

1777. He was also with Burgoyne at the battle of Bennington, at Stillwater, N.Y., and witnessed his surrender at Saratoga. But he escaped being captured, and joined the King's Royal Regiment of New York, in which he received the rank of first lieutenant. His commission was dated November 16, 1781. During the French and Revolutionary wars he fought in seventeen battles and was wounded but once, and then in his right hand.

In the year 1780 Henry Young was sent to Kingston with a detachment of troops under Major Ross. They landed at the small inlet just north of Cedar Islands and known as Dead Man's Bay. He was the first Loyalist to step ashore, and spent three years assisting Major Ross and his party to build the fort on Carleton Island at Oswego. The lines of the fortifications are still quite distinct. It is said that Fort Henry at Kingston, was named after Henry Young.

But while this soldier Young had been engaging in his duties on the frontier, his home at Husack had been raided by the rebels and stripped of everything of value. The Bible, containing the family records, was carried off, and the children could never afterwards be certain of their ages. Daniel, the eldest, lived with his grandfather Lampman, who owned an extensive estate on the old Padrone Land of the Van Rensselaers. The old mansion still stands at East Greenwich, N.Y., opposite Albany. Tradition has it that "Yankee Doodle" was composed by a young surgeon on the staff of General James Abercrombie while staying in the old house. The song was written by Dr. Schuchburg in derision of the rebel army, but was adopted by the Yankees.

New York State was one of the slave provinces at the time, and naturally Mr. Lampman had the usual number of these retainers around his home. Young Daniel was well on in his teens and wanted to get to his father; so he bribed one of the old blacks, who had been given as part of her dowry to his grandmother, to assist him to run away. They bided their time, until one day they learned that a party of British scouts were encamped some miles away. With the assistance of the old servant, young Daniel managed to join the body of scouts, and went with them into Canada, where he found his father stationed at Montreal. The son immediately enlisted under the British colors, and went with Sir John Johnson to Oswego in 1782. The winter following was so cold that it is said Lake Ontario was bridged with ice, and the little