. Use PANB's online database "Newspaper Vital Statistics" for a nominal search.

The digital database *America's Historical Newspapers: Early American Newspapers* is invaluable for searching American, colonial newspapers during the Revolutionary period. It is available linked under "Newspapers Packages" on the Journals & Newspapers tab of the library website.

Microform Newspaper Collection (UNB Libraries)

<u>Note:</u> The Microform Newspaper (HIL-MIC) Collection is located in the basement of the HIL, arranged alphabetically then chronologically within the title. You can use the online newspaper database "New Brunswick Historical Newspapers Project" (https://newspapers.lib.unb.ca/) to search more titles.

- City Gazette, 1785-1807, Saint John, NB
- New Brunswick Courier, Saint John, NB
- Royal Gazette, 1785-1841, Fredericton & Saint John. (Index available, *People, Places and Things in New Brunswick: An Index to The Royal Gazette*, HIL-MICGD FC2471 .G72 1990 in basement)
- Royal New Brunswick Gazette and General Advertiser, 1784-1785, Parrtown, NB
- Halifax Journal, Halifax, NS
- The Royal Gazette and Nova Scotia Advertiser, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Royal Gazette, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Magazine and Comprehensive Review, Halifax, NS
- Weekly Chronicle, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Packet and General Advertiser, Shelburne, NS
- Royal American Gazette, Shelburne, NS
- Port Roseway Gazetteer and the Shelburne Advertiser, Shelburne, NS
- Acadian Recorder, Halifax, NS
- Royal Gazette and Miscellany of the Island of Saint John, Charlottetown, PEI
- Royal Herald, Charlottetown, PEI
- Upper Canada Gazette, or American Oracle, Toronto & Niagara, ON
- The Canadian Constellation, Niagara, ON
- The Quebec Gazette, Québec, QC
- Herald and Universal Miscellany, Québec, QC
- The Montréal Gazette, Montréal, QC

Online newspaper resources:

Daniel F. Johnson's New Brunswick Newspaper Vital Statistics. Provincial Archives of New Brunswick website. http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/NewspaperVitalStats/Default.aspx?culture=en-CA>.

Early American Newspapers. Microprint. (HIL-MICP in basement) & available online through UNB Libraries Newspaper Packages: <u>America's Historical Newspapers</u>

Island Newspapers, UPEI, Robertson Library. Available freely online at islandnewspapers.ca

Nova Scotia Digitized Historical Newspapers, Nova Scotia Archives. Available freely online at novascotia.ca/archives/newspapers/

OTHER INSTITUTIONS

You may want to visit the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (located on the UNB Fredericton campus, 23 Dineen Drive, website <u>http://archives.gnb.ca/Archives/?culture=en-CA</u>) to do further research your loyalist. Reference staff are available to assist you at the Archives.

- New Brunswick Museum Archives, Saint John, New Brunswick
- New Brunswick Historical Society, Saint John (Loyalist House), New Brunswick
- Nova Scotia Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia (<u>https://archives.novascotia.ca/</u>)
- Black Loyalist Heritage Centre, Shelburne, Nova Scotia (https://blackloyalist.novascotia.ca/)
- Kings Landing, Prince William, New Brunswick (living history museum with large material history collection covering the loyalist period)
- Historical organizations & archives from where loyalist originated or lived. It is very useful to locate and reach out to these organizations.

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