



Loyalists of Chaleur Bay



Sterne, Nathan of Fort Edward, Albany Co.

Memorial New Carlisle 1786. He was driven away in 1776 and joined Maj. Jessup's Corps on Lake Champlain. While taking despatches from there to Albany he was taken prisoner and confined in Albany Gaol from October 1776 to August 1777 when he joined Burgoyne's Army. At the wish of Edward Jessup he undertook to bring up two orphans, a boy of seven and a girl of ten, on the promise of their being indentured to him; he provided them with a year's board and lodging before they were taken away by order of Congress and bound to another person against their inclination.

Claim for a house and 100 acres at Lake Champlain; 200 acres on 21-year lease; cost of boarding two orphans.

Evidences: Deposition 17 March 1786 New Carlisle by James Brunson that he was a neighbour to the claimant before the war. Deposition of the same date and place by William Tyler, late a Lieut. in the King's Rangers, that he was in the same room in Albany Gaol with the claimant when his wife came in distress to inform her husband that his family had been ejected from their house, one better furnished than was generally the case. Rejected.

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A NEW CLAIM

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250. Evidence on the Claim of Nathan Sterns, late of Fort Edward, New York Province.

[Quebec,]
[29th August,]
[1787.]

Claimt. Sworn:

Says that in 1783 he lived at La Chine and had no opportunity of sending home his claim.

He is a native of Rhode Island. In 1775 he lived near Fort Edward. Says that he at no time joined the Americans, but joined Lt. Dorchester in 1776 on the Lakes. He was sent by Major Jessup to give notice that his party had joined the Army. He was taken prisoner by the rebels and confined for months in gaol. He

broke gaol and joined Gn. Burgoyne at Fort Miller. At the Convention he came to Canada. He served 2 years in the Engineers department, and now lives at Chaleur Bay.

300 Acres on Lease for 21 years--Dated. He was to be paid for his improvements, and thinks they were worth £200 York Cy. Says he was offered £150 N. Y. Corn 80 bushels, Crop in the ground, 4 cows, 3 Y. Cattle, 2 horses and waggon all taken by the rebels. Furniture. All is lost.

Produces affidavit of James Benson to his good character. Having a good Log House and a farm improved.

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Likewise affidavit of Lt. Wm. Tyler to his being confined with Claimt. in Albany gaol.

That he knows his Waggon and Horses were carried away and that he had a good Decent house, with considerable improvements on his farm.

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