LOYALISTS IN KINGWOD, part i

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NEW JERSEY LOYALISTS

- Estimated by historian Paul Smith at about 50,000 Loyalists in New Jersey - ~ 1/3 of the white population
- 477 New Jerseyans made repayment claims to the British Crown
- New Jersey Volunteers
 - Fought on the British side
 - Various estimates and times ~ 500 to ~2450 soldiers
 - Over 100 engagements, just in NJ, including:
 - Battle of Monmouth
 - Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield

Source: NJ State Library, "Strangely Contaminated"

TIMELINE - THE BREAK - 1776

- 25 June Gov.William Franklin ordered to confinement in Connecticut
- 26 June Provincial Congress and Council of Safety
 - Move to stop insurrection in Hunterdon and Somerset counties
 - Called for several individuals to be jailed in Trenton
- I July First battalion NJV (Loyalists) commissioned on Staten Island
- 2 July NJ declared independence from Great Britain
- 4 July Declaration of Independence
- 4 September NJV Brigadier General Cortlandt Skinner commissioned – Goal – 2500 men

TIMELINE - LEGAL ACTION - 1778-1779

- Numerous laws passed and legal action against Loyalists
- Leasing and sales of Loyalists assets
- Final judgments handed down in October (a couple of exceptions)
- NJ vested with the real and personal estates of those convicted
- Hunterdon Commissioners ordered to sell all remaining real estate and personal estates of those convicted as Loyalists.

TIMELINE - PEACE - 1781-1784

- I9 October 1781 British surrender at Yorktown – ending significant conflicts in North America
- I782 Loyalists start coming back to New Jersey
 - Discussions of what to do with Loyalists
 - Illegal trade between Loyalists and Patriots
- September 1783 Treaty of Paris signed (effective 12 May 1784)
 - Terms give Loyalists a way back
- I783 I784 Mass exodus of Loyalists, mostly to Nova Scotia (area that is today New Brunswick)



Source: H. Sandham, "The Coming of the Loyalists," Wikipedia

Hunterdon Says No Loyalists - ~1782

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- * "Because they Left their Country from Real Principals of Disaffection to the Cause, And have Done All In their Power to Subjugate us, to the Tyranny of Britain, And are therefore Unworthy the Liberty we Contend for,"
- "...they might serve as Emissaries for our Enemies, Sow the Seeds of Discord, Raise Mutunies And Disaffection Amongst us."
- * "Because No true friend to his Country Could but with Horror, See those Miscreants Injoying those Priviledges which by Shedding the Blood Of their Countrymen, they Strove to Obstruct..."
- "....we Cannot Receive them with Good faith..."

Betty DeSapio, PLCGS, 23 Jan 2023

Source: NJ State Archives

- Capt. Bartholomew Thatcher 2nd and 3rd
 Battalions of New Jersey Volunteers
- Edward Taylor "adhered to" the King
- Joseph Merrill "joined the Army of the King"
- Rev. David Sutton Baptist minister called in to take Oath, apparently fined

- Born ca. 1738 to Joseph Thatcher and Margaret Hull
- Likely birthplace, Kingwood
- First wife said to be Nancy Ann?
- Married 2nd wife, Margaret Gambel in Hunterdon County in 1806 (likely Kingwood)
- Died in Kingwood in 1817
- Buried in Friends Cemetery in Quakertown (formerly Kingwood)

BARTHOLOMEW, LOYALIST AND SOLDIER

- Jailed in Trenton for Loyalist activities, July 1776
- Joined New Jersey Volunteers, December 1776 said to have escaped to the British Army
- Captain of 3rd Battalion, NJV, September 1778
- Captain of 2nd Battalion, NJV, July 1781
- Retired, October 1783
- Collected half-pay for life from United Kingdom
- Widow filed for UK military pension upon his death

APPOINTMENT TO CAPTAIN - 1778

By His Excellency SIR HENRY CLINTON, K. B. GENERAL and COMMANDER IN CHIEF of all His MAJESTY'S Forces within the Colonies laying on the ATLANTIC Ocean, from Nova-Scotia to WEST-FLORIDA, inclusive, Sec. Sec. Sec. To Bartholemew Thatcher Cog." Virtue of the Power and Authority in Me vefied, I DO hereby conflitute and appoint You to be CAPTAIN of a Company in the Shird Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers, - commanded by Lieut Colonel Command I Suac Allan, You are therefore to take the faid Company into Your Care and Charge, and duly to exercise as well the Officers, as Soldiers thereof in Arms, and to use Your best Endeavours to keep them in good Order and Discipline; and I DO hereby command them to obey You as their Captain: And You are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as You shall receive from the GENERAL or COMMANDER in CHIEF of HIS MAJESTY'S Forces in NORTH-AMERICA, now, and for the Time being, Your I Kolonel Commandant, or any other Your Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Difcipline of War, in purfuance of the Truft hereby reposed in You. 171 GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at HEAD-QUARTERS, in New York whe South in the bighteenth Day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Bight ~ Year of the Reign of our Sovereign LORD GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCES and IRELAND, King, Defender of the FAITH, and fo forthe By His EXCELLENCY's Command, John mith

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Source: Ancestry

WIDOW'S PENSION APPLICATION - 1819

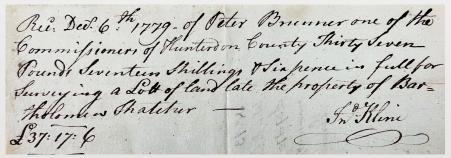
- Bartholomew's Widow
 applied for pension from UK
- Could not locate if pension was granted

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Source: Ancestry

BARTHOLOMEW'S PERSONAL LOSSES

- Found guilty of joining the King's Army, Oct 1778
- Personal estate sold, Dec 1778
- Real estate surveyed for sale, 1779



 Auctioned off 18 Dec 1779 in Flemington (30 acres)

Real estate purchased by his father, who bequeathed it to him in 1791

Receipt Source: NJ State Archives

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BARTHOLOMEW AFTER THE WAR

- Received a land grant in Nova Scotia 1784
- Claimed to UK for assistance but denied; living in Fredericton, New Brunswick – 1786
- Father left Bartholomew the land he used to live on 1791
- Back in NJ by 1793 based on civil suit by a neighbor
- Married Margaret Gambel in 1806, called "Captain" in the marriage record
- Died in Kingwood 23 May 1817 "with christian [sic] fortitude, patience and resignation" according to his obituary.

BARTHOLOMEW'S NOVA SCOTIA LAND GRANT - 1784

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Draft Land Grant – 1784

- NJ Volunteers, 2nd Battalion
- *38,450 acres
- Township and County of Sunbury, now New Brunswick
- Final grant not available at Nova Scotia Archives

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Bartholomew's Probate – US and UK

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