

JOSEPH FLEWELLING in the War of 1812.

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Joseph Flewelling b. ca. MAY1748, d. Saint John Co., NB 2DEC1821 age 73 years and 7 months, buried Old Cemetery, Carleton Twp., Saint John Co., NB, m. Phoebe Worden (b. ca. 1753, d. Carleton, Saint John Co., NB 23NOV1837 age 84 years), d/o Gabriel and Sarah (Anderson) Worden.¹

Joseph had been a Quaker. The Rev. Joshua N. Barnes wrote:

“In the autumn of 1836 I went to Carleton (St. John, West) to spend the winter at the home of my great-grandmother Flewelling. She was a dear, good, old lady, a Baptist in faith. Her husband, during his life-time, had been a Quaker. I have always remembered the earnest, godly life of that noble, Christian woman.”²

In an article is the following relating to events during the War of 1812-1814 in New Brunswick:

“The party under the direction of Corp’l Micheau consisting of 4 men and a corporal, were employed 15 days upon the house on the St. Andrews road. Calculating from the time they left Fredericton until the 23rd of February, inclusive at which time the work on the house stopped--making 75 days. And the party under my immediate command also the same 75 days and the party under Corp’l Joel Price were employed only to the 19th at which time they were ordered for Fredericton by Major Hatch, making 55 days, total 205 days---Seven more days were added (probably for travel records) making a grand total of 212 days,--and signed as follows:

*Joseph Flewelling, Serg’t., Fredericton, 30 March 1813”*³

Another reference to Joseph Flewelling’s militia career is in two companion articles.⁴ One company of this militia had, as Captain, Samuel Theall, possibly the father of Tertullus Theall who married a daughter of Thomas Flewelling of Oak Point; and who was, himself, in the Artillery unit. In Capt. Samuel Theall’s company was Sergeant Isaac Flewelling and “Trustum” Ring, Joseph’s son-in-law. Another reference to the Saint John militia is at a message posted by Bill Tufts:

“A most valuable record in the military and civil history of Saint John has lately been presented to the New Brunswick Museum by Chief Justice J.B.M. Baxter in the original manuscript of the Saint John militia for the years 1809, 1810 and 1811. The names listed in that neatly penned roll include practically all of the male residents of the city during those years who were between the ages of 16 and 60 years.”

Included in the alphabetical list are:

“Flewelling, Joseph; Flewelling, Serjt. Isaac (dead in 1810)”⁵

Joseph Flewelling was in a separate company, that of Capt. Thomas Menzies, Jr. Both Isaac and Joseph had ‘enlisted’ in 1809. Capt. Theall’s company is supposedly made up of men from Carleton Town (or Parish or Township), a suburb of the City of Saint John. Capt. Menzie’s company was from Portland Town (or Parish or Township).

¹ Claims, American Loyalists, Series II, New Claims: New Brunswick, AO 13, Bundle 21, pp. 172-173, reel B-2192 PAC.

² “Lights and Shadows of Eighty Years: An Autobiography”, by the Rev. Joshua N. Barnes, Barnes & Co., Ltd., Saint John, N. B., 1911, Chapter 1, pp. 1-3.

³ “Piskhegan’s Pioneer Days: Part 2- Piskahegan and Its Blockhouse”, by Rev. Charles M. Smith, part of, ‘St. George Historical Information’, 1999, Charlene Beney, 27MAY2013, accessed 13 August 2023 at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nbpstgeo/stge5m.HTM>

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⁴ “Royal Artillery of Saint John: 4th May 1793”, and, “The St. John County Militia: 1809-1811”, by Daniel F. Johnson, ‘Generations’, issue 19, MAR1984, the New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Fredericton, NB, pp. 38-48.

⁵ Bill Tufts, 23AUG2002. The source is: Saint John, N.B., “The Evening Times-Globe”, Saturday, March 28, 1936. “Old Muster Roll Of Saint John Militia Prized”, at the presently defunct site:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/read/BOSTON-STATES/2002-08/1030126256>