



*Loyalists of Chaleur Bay*



**McGear, William** of Stillwater, Albany Co., deceased

**Memorial** by his widow **Mary McGear**, New Carlisle, Bay of Chaleur, 1786. Her husband was driven from home and joined Burgoyne's Army at Fort Edward, afterwards serving with Lieut.-Col. Jessup as a Sgt. until the Saratoga Convention when he was ordered to Boston. He is presumed dead since his family has not since heard of him; the claimant has two young children.

**Claim** for leased land and a house.

**Evidences:** Deposition 18 March 1786 New Carlisle by Isaac Man Jr., late of the King's Royal Regt. of NY, that he knew the claimant and her husband before the war; they had the promise of a lease from the deponent's father, Col. Isaac Man.

*American Migrations*, New York section, page 285

A NEW CLAIM

240. Evidence on the Claim of Mary McGeer, Widow of Wm. McGeer, late of Still Water, Albany County, N. Y. Province.

[Quebec,]  
[2nd August,]  
[1787.]

Claimt. Sworn:

She lived in Still Water in 1783-4, but her late Husband joined the B. Army in 1777 & when she came to Canada in 1784 believed that he was alive & would make a Claim for loss.

[Wrote Major]  
[Jessup for an]  
[account of]  
[Wm. McGeer]

Her late Husband, Wm. McGeer, who was always Loyal & joined the B. Army under Genr. Burgoyne, was taken at the Convention of Saratoga & she has never heard of him since that time. She has 2 daughters by him, Cornelia, 12 years old, & Martha, 10 years old.

Claimt. resides at Chaleur Bay. Her husband had a small house on the Property of Isaac Man, £12, Furniture & Clothing, £15. Corn,£10. Plundered by the rebels.

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Before Commissioner Dundas, **pages 335 - 336.**