

FINDING A LOYALIST MONUMENT IN SE ONTARIO

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On July 24, 2014 I proved my Loyalist ancestry from James Humphrey, who had served during the American Revolution with Jessup's Loyal Rangers. I received a certificate from the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. He settled afterwards near Prescott, Ontario. (1)

Despite searching burial records and cemetery lists I have been unable to find where he was buried. However, on June 2, 2019, I visited a monument at Johnstown, Ontario to him and other Loyalists. It is located in a small park entered off County Road 2 at the intersection of Highway 16 across from the Johnstown United Church.



Monument including name of James Humphrey

The monument consists of a large stone on which is mounted a plaque that reads:

RETURN OF DISBANDED TROOPS AND LOYALISTS SETTLED
IN TOWNSHIP NO. 6. MUSTERED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1784

Capt. W. Fraser	John McKenzie	Henry Anderson	William Snyder
Capt. P. Drummond	Archibald McNeal	John Bush	Samuel White
Capt. Thomas Fraser	William White	Thomas Gooseberry	Thomas Fraser 2nd
Lieut. J. Dulmage	Daly Sillick	Jacob Bonestile	William Fraser 2nd
Lieut. Gideon Adams	John Whitley	William Saunders Jr.	George Steers
Ensign William Lamson	James Curry	William Saunders Sr.	William Fraser 3rd
Capt. Hugh Munro	Abraham Bolton	Henry Saunders	Hugh McIlmoyle
William Snyder	Alexander McIntosh	Abraham Saunders	Hosey Moore
William Fraser	Thomas Boyde	Samuel Weatherhead	Jasper Moore
John Fraser	Duncan McIntosh	John Thompson	Nicholas Lukes
John Smith	Duncan McAlpine	Henry Jackson	William McKinley
Ephrem Curry	James Froom Sr.	Duncan Cameron	Joel Adams
Thomas McNight	James Humphrey	Philip Dulmage	Thomas Armstrong
David Hunter	James Adams	John Weycoff	Charles Dayel
Thomas Fraser 1 st	John Nix	Joseph Robertson	George Bolton
William Fraser 1 st	James Froom Jr.	Thomas Lester	William Ferris
John Kilbreth	John Rudderbak	Jacob Wormley	John Sorrel

Not far from the monument in the park a marker was erected by the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board, Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario. It states:

“In 1778 – 90 a town plot of one square mile was laid out in this vicinity. Many Loyalists, including Sir John Johnson, obtained lots in the settlement. A saw mill and grist - mill were constructed, and in 1793 it was made the administrative centre of the Eastern District. A courthouse and gaol were erected and the court of quarter sessions, which administered the district’s local government, met alternatively here and in Cornwall. Lieutenant – Governor Simcoe stayed in Johnstown in 1792 and 1795. In 1808 the courts were moved to Elizabethtown (Brockville) and despite its favourable location as a port, Johnstown’s further development was hampered by its shallow harbour.”



Historic Sites Marker



Kneeling in front of monument with name of ancestor

While at the monument to these Loyalists who settled in Southeastern Ontario photos were taken as well as a short video that can be viewed on YouTube. (2) The location of the monument has also been identified on an online map. (3)

Notes:

- This article was prepared by Brian McConnell, UE on July 22, 2025
- (1) McConnell, Brian, " James Humphrey – Loyalist soldier in Jessup's Rangers" , accessed July 17, 2025 at <https://uelac.ca/Loyalist-Info/extras/Humphrey-James/James-Humphrey-biography-by-Brian-McConnell.pdf>
- (2) "United Empire Loyalist James Humphrey" accessed on YouTube on July 15, 2025 at <https://youtu.be/ZXTleUz32o?si=ap65KETRJSkgaGe5>
- (3) Accessed July 22, 2025 at <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1LDzOloEfnuik-bDXaQkL7WizaXxKoXE&usp=sharing>