



Loyalists of Chaleur Bay



Pearson, Christopher of Burlington Patent, Old England District, Tryon Co., leather dresser and glover.

Memorial New Carlisle 1786. He was driven from his property and joined the Army but was discharged because he had too large a family to maintain at Niagara. He was taken prisoner at Fort Stanwix on 2 October 1777 and freed on 31 December. He has been unable since 1776 to ply his trade. The deeds of his property are lost but proofs may be obtained from Richard Wills, merchant at Philadelphia.

Claim for 200 acres; glover's tools; goods taken by the rebels at Burlington Creek.

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A NEW CLAIM

233. Evidence on the Claim of Christopher Pearson, late of Burlington Patent, Tryon County, N. York Province [Quebec,] [31st July,] [1787.]

Claimt. Sworn:

Says that in 1783 he lived in Macheche, made out his acct. which is produced, dated 5th Sepr. 1783, but could not get it sent.

He is a native of England and came to America in 1771, & lived some time at Philadelphia. He afterwards went to Tryon County. Says that he never joined the rebels in any respect. He

was confined to his own house until 1777, when he joined the B. Army. He enlisted in Butler's Rangers. Produces his discharge He was afterwards in Major Rogers' Corps until the end of the War. He now resides at N. Carlisle.

100 acres of Land in Burlington Patent, purchased in 1773. He paid £25 Prov. Cury. for it. He had cleared 16 acres & built 2 Log Houses. He values at £44 H. Cury. Clearance, 46. Some Stock, Furniture, &c., &c.

The rebels took all. Produces affidavit of Jos. Cottle, 14th March, 1786, that Claimt. lived in good report & and had stock, &c., &c. [(13).]

Further Evidence on the Claim of Cr. Pearson. [Quebec,] [July 2.]

Wits. Dennis Ryan, Sworn:

Says he lived near Claimt. before the War. He was a Breeches Maker. He had a house & had some furniture in it.

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