

val he acquired a tract of land at Stanhope, where he settled down with his three sons, John, Stephen and Robert. Stephen Boyer, the younger, brought with him his wife Margaret Campbell, to whom he had been married in the United States and with them came their five children.

Stanhope was at that time about the most thickly populated settlement on the Island of St. John. The Lawsons, Aulds, Higgins, Carrs, and others had come hither from England as early as 1769 and formed quite a community.

Among the residents of the place was the Reverend Theophilus DesBrisay, the Rector of Charlotte Parish. Mr. DesBrisay received his appointment from the King in 1774. He had arrived in the Island in 1775. At that time he was probably the only resident Minister in the colony, and being a most broad-minded and friendly man was greatly esteemed by all.

Shortly after Stephen Boyer's arrival, he met Mr. DesBrisay, and the two became friends. It chanced that at one of their meetings Boyer recounted the events of the morning when the English ship of war sailed into Boston Harbor and anchored off

his farm. Mr. DesBrisay listened with deep interest and being told of the date of the event and other circumstances relating thereto, surprised his neighbor by informing him that the ship was H. M. S. Renown, and on that identical morning, he, Rev. Mr. DesBrisay, was serving on board as Chaplain.

This, if anything, helped to bind the friendship of the two; but their companionship was destined to be of short duration; for, a little more than a year after his arrival on the Island Stephen Boyer, the brave old loyalist, passed away to that land where reigns the King of Kings.

His descendants were numerous. They are, however, now scattered here and there over the continent. Of direct male descendants but one or two remain in this province, Dr. Robertson of Crapaud being a great-grandson; as is also, if the writer is not mistaken, Mr. Alfred Boyer of Covehead. Mrs F. S. Moore, Mrs. Smallwood, and Mrs John Higgins, of Charlottetown are also descendants of the old loyalist, whose story describes one of a class of men who came here in numbers after the Revolutionary War.

