

Barnabas Hough - Blacksmith

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(1) Full Paragraphs

The Further Adventures of Barnabas Hough

The HOUGHS are said to have been a very old, large family, possibly Palantine, who came from England and were living in Massachusetts by the 1650s. Barnabas Hough was somewhat prosperous, able to exchange property and cattle to buy his land in Pawlet, Vermont about a year before the American Revolution officially began. Not only was he a known Loyalist to his neighbours, his name was on the Vermont 'Act Relating to Tories' for joining the enemy, which threatened his death if he dared to return. His Vermont property was confiscated and sold at vendue during his absence as a Queen's (Peter's), then Jessup's, Loyal Ranger where Corporal Bruin Hough served alongside his father for a time, as did a very young Asa towards the end of the War. At the age of 50yrs Barnabas Hough was still with the Loyal Rangers, serving at Ft. St. Johns, River du Chine.

Barnabas lost all his farming utensils, blacksmith tools, animals, 'tenements', a 50 acre lot in east Pawlet, and another 50 acre farm with his house and blacksmith's shop, during the confiscation. Now homeless, his wife Eunice (Weeks) and their 7 children managed to make their way to him with the assistance of William Fairfield and his friends. It took 8 days for Abigail Fairfield; Bethetle Castle; Sarah Williams of Arling; Ester Hindmand of White Creek, NY; Minimis Cimon; and their 22 children (13 under the age of 10) to make their way to Crown Point. R. Dupont later records 5 women and 25 children, including a 'Unis' (Eunice) arriving at Ft. St. John's where they gave as much intelligence as they could before joining their husbands. During the Claims for Losses process, Barnabas Hough and William Fairfield would serve as Witnesses for each others claims.

The Hough family regularly appear on victualling lists from 1779-1783, after which Barnabas, his sons, and 11 other men expressed their determination to remain at Missiquoia Bay, on a possible lease at Caldwell's Manor. They were already clearing land and building houses, and were not interested in settling along the St. Lawrence with the other Loyal Rangers. But by threatening to cut-off their provisions, Haldimand ensured that they, and most of the nearly 301 men who had originally sought to live at Missiquoia, settled in the newly surveyed townships instead.

Barnabas was able to produce Governor Chittenden and John Fasset certificates during his Claim for Losses, where he asked for 218...04 pounds but was granted only 54 pounds along with an initial 750 acres of land in Sidney, Sophiasburg, and Ameliasburgh townships. Later on, Barnabas and his son Bruin would both serve as Constables in Ernestown where the Houghs and their expanding family were living. Barnabas Hough UE lived a further 20 yrs after The Peace, dying at abt 70yrs of age with a confirmed burial on 19 May 1803.

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(2) Info in Point Form with sources at the end

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1. Barnabas HOUGH (b. btwn 1733-37; d. abt 14 May 1803; bur. 19 May 1803) (1), m. Eunice Weeks 29 Jan 1760 in Wallingford-Meriden, New Haven Cty, Connecticut Colony (2).

From other researchers: descended from William Hough (b.1619 Westchester, Cheshire, England) who came to America in 1638/1640 (3) + other lists show that HOUGHS were living in Massachusetts by the 1650s.

2. Was a **blacksmith** & farmer; had a Land Deed to prove he bought 100 acres in Pawlet, Vermont about a

year before the Amer.Rev. began (4); paid for it by exchanging property, and paid for yet other land with cattle.

3. 26 Feb 1779 - his name appears on the Vermont 'Act Relating to Tories' for joining the enemy (5).
4. Barnabas stated that he served with the Jessup's Regiment all the War (4) but Militia rolls list him with the Queen's, or Peter's Loyal Rangers before they became a part of Jessup's Loyal Rangers. He is also on at least one Queen's Loyal Rangers Militia roll along with his son Corporal Bruin HOUGH (6), and his younger son Asa would also join the fighting towards the end of the War.

At 50yrs of age, he was still with the Loyal Rangers, stationed at Ft. St. Johns, River du Chine (7).

5. He says joined the British in 1777 but was left sick and unable to take part in the Battle of Bennington (8). Snyder writes that Barnabas had joined General Burgoyne in New York, and when the General retreated Barnabas was 'left sick' in Pawlet (9).
6. His name is on Confiscation records. He lost all his farming utensils and **blacksmith tools**, animals, lands, and tenements. He owned a 50acre farm with his house and **blacksmith's shop**, and another 50acre lot on the east side of Pawlet town, Vermont (9) (10) (11). Some of this land had been cleared. During his Claim for Losses he was able to produce Governor Chittenden and John Fasset certificate proving the confiscation and sale of his property (10) (11).
7. After his land and belongings were confiscated, his wife "Unis Huff" and her 7 children left Pawlet with Abigail Fairfield, Bethel Castle and were later joined by Sarah Williams of Arlington, Ester Hindmand of White Creek, NY, and Minimis Cimon. Together these 6 women and 22 children, 13 of them under ten years old, travelled 8 days north to British-held lands. They made their way first to Skenesborough then were taken by Fairfield's friends aboard the vessel the 'Lea' to Crown Point. R. Dupont later records 5 women and 25 children, including a 'Unis'/Eunice arriving at Ft. St. John's. These women passed along what intelligence they could, then were sent to join their husbands (12) (13).

William Fairfield (Abigail's husband) and Barnabas would witness each others Claim for Losses.

8. The HOUGH family regularly appears on later victualling lists as receiving provisions from 1779-1783. Barnabas's name does not appear on every list so he was more than likely working at his original trade as a **blacksmith** either as a paid worker or part of the Jessup's Loyal Ranger's militia (14).
9. On the lists of the disbanded Loyalist militia men, Barnabas appears as a **blacksmith from Vermont** (15); his son Bruin as a Labourer from New York (16), and his younger son Asa as a Labourer from Vermont (17).
10. H.C. Burleigh writes that by 1783 Barnabas Hough was already at Caldwell's Manor where he had taken out a lease (18).
  - Letter from St. John's dated 26 Feb 1783 lists petitioners, including Barnabas Hough and his younger son Asa, who "wish to go to the East of Missisquoi Bay" (19).
  - Barnabas & his eldest son Bruin also appear on another (undated) list of 301 militia men requesting to settle east of Missisquoia Bay (19).
  - A transcription of the Feb. 1779 State of Vermont paper has Barnabas listed as being a traitor, & also notes him as being one of the "Loyalists of Chaleur Bay" (20).
  - Letter sent to Governor Frederick Haldimand sometime in 1783-84: a "Barnaby" Hough appears as one of eleven Petitioners stating that they had accepted a Colonel Caldwell's proposal and were already clearing land and building houses. They were asking the Governor to please not make them move to the wild land further west along the St. Lawrence river (21).

To date, however, rental or lease documents in Barnabas' name have not been found.

11. Claims for Losses (22) :
    - Barnabas produces land deeds and requests 218...10 pounds
    - Claim witnessed by William Fairfield
    - Losses proved were only for 54 pounds.
  
  12. Barnabas claimed 850 initial acres but was told only entitled to 750 which included the Bounty and Family lands (23).
    - Granted Lot 22, Con.6 Sidney Twp, shared with James Frederick (24);
    - Granted 200 acres on Lot 92 and 50 acres in Lot 93, Ameliasberg Twp (25).
    - Granted 300 acres on Lot 20 and 21.5 in Sydney Twp in March 1780 (26).
    - He and wife Eunice had received Additional Bounty certificates btwn 17 June and 9 Sept 1789, and resided in Ernesttown (27).
  
    - Also seems to have had the Rear north half of Lot 8, Con. 2, Township of Sophiasburg (formerly the Township of Ernestown), but in Sept. 1834 there is confusion about it. (Acting Surveyor-General notes the measurements as being for the north half of Lot 8, Con.2 in Twp of Ernestown, not Sophiasburg, and not the rear but rather the eastern limit 'equi distant' from the front and rear.) On the bottom of the document is written: Lot 36, Con.7 (28).
  
  13. 26 April 1798, Minutes of the Court of the Quarter Sessions: 'The Sheriff paid the fines of Micajah Purdy and Barnabas Hough, Constables for non-attendance, eight dollars (20) (29). His son Bruin was also nominated as a Constable & was to be paid 3 pounds 10 shillings for his work (20). Bruin was reappointed as a Constable in Ernestown for 1808 and 1809.
- Barnabas died at about 70yrs of age.

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