

**The First English Proprietors
Of the Parish of Woodstock.**

[No 45]

The original grant to the men of De Lancey's first and second battalions is extant and in an excellent state of preservation. It is now in the possession of Mr. Charles L. Smith, of Woodstock. There is an excellent plan attached to the grant, scale one mile to an inch, drawn by Charles Morris Esq., Surveyor General. The grant is signed by Governor Parr and counter-signed by the Provincial Secretary, Richard Bulkely. The great seal of Nova Scotia, some four inches in diameter and about half an inch in thickness is attached to the grant. This venerable document has now been in the Smith family for many years and is occasionally consulted by surveyors and others.

As originally surveyed the Woodstock grant to De Lancey's men comprised 48 lots of 550 acres each, with the single exception of lot 22, which contained but 500 acres. The grant began about two miles above Eel river the lower boundary being nearly identical with the McIlroy road leading from the St. John river to Benton.

The present and original owners of the lots as far as the writer has been able to determine them are now given:—

LOT.	PRESENT OWNER.	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	ACRES.
1.	Robert Franklin,	Robt Brown,	100
		James Brown,	100
		Wm Brown,	150
	S Teeling,	Corp Andrew Holt,	200
2.	George Brown,	Sergt Wm Jackson,	250
	Gilbert Brown,	Wm Vanderfield,	100
		John Merry,	100
		James Wake,	100
3.	Ben Stickney,	Sergt D Newman,	450
		Joseph Dickson,	100
4.	Mrs T A Brown,	Surgeon N Smith,	550
5.	A R Hay,	Corp E Maxwell,	200
		James Craig,	250
		Sergt Isaac Kipp,	250
6.	A W Hay,	Corp T Stanley,	350
		Samuel Dawson,	100
		John Dugan,	100
7.	Peter Johnston,	Surgeon N Smith,	350
	B Bull,	John Smith,	200
8.	Levi Yerxa,	Ensign H Ferguson,	550
	Alex Johnston,		
9.	John Lilly,	Ensign G Brewerton,	550
	James Bryden,		
10.	John Craig,	Ungranted,	550
	P Brophy,		
11.	Armstrong prop'ty,	Ungranted,	550
	M Gough,		
12.	Allen Barnett,	Ungranted,	550
	C Yerxa,		
	M Teed,		
13.	James Dugan,	Ungranted,	550
	E Sprout,		
	J Powers,		
14.	John Day,	Miles Riley,	100
		Chris Myers,	100
		Adolphus Brush,	100
		James Carter,	100
		Ensign N E Old,	50
15.	A Dow,	David Rivers,	100
		Wm Lawrence,	100
		Lawrence McDonald,	100
		Wm Hickie,	100
		John Barrot,	100
		Ens Geo Everitt,	50
16.	J Ferris,	David Flinn,	100
	Henry Bull,	Martin Devire,	100
		John Jennings,	150
		Sergt Sol Wood,	200
17.	Albert Bull,	Dan'l Buckley,	100
		Mich'l Dennison,	100
		Joseph Jones,	150
		Sergt Edward Neil,	200
18.	John Riorden,	Lieut Ben Lester,	550
19.	Leonard Slipp,	Peter Thompson,	100
		Pat Birmingham,	150
		Sergt D McSheffrey,	300
20.	A Stephenson,	Thos Everitt,	100
		Benj Collins,	100
		John Weston,	100
		Henry Fisher,	150
		Major Jos Greene,	200
21.	C H L Perkins,	Geo McGee,	200
	Franklin Ball,	Fred Hubbard,	150
		John Straubank,	150
22.	J D Ketchum,	John McLaughlin,	100
		James Bradley,	100
		Thomas Lutart,	100
		Edward Cougins,	100
		Thomas Starfont,	100
23.	Fred Cookson,	Adam Sutherland,	150
	L Dibblee,	Sergt T Fowler,	400
24.	Byron Bull,	Corp Jonas Higby,	200
		Sergt Wm Parrydy,	200
		Joseph Temple,	100
25.	John Fleming,	Ens Rich Boyle,	550
	H McLean,		
26.	Indian Reserve,	Ens Geo Everitt,	550
27.	Mrs Jas Wetmore,	Major J Greene,	550
	Joseph Griffith,		
	J Davidson,		
28.	Wm H DeVeber,	Lt B P Griffith,	550
29.	J J Bedell,	Joseph Stevens,	150
		John Short,	100
		John Fitzgerald,	100
		Corp James Barry,	200
30.	G S & J Peabody,	Corp Robt Hallet,	250
	Stephen Peabody,	Peter Clark,	100
		Wm Pitt,	100
		Thos Callaghan,	100
31.	C W Raymond,	Sergt H Farmer,	250
	A J Raymond,	Sergt P McNamara,	300
	C A Beardsley,		
32.	Misses Beardsley,	Lt T Cunningham,	550
33.	C L Smith,	Capt Thos French,	550
34.	Henry Upham,	Major J Greene,	550
	Aug Upham, etc,		
35.	Pen of Woodst'k,	Capt Jacob Smith,	550
36.	Town to creek,	Capt Jacob Smith,	350
		Michael Penn,	100
		John Carson,	100
37.	Above creek,	Ens N E Old,	550
38.	Town above L P Fisher's.	Sergt R Chambers,	200
		John Vance,	100
		Michael Higgins,	100
		William Laird,	150
39.	Town,	Ens Jas DeLancey,	550
40.	Town,	Ens Ralph Smith,	550
41.	Town,	Sergt Adam King,	200
		J Fitzpatrick,	200
		Henry Farmer,	50
42.	Beginning of Upper Woodstock.	Corp Rich Rogers,	200
		Corp Rich Inman,	200
		Wm Tingell,	100
		Lt T Cunningham,	50
43.	Upper Woodstock,	John Mainey,	100
		Thos Thames,	100
		Daniel Cummings,	100
		Capt Thos French,	250
44.	At Lane's Creek,	Lt Jas Supple,	550
45.	Above Lane's Crk,	Sergt R Johnson,	200
		Robert Ogle,	100
		Henry Holmes,	100
		Wm Thacker,	150
46.	Upper Woodstock,	Corp James Devire,	200
		Corp Josh Nailer,	200
		Wm Slayman,	100
		Lt B P Griffith,	50



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		Corp J Gondelo,	200
		Lt B P Griffith,	50
48.	To parish line,	Wm McDavitt,	200
		Thomas Foy,	100
		John Linnehan,	100
		James McChain,	150

A few words will now be in order respecting the old veterans of DeLancey's brigade, the first English owners of the soil at Woodstock. They were all members of the first and second battalions of the Brigade, and the majority of them has served throughout the revolutionary war.

DeLancey's battalions were organized towards the close of the year 1776, and were supposed to be each 500 strong, but from a variety of causes it was found impossible to keep the brigade always up to its strength. In August 1777 the muster rolls show that the total strength of the first and second battalions was about 640 men. They were a little stronger when ordered to engage in the Campaign in Georgia and South Carolina in the year 1779, at which time they were about 400 officers and men in the first battalion and about 350 in the second. When first organized the DeLancey battalions were offered as follows:

FIRST BATTALION.

- No 1. or the General's Company.—Oliver DeLancey, Br. Gen'l; George Kerr, Capt.; Lieut. Mark Kerr, Ensign;
- No 2. Thomas Conkling, Capt.; John Roney; Lieut. Nicholas E. Old, Ensign;
- No. 3. Charles Duffee, Capt.; Arthur Blayney, Lieut.; Thomas Hoyt, Ensign;
- No. 4. James Galbreath, Capt.; Charles McPherson, Lieut.; Thomas Cunningham Ensign.
- No. 5. James Raymond, Capt.; Thos. French, Lieut.; James Supple, Ensign.
- No. 6. Barent Roorback, Capt.; John Neaille, Ensign.
- No. 7. Jacob Smith, Capt.; James French, Lieut.; Richard Boyle, Ensign.
- No. 8. Thomas French Capt.

SECOND BATTALION.

- No. 1. The Colonel's Company.—George Brewerton, Col.; Ralph Cunningham, Capt. Lieut.; James Moffat, Ensign.
- No. 2. Stephen De Lancey, Lieut. Col.; Benjamin P. Griffith, Lieut.; Henry Ferguson, Ensign.
- No. 3. Walter Campbell, Capt.; Colin Campbell, Lieut.
- No. 4. Alex Constable, Capt.; Justice McCartney, Lieut.; Angus McDiarmid, Ensign.
- No. 5. George Dunbar, Capt.; Alex McMillan, Lieut.; Benjamin Pollard, Ensign.
- No. 6. Samuel Hallet, Capt.; Daniel Hallet, Lieut.
- No. 7. Howes Hatch, Capt.; William Brooke Lieut.
- No. 8. Thos. Wm. Moore, Capt.; Edward Potts, Lieut.; Daniel Cameron, Ensign.
- No. 9. Thomas Woolley, Capt.; Benjamin Lester, Lieut.; Thomas Serives, Ensign.

Edward Potts, Quarter Master, Daniel Cameron, Adjutant, John Johnson, Surgeon, Joseph Marven, Surgeon Mate.

During the continuance of the war there were numerous changes both amongst the officers and also in the rank and file. Capt. Thomas Conkling was killed in 1870 in the Georgia campaign and his Lieutenant John Roney was killed May 22nd 1781 at the siege of fort ninety-six. Ensign Benjamin Pollard was killed at the siege of Savannah in 1779. Col. Brewerton died during the war. Many of the men were killed or died of wounds and exposure, others broken down in health were discharged as unfit for service. Some were from time to time taken prisoners by the enemy and the entry frequently occurs in connection with a name here and there in the old muster rolls "prisoner with the rebels."

The losses in the south during 1779 and the two years following reduced the first and second DeLancey battalions to less than half their original strength, and about the end of the year 1781 the commanding officer at Charlestown issued an order incorporating the two battalions into one and from this date the 3rd battalion stationed under Col. Ludlow at Lloyd's Neck became the 2nd battalion. When it was ascertained that any further continuance of the struggle was hopeless no attempt was made to secure recruits and the numbers enrolled in De Lancey's brigade continued to diminish, some were discharged as their period of service expired, many sought their old homes and some were disbanded in New York to proceed whither they would. Thus it came to pass that in September 1783 there were only a little more than one hundred officers and men of the first and second battalions to proceed to Nova Scotia. The officers of the corps are thus returned in the last muster at New York previous to the evacuation of that place by the British.

DE LANCEY'S FIRST BATTALION.

- No. 1. Brig. Gen. De Lancey, Capt. Lieut. Chas. McLean, Ensign Wm. French.
- No. 2. Lieut. Col. Cruger, Lieut. Nehemiah Rogers.
- No. 3. Major Joseph Greene, Lieut. Benjamin Lester, Ensign Henry Ferguson.
- No. 4. Capt. Jacob Smith, Lieut. B. P. Griffith, Ensign Richard Boyle.
- No. 5. Capt. George Dunbar, Lieut. Alex McMillan, Ensign James De Lancey.
- No. 6. Capt. James Galbreath, Ensign Colin Campbell.
- No. 7. Capt. James French, Lieut. Daniel Hallet, Ensign N. E. Old.
- No. 8. Capt. George Kerr, Lieut. James Supple.
- No. 9. Capt. Thomas French, Lieut. Thos. Cunningham, Ensign Brewerton.
- No. 10. Capt. Barent Roorback, Lieut. Daniel Cameron.

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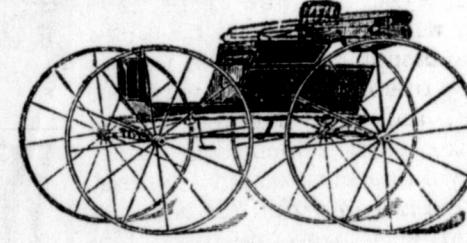


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