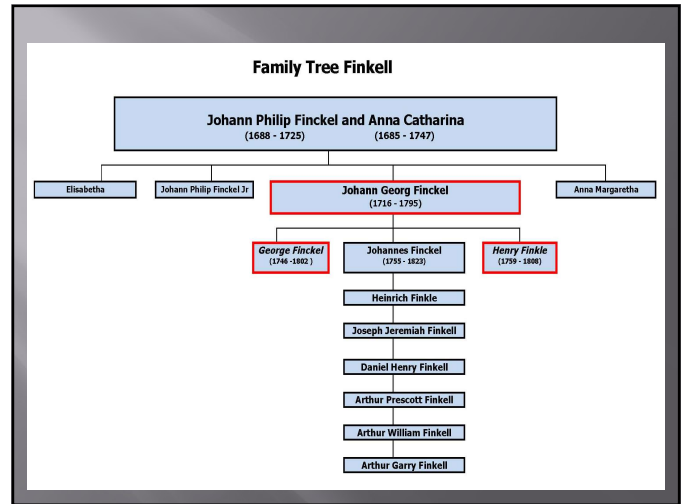


Hudson Valley Palatine Loyalists in the Revolutionary War

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A Family Legend of a Hessian Ancestor

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What are my ancestors doing in Canada?

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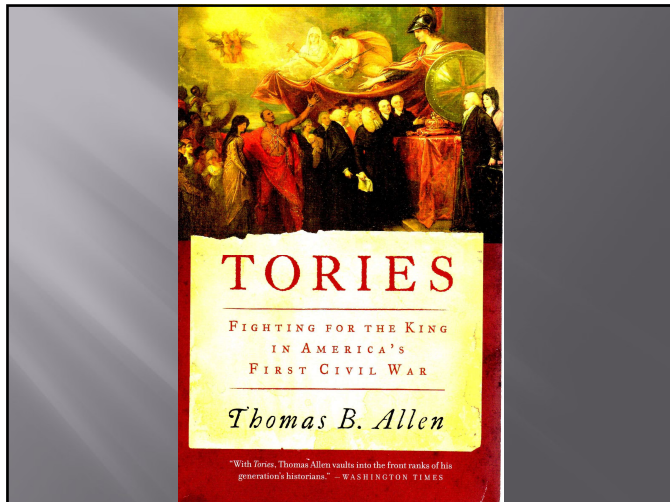
My ancestors
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Bringing 2 "Facts"
Together

The Hessian Finckel
The Canadian Finkle's

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“A hidden facet of American history is the fact that many colonists chose to take up arms to defend their rightful ruler, King George III. The exact number of loyalists who bore arms will probably never be fully determined.”

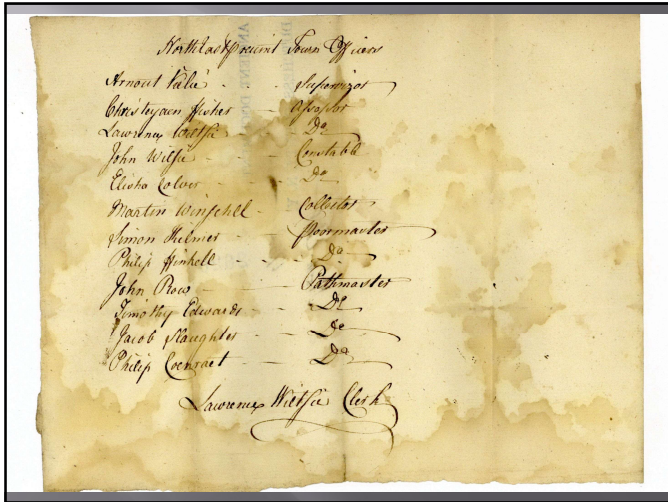
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“These men believed as passionately in their cause as the patriots. The stakes were the same: their rights as property owners and citizens of the land. As in any war, there are winners and losers. The loyalists lost, and soon found there was no place for them in their native land. America's loss was great; Canada, however, grew due to the talents and strengths of these men.”

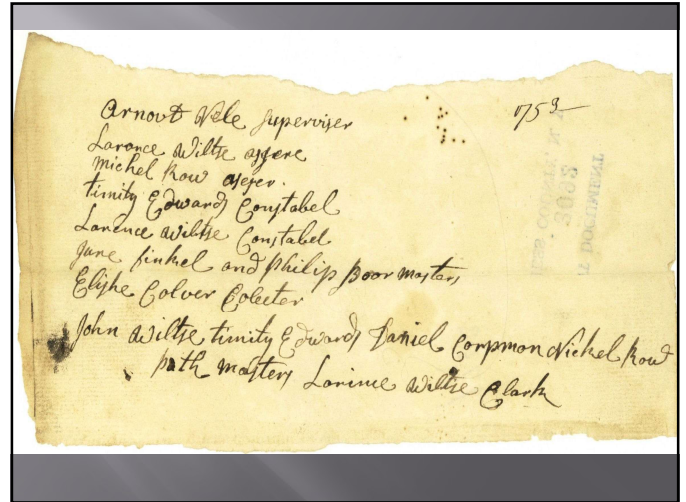
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Who Were They?

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Reasons for Palatine Loyalism

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The French and Indian War

German / Lutheran
Philosophy of Government

The Local Aristocracy of the
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The Battle of Saratoga

Loyalist Units Included
Jessup's Rangers from the
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The Aftermath of Defeat

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The Journal of Lt. Henry Simmons

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Lieut. Henry Simmons' Soldiers Going to Canada

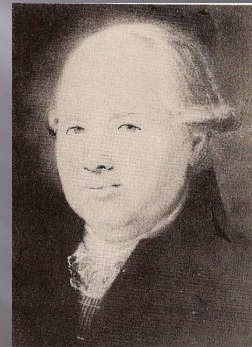
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11. Jacob Hes	12. Conrath Rosman
13. Nickles Hofman	14. Abern Scot
15. Fridrich Becker	16. Pitter Eisselstein
17. John Eisselstein	18. John Meikel
19. Pitter Hagetorn	20. Vallendin Herman
21. David Hofman	22. Jost Hofman
23. Philip Bonisteil	24. John Bork
25. John Schertz	26. Matis Runs
27. John Lieb	

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Loyalism in the Hoosick Valley by Bernard C. Young

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Rev. Johann Samuel Schwerdtfeger



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“The Gilead Lutheran Church played no small part in fostering Loyalist sentiment in the East Manor of Rensselaerwyck. The pastor at Gilead, Rev. Schwerdtfeger was a staunch Loyalist and made sure his parishioners knew their duty.”

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“Over 30 percent of the men who volunteered on the British side in the Battle of Bennington in August 1777 belonged to the Gilead Lutheran Church of Brunswick. Many never returned to their homes again.”

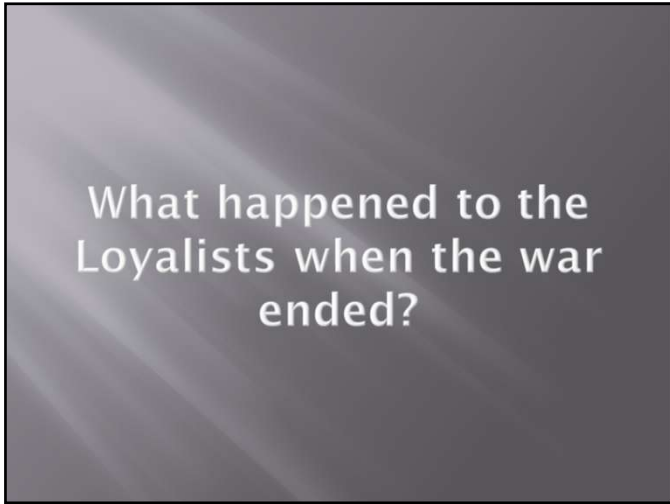
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“They were second (and third) generation Palatine Germans whose fathers had worked in the tar camps of Livingston Manor.”

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“Franz Joseph Pfister commanded 500 Loyalist soldiers at the Battle of Bennington. 1/3 of his troops came from Gilead Lutheran Church. Pfister was a member of the church himself.”

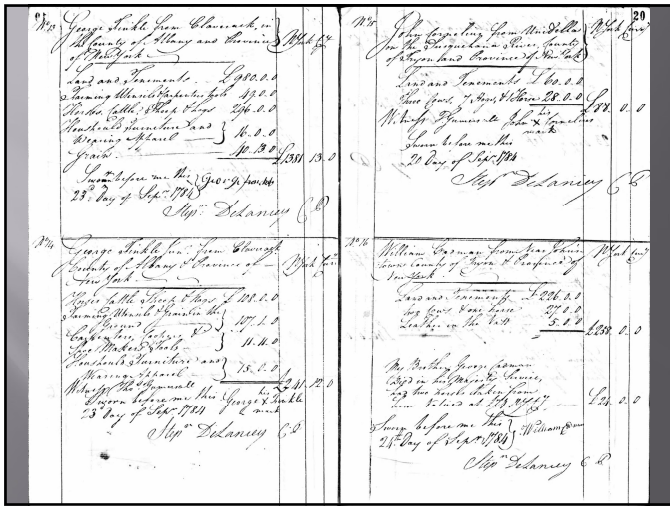
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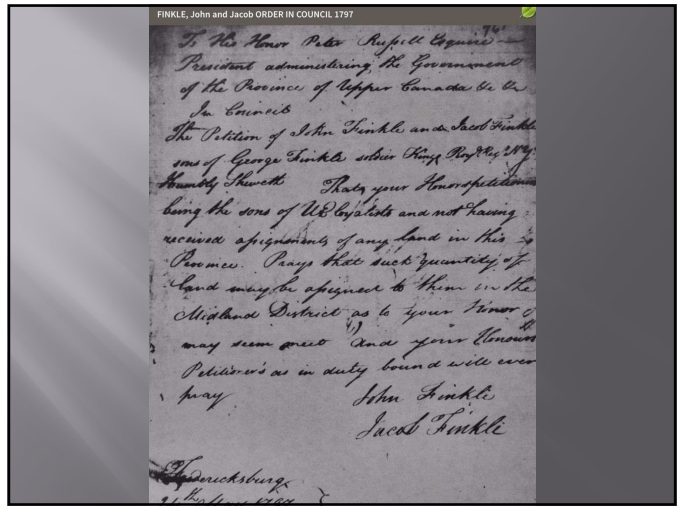
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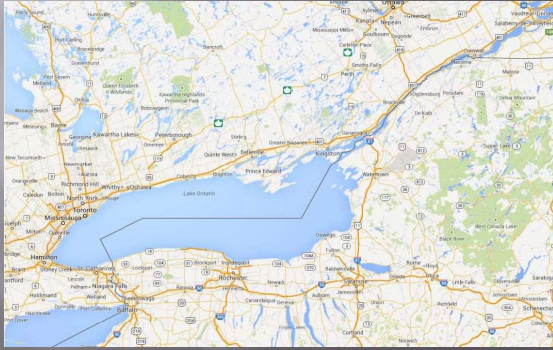


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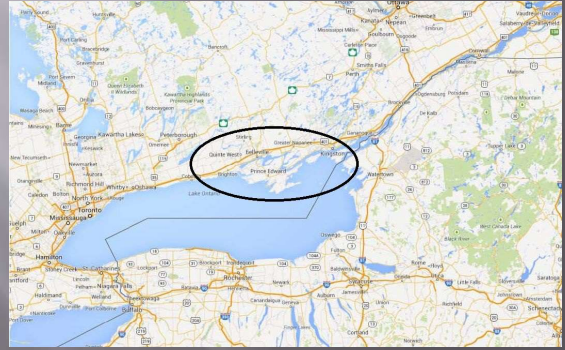
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New York and Ontario



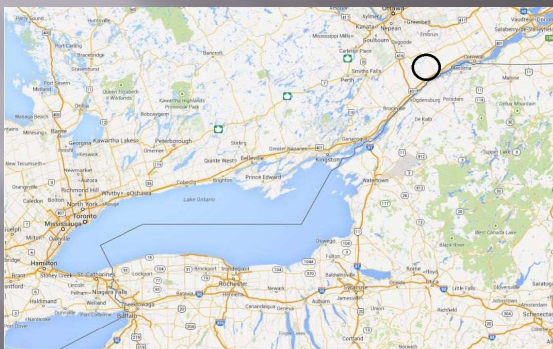
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Lt. Henry Simmons and Jessup's Rangers



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Rev. Schwerdtfeger and Gilead Church



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Outcasts in America, but
Heroes in Canada

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United Empire Loyalists
U.E.L.

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Military Coronet of a Loyalist



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UEL's 1934 10c Stamp



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UEL's 1984 32c Stamp



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Rev. Samuel Schwerdtfeger Plaque - South Dundas, ON



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Loyalist Landing Site in Kingston, Ontario



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U.E.L. Grave - Born in Albany, New York Died in Bath, Ontario



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Loyalist Landing Site at Adolphustown, Ontario



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Loyalist Memorial Church in Adolphustown, Ontario



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Henry Finkle U.E.L.



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