

William LePerkins,

Of Boston, physician, went to Halifax with his family in 1776. Washington, on taking possession of Boston, ordered his stock of medicines to be taken for the use of the Continental army. In 1778 he was proscribed and banished. He died at Hampton Court, England in 1787. He was the author of several medical publications of much merit.

Nathaniel Perkins,

Of Boston, physician, graduated at Harvard University, in 1734. When, in 1764 hospitals were established in Boston for the treatment of small-pox by inoculation, he was one of the attending physicians. Dr. Perkins went to Halifax in 1775. In 1778 he was proscribed and banished. He died in 1799, the place of his death not being recorded.

Peter Oliver and Brinley Sylvester Oliver

Were probably in Halifax in 1776. They became surgeons in the British Service. They died in England. A brother became prominent in public life in New Brunswick.

William Brattle,

Of Massachusetts. A man of more eminent talents and of greater eccentricities never lived. He graduated at Harvard in 1722, and subsequently was representative from Cambridge, and a member for many years of the Council. He seems to have been of every profession and to have been eminent in all. As a clergyman, his preaching was acceptable; as a physician, he was celebrated; and he had an extensive practice as a lawyer. His military aptitude secured for him the rank of Major General of Militia, an office, in his time, of very considerable importance, and of high honour. He loved good living, and possessed the happy faculty of pleasing both the government and the people. A pronounced Loyalist, he was proscribed and banished. In 1776 he came to Halifax, where he died a few months afterwards.

William James Almon,

Was born in the year 1754. In 1771 he was apprenticed to Andrew Anderson, Physician and Surgeon, of New York. In 1779, he received from Lord Townshend a commission as Surgeon's Mate to the 4th Battalion of Royal Artillery. On the evacuation of Boston in 1776, he came to Halifax with Lord Howe's forces, but remained only a short time, as he accompanied the troops to New York and was in active service for several years. Before the close of the Revolutionary War he returned to Halifax and received the appointment of Surgeon of Artillery and Ordnance, a position which he held for many years. In 1785, he was appointed surgeon of the Halifax Alm's House, a position which was subsequently held by his son, grandson, and great-grandson. In the same year he was married to Rebecca