

A. I served during the American war, for 5 years and 4 months, in the King's Rangers, in which corps I was a serjeant.

Q. Was the regiment disbanded here?

A. The battalion was to which I was attached.

Q. What induced you to remain here?

A. Governor Patterson told me, if I would remain on the Island he would grant me 500 acres, the same as an American Refugee, as I had a family, besides 200 acres I was entitled to for my services, which induced me to remain, contrary to my previous intention.

Q. Did you get that land?

A. 200 acres to which I was entitled for my services were surveyed for me on Lot 57: after building a house on the land, I applied to Governor Patterson for a grant; he told me I should get one as soon as it could be drawn out—I repeatedly applied for it afterwards, but had not got it when Governor Patterson was removed from the Island—I then applied to Governor Fanning—he put me off from time to time—at length he told me he had no authority.

Q. Have you any documents: to produce in proof of what you have now stated?

Witness then produced the following Certificate.

"This is to certify, that two hundred acres of Land on Lot or Township Number 57, were located to Serjeant Peter Musick, agreeable to a Minute of Council of 7th May, 1784.

(Signed) "GEORGE WRIGHT, A. S. G.

"Surveyor General's Office, 25th Oct. 1823".

Extract of Minute of Council of May 7th, 1784.

"The Board having examined the names of the claimants for their Lands on Lot 57, find that there are a sufficient number to entitle them to a Grant, agreeable to the foregoing resolution.

John Brown, Sergt.
Peter Musick, Sergt.
and 22 privates.

"23d September, 1828.

"I certify this to be a correct extract,
(Signed) "J. P. COLLINS, C. C."

Q. Are you still in possession of the Land?

A. Finding I could get no deed, I left the land, fearing that the proprietor of the Township, Lord Selkirk, would turn me off. There are now two tenants of his Lordship's upon it.

JOHN ACORN, *called in and examined.*

Q. When did you come to the Island?

A. In 1782.

Q. Had you served in the army?

A. Yes, three years and a half in the King's Rangers, in which I was a private.

Q. What induced you to remain here?

A. Because Governor Patterson promised to give us lands the same as the Refugees, besides what we were entitled to for our services in the army.

Q. Did you get any land?

A. I got 100 acres from Governor Patterson in 1785, on Lot 50, as he was then proprietor of the Lot. I got this from him as a present, as he wished to keep me in the country to assist him in erecting a Mill. When Governor Fanning afterwards became proprietor of the Township, he gave me a grant of that 100 acres. Another hundred acres on Lot 50 were allotted to me as a disbanded soldier. I built a small house on that land, but I never got a grant of it; and I went and lived on my other hundred acres. I sold that, and bought another farm. Daniel Hearne, who calls himself a tenant of Mrs. Fanning's, lives on the land that was given me for my services.

JOHN BOVYER, *called in and examined.*

Q. Was your Father an American Loyalist?

A. He was.

Q. When did he come to this Island?

A. In 1787.

Q. Was he induced to come here in consequence of Gov. Patterson's Proclamation, offering land to the Loyalists?

A. I have reason to think he was.

Q. Was he put in possession of any land as a Loyalist?

A. He was, by a Deed from Mr. Lewis, one of the Proprietors; in proof of which I have to produce the following Certificate.

Registrar's Office, Prince Edward Island,
19th December, 1832.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that an Indenture made between "Edward Lewis, of Berkeley Square, London," and "Steven Boyver, jun., late of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, but now of Charlotte-Town," bearing date the Thirtieth day of April, 1788, conveying Five Hundred acres on Township No. 5, for and in consideration of certain Rents and Covenants on the part and behalf of the said Steven Boyver, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to be fulfilled and kept, and also for and in consideration of the Sum of 5s; "and further, "in consideration of "the services and losses, as well as the great zeal and good will "which he the said Edward Lewis beareth to the said Steven Boyver, for and on account of his loyalty and attachment to his pre- "sent Majesty and his Government"—was duly Registered the 6th October, 1788, in Book 2, folios 273, 274, 275, 276, 277 & 278.

J. P. COLLINS, Registrar.

I DO ALSO CERTIFY, that a similar Indenture, between the said Edward Lewis and John Boyver, bearing date the First day of May, 1788, conveying Two Hundred Acres on the said Township No. 5, for similar considerations, was duly registered the 11th October, 1788, in Book 2, folio 279.

J. P. COLLINS, Registrar.

Q. Is the property still in possession of the family?

A. No—my father having placed a tenant upon it, was afterwards informed by Mr. Hill, who was Administrator for Mr. Lewis, that he must give up the land. My father refused to do so, when a suit in chancery was commenced against him by Mr. Hill—but my father has informed me that he never received a Subpœna to answer in the cause. Process of contempt nevertheless issued against him for want of an answer, and he was taken into custody. He was then required to sign a disclaimer or go to Jail. Having refused, he was taken to the Jail door, but not put in by the officer, who there left him. Being afraid, however, of the consequences that would follow, he was ultimately induced to sign the disclaimer.

Q. Who was the Chancellor then?

A. Governor Desbarres.

Q. Was the decree afterwards completed?

A. It was—by Governor Smith: my father not having been able to retain Counsel, made no defence—nor did he nor the family ever afterwards receive any compensation for the loss.

JOSEPH ROBINSON sen. *called in and examined.*

Q. What age are you?

A. Eighty-five.

Q. When did you come to this Island?

A. In November, 1784.

Q. Were you an American Loyalist?

A. I was. I was a gunsmith in New York. I possessed a property within two miles of that city of considerable value, which I lost by adhering to the loyal cause at the revolution. I incurred considerable danger in supplying Governor Tryon with arms on different occasions, when New York was in possession of the rebels. I was with the British Army as a guide during a great part of the war, but got nothing for it.

Q. What induced you to come to this place?

A. When I was at Shelburne, several Proclamations were posted about the streets, offering lands to