

Sloot Family Genealogy.

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The History of Michael Sloat - Truro Page

TOWNSHIP #4

Allison, Joseph — Delancey's Corps. Associated	Haviland, John — Associated
Benson, Albert — Associated	Hover, Caspar — Butler's Rangers
Benson, Garret — Associated	Hover, Henry — Butler's Rangers
Bogart, Abraham — Associated	Hover, Jacob — Butler's Rangers
Bogart, Christopher — Associated	Sharpe, Cornelius — Jessup's Rangers
Bogart, Gilbert — Associated	Simpson, Obadiah — Delancey's Corps Associated
Brunner, Peter — K.R.R.N.Y.	Sloat, Michael — Delancey's Corps Associated
Campbell, Alexander — Associated	Trumpour, Paul — Associated - Lieut. Delancey's Corps
Campbell, Oliver — Associated	Vanalstine, Jacob — Butler's Rangers
Campbell, William — Associated	Vanalstine, Peter — Associated - Major Delancey's Corps
Casey, William — Associated	Vanduzen, Casparus — Associated
Clark, William — Associated	Vanduzen, Conrad — Associated
Cole, Daniel — Orange Rangers	Wanamaker, Peter — Associated
Cornel, Albert — Associated	Lewis, Barent — Associated
Cuniff, John — Associated	Marbet, Michael — Associated
Huff, Paul — Associated	Maybe, Abraham — Associated
Huych, John — Associated	Moor, William — Associated
Cuniff, James — Associated	Peterson, Nicholas — Associated
Davis, Henry — 29th Regt.	Rattan, Peter — Associated
Dorland, Phillip — Cuyler's Corps. Associated	Rattan, William — Associated
Dorland, Thomas — Associated	Ridner, Henry — Associated
Dulay, Peter — Associated	Roblin, Owen — Associated
Falconer, James — Virginia Assoc.	Roblin, Phillip — Associated
German, Christian — Jessup's Rangers	Rutter, George — Associated
German, John — Jessup's Rangers	Ryckman, John — Associated
German, Jacob — Jessup's Rangers	
Griffith, William — Associated	
Hagerman, Nicholas — Associated	

Township #4 was restricted in size by a shoreline of deep bays. The lots were granted to a group of Delancey's Corps under Major Peter Vanalstine. When the townships were named it became Adolphustown. A large section of Adolphustown was added later to the Township of Fredericksburgh. The original survey shows a townsite but like Fredericksburgh it has remained pleasantly rural.

· Taken from the Book "The Loyalist Trail" by R. M. Bruce, Section 2, Page 55. Michael Sloat was a United Empire Loyalist, (or Associated Loyalist).

Note - Michael Sloat left the Sydenham, Ont area ca 1820 and removed to Allison Township in Peel County. JES 2012

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History of the Sloat (Slot) Family - Page One

The Sloat family appeared in New Amsterdam, America, during Colonial times. Dr. Burleigh's Papers at the Queen's Archives, Kingston, Ontario have a small Sloat family files. Petrus Slot is listed first, having married Merritie (?) Van Winkle and their son Jacob (or Jacobus) Slot was married to Mary Demarest in 1695.

Children of Jacob Sloat (married to Mary Demarest in 1695)

- 1/ Petrus Sloat (b. 1696).
- 2/ Johannes - (b. 1698) died in infancy.
- 3/ Johannes (b. 1699).
- 4/ Eva (b. 1701).
- 5/ Maria (b. 1703)
- 6/ Jona (b. 1712)
- 7/ David (b. 1714)
- 8/ Sara (b. 1715) married Thomas Outwater.
- 9/ Szenty (?) (b. 1718) married ? Deern.
- 10/ Benjamin (b. 1721) married Sara Demoree (this maybe Demarest).

Children of Johannes Sloat (b. 1699) married to ① Willem (?) Alberte Van Voorhoes
(widow of Cornelius Bogart).

married 10 April 1730 in Hackensack → Christina Akkerman (b. 1705)
New Jersey (daughter of David Akkerman).

(Children of Johannes and Christina)

- 1/ David Sloat (b. 1730 - d. 1814)
- 2/ Maria " (b. 1732).
- 3/ Petrus " (b. 1734).
- 4/ Joannes " (b. 1736).
- 5/ Jonas " (b. 1738).
- 6/ Daniel " (b. 1740).
- 7/ Cornelius " (b. 1742).
- 8/ Rachel " (b. 1744).
- 9/ Alex. " (b. 1746) - changed his surname to Sock.
- 10/ Michall " (b. about 1750) married 1/ Rachel Hunt on 25 Feb 1779
in New York City.
- 2/ Marlow Finch in August 1810 -
in Kingston, Upper Canada.

c/ Jemima Sloat, daughter of Michael Sloat and his wife Rachel (nee Hunt).
was born about 1780 in U.S.A. and married to Peter Kuttan Jr.

History of the Sloat (Slote) Family - Page Two.

Michael Sloat served from Oct./1779 as a Lieutenant in Captain James Smith's "Company of Refugee Volunteers" under Lt. Colonel Abraham Ogil Cuyler. Michael had lived at Mount Sinai, New York. (called Morissonia) at Lot 6, Philipse Patent, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, N.Y. since 1763, his house was burned in 1780.

After the American Revolutionary War, Michael Sloat came to Upper Canada as an United Empire Loyalist and settled in Adolphustown, Ont. He was listed as a U.E.L in 1786, and appears on the following Censuses of Adolphustown Township - 1794, 1795, 1796, 1799, 1800, 1802, 1803 and 1804, 1805 and 1806 or 1807. He also kept an inn.

Michael Sloat acted as Constable and Collector of Adolphustown in 1794, was on the Courthouse Committee in 1794, Quartermaster of Roads in 1797, Assessor in 1803, and Surety in 1808, and was a Justice of the Peace.

After moving to Loughboro Township and founding Sloat's Mills on Sloat's Lake (now Sydenham, Ont.), he conducted a Census of Loughboro (and parts of Portland) Townships in 1819.

Land Grants of Michael Sloat:-

No. of Grants	Township	Lot	Concession	Date	Type
1/	3.			c1790, 1796, 1800	Free - U.E.L.
	<u>Sidney</u>				
2/	6.	8	2	c1796, c1801, c1806, c1807.	Free - U.E.L.
	<u>Loughboro</u>	4	5		
		9	5		
3/	5			c1796, 1820	" "
	<u>Albion</u> (<u>Peel County</u>)				" "
4/	1			c1801	" "
	<u>Hallowell</u>				
5/	1			c1796	" "
	<u>Richmond</u>				
6/	1			c1796	" "
	<u>Chinguacousy</u>				

Note! - Old Adolphustown Records show Michael Sloat with 4 households members in 1794 and 1800. Five members in 1805.

His daughter Jemima Sloat (married Peter Kuttan Jr.) had a land grant. Order in Council - 16/Nov/1797, as D.U.E. (Daughter of an United Empire Loyalist.)

SOURCE - Ontario Land Grants and Burleigh Files, Queen's Archives, Kingston, Ont.

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Other Ontario Land Grants to the Sloat Family :-

- 1/ Mary Sloat Westminster Township - c 1812. - D. U. E.
- 2/ John Sloat - " " - c 1841.
- 3/ George " - " " - c 1841.
- 4/ Abraham " - " " - c 1796.

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Jemima Sloat, daughter of Michael and Rachel Sloat was married to Peter Rutten Jr. at Adolphustown on 5/Dec/1790. The witnesses were 1/ Catrina Van Dusen, 2/ Mary Moore, 3/ Alexander Van Alstine, and 4/ John Van Skiver. They were married by the Anglican Rector of Ernesttown, Upper Canada, the Reverend John Langhorn. (From the Anglican Register (1787-1814).)

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Jemima Rutten (n.sloat) - a widow is listed in the 1851 Census of Loughboro Township as Age 76, Born in U.S.A., and is a Ep. Methodist. She is also on the 1861 Census of Loughboro Twp

Note:- No other Sloats are listed in the Census of Loughboro for 1851 or 1861. The Index of Censuses for Frontenac County for 1871 does not list any Sloats (or Slates) JSS

Note:- Michael Sloat does not appear on the 1851/2 Census of Albion Township, Peel County for 1851. JSS.

Note! - Neither Michael Sloat nor his daughter, Jemima, are listed in the Frontenac County Cemetery Records for the Sydenham Cemetery. JSS.

History of the Sloat (Slote) Family - Page Four.

MICHAEL SLOTE

Michael; b. late 1750's, N.Y. State
m. 1. Rachel Hunt; Feb. 25, 1779, N.Y. State
2. Marlow Finch; Aug. 19, 1810, Kingston
d. last recorded in 1834

Rachel Hunt; (father John, d. White Plains, N.Y., Oct. 1776)
b.
m. Feb. 25, 1779, N.Y. State
d. by 1810

Marlow Finch; b. 1772
m. Aug. 19, 1810, Kingston
d. 1827

dau. Jemima (by Rachel); b. U.S. 1776 *→ incorrect?*
m. Dec. 5, 1790; Adolphustown by Rev. Langhorn, Anglican
Peter Ruttan Jr.; 1771-Apr. 26, 1838
d. 1861 Sydenham Cem.
6 sons and 5 daus.

Michael Sloat Facts

- 1/ Served in 1779 as Lieut. in Cuyler's Corps. of Loyal Refugee Volunteers.
- 2/ Lived Mount Sinai, N.Y. also Morrisania
- 3/ Came to Adolphustown in 1786?
- 4/ Land Grant dated; Aug. 10, 1801 → 1 in Hallowell, 1 in Soughlow for 1801
- 5/ Diary of W. Hambly, 1793, surveyor.
Dec. 14, 1793 - Crossed back bay to Slote's and lodged. (Michael Slote, a prominent Justice of the Peace in Adol., who also kept an inn.)
- 6/ Sold land, house, barn to Paul Trumpour; Oct. 27, 1806
- 7/ Settled as first settler with Peter Ruttan Jr. in Loughborough 1807
- 8/ Portland in 1810... Highway Surveyor 1816-1818

Note 9/ Albion Twp - 1820 (not on 1851 Census of Albion Township) (Peel County)

A letter in the Sloat family file at Adolphustown dated Jan. 23/1985, Sydenham, Ont., sent to Kathy Staples reveals that Reg Whitty's farm was part of the original Sloat grant. Part of the Ruttan oral history says there was a grave site at this farm next to Reg's, in a grove of trees. Reg couldn't find any trace of the grave site.
From - Sloat family file at Loyalist Cultural Center, Adolphustown, Ont.

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Sons of the American Revolution
The Genealogical Society of New Jersey
Huguenot Historical Society, New Paltz

Palm Beach County Genealogical Society

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
The New England Historical Genealogical Society
Ontario Genealogical Society

4 May 1975

MICHAEL SLOOT

Lt Michael Sloat of Cuyler's Corps of Loyal Refugee Volunteers made his way to Canada in 1786 with his wife Rachel Hunt and daughter Jemimah. In 1790 Jemima married Peter Ruttan Jr b ca 1770 (see below.)

To date I have not determined Michael's parents (nor Rachel's.) Quantities of Sloat notes collected have led me to the Carmel, Putnam Co branch (then Fredericksburg, Dutchess Co) where there were at least two other Michaels, and Michael occurring nowhere else I have seen.

1. 1747 Michael Sloat in Fredericks^{town}burg (Blake HIST PUTNAM CO)
2. 1753 Abraham Slott, Michael Slott in Dutchess Co Tax List, ^{Southern} ~~Central~~ ^{Precinct} (microfilm of orig at Adriance Libr, Poughkeepsie)
3. (Michael) probably born in late 1750's
4. 1762 Michael Sloat at Carmel (Pelletreau HIST PUTNAM CO)
5. (1776 oct) (John Hunt), father of Rachel, died at White Plains, a Loyalist (Rachel's petition noted in Land Board Minutes 22 jan 1793) (PAC RG1 I4 Vol.8 - at Adolphustown)
6. 1777 Michael Slott, Isaac Slott in Fredericks^{town}burg tax list (Putnam Co Hist Soc Itt)
7. 1779 feb 25 Marriage Bond, v.XXVII, p.50 Rachel Hunt and (Michael Sloat) ^{could this be 1777?} (NY MARRIAGES PREVIOUS TO 1784, Albany, 1860)
8. 1779 oct (Michael Sloat) received a Warrant to levy his proportion of men as Lieutenant in Capt James Smith's Co of Refugee Volunteers destined for service of the North River (Abra^m C Cuyler Lt Col deposition in 1793 Michael petition) (PAC RG1 L3 v.448a S2/2)
9. 1780 jan 17-18 the house occupied by (Michael Sloat) at Morrisania was surrounded by the enemy and burned with the loss of his Warrant and other possessions (1793 petition - see 8 above)
NOTE: This is no doubt the assault on the house near the entrance to Delancey's headquarters in Samuel Archer's house, where Col Hatfield was captured about 1 am of the 18th and the house burned, (EF Griffin WESTCHESTER CO AND ITS PEOPLE, 1946, v.1; BJ Lossing PICTORIAL FIELD BOOK OF THE REVOLUTION, 1860, v.2; FB Heitman HISTORICAL REGISTER OF THE US ARMY, 1903 Battles, Actions, etc. 1780 Eastchester NY Jan 18)
10. 1786 (Michael Sloat) ^{v.p. 624} arrived at Adolphustown Twp, Ontario, Canada (PV Alstine deposition with 1793 petition - see 8 above)

Last record of (Michael) 1834 feb 8 membr Albion Twp Committee of Home Distr Ag Aoc
Last record of Jemimah, 1861 census Loughborough Twp, Frontenac Co Ont age 84 b US

→ our Michael circled

ABRAHAM RUTAN 1658-1713 to America 1675

PAUL 1686 - WILLIAM 1710 - PETER 1742
PETER JR ca 1770 - MICHAEL ca 1796
ABRAHAM ca 1814 - JOHN S 1837
MELISSA 1863 - Elizabeth Brabant 1882
J Robert Meachem 1918

PETER 1691 - PETER JR ca 1720
JOHN 1751 - DAVID 1722
STEPHEN P 1811 - STEPHEN 1820
DAVID MARK 1874 - GRACE LEON 1880
June Harring

married

8th cousins once removed

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Sloat File
Loyalist Circle
Adolphustown
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MICHAEL SLOOT

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IN CANADA:

- by 1806 Michael to Loughborough Twp, Frontenac Co, an original settler
- 1810 aug 19 Michael m2 Marlow Finch at Kingston Ont (she 1772-1827)
- 1818-jan 1820 Michael J.P. in Midland Dtsrict (includes Loughborough)
- mar 1820-1827 Michael J.P. in Home District (includes Albion)
- 1820 Michael to Albion (*Albion Township is in Peel County, Ont (landgrant 1796-1820)*)
- 1834 feb 8 Michael memb Albion Twp Committee of Home Distr Ag Soc
- 1851 census Loughborough Twp, Frontenac Co, Jemima age 76 b US
- 1861 " " " " " Jemimah age 84 (taken jan 1861)

ALSO CHECKED:

- NYG&B Records
- Bolton HIST WESTCHESTER CO
- TB Wyman HUNT GENEALOGY, 1862
- MH Smith SLOAT FAMILY OF NEW AMSTERDAM, 1941, typed mss at NYG&B

1790 CENSUS

Dutchess Co, Frederickstown, p.83 of publ: book:

SLOET, Isaac	2 2 4		m16+ - m-16 - f
John 1st	1 0 1		
(Elias	1 3 3	These three adjacent	
(Michael	4 3 5		
(John 2d	1 2 4		
Simeon	1 1 2		
John 3d	1 2 2		

1800 CENSUS

Dutchess Co, Carmel, NYG&BR 66:387(1935)

adj (Michael	2 0 0 0 1	1 0 1 0 0	1 10 2 16 3 26 4 45 5
Budd	0 0 0 1 0	2 0 2 0 0	
adj (Elias	0 2 0 1 0	3 0 2 1 1	
John ye 3rd	1 0 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	

1810 CENSUS

Dutchess Co, Carmel, microfilm 1810 #30

John W	1 0 0 1 0	2 0 0 1 0	line 11 p.208A
(Elias	1 0 1 0 1	0 2 1 0 1	14 209
(James	1 0 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	15 "
(Michael	1 1 1 1 0	0 0 0 1 0	8 210
(Elias	0 2 1 0 0	0 0 2 0 0	10 "
(Marius (Marcus?)	1 1 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	14 211
(Sarah	0 0 0 0 0	0 1 1 5 0	15 "
John	0 1 0 1 0	2 0 0 1 0	21 "
Budd S	1 0 0 1 0	2 2 0 1 0	30 "

Note! - Michael Sloat not on 1851 Census of Albion Township, Peel County.

From - Sloat Family File
Loyalist Cultural Centre
Adolphustown, Ont.

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Part of Sloat Family File
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lock., will enable him to let much lower than formerly

Repairing done on short notice.

A. METCALF.

Kingston, June 12, 1815.

Land for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale the West half of Lot No. 7, in the fourth and fifth concession of the township of Loughborough, with 50 or 60 acres under good improvement, and a good stand for any public business.

MICHAEL SLOOT.

Loughborough, June 12, 1815.

Wanted Immediately,

AS an apprentice to the Printing Business a Lad from 14 to 16 years of age. One of steady habits will meet with good encouragement by applying at this Office.
June 17, 1815.

Kingston Packet,

JAMES CHAPMAN, CAPTAIN.

THIS vessel will sail regularly from Kingston to Sackett's Harbor. She will leave Kingston every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Sackett's Harbor every other day in the week.

The price will be Two Dollars for each passenger.

Kingston, May 12, 1815.

50th

For sale at this Office.

For Sale

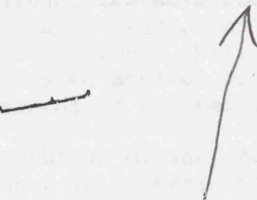
AND possession given may be offered in an excellent P.A.M. pleasantly situated, in the Township of Loughborough, containing rising of 300 acres of rich soil, about 100 acres of which are under improvement, with a frame house and barn thereon, an excellent spring of water within a few rods of the house, and a thriving nursery of six or eight hundred apple trees, some of which begin to bear.

ALSO,

One Hundred acres of LAND, with a S.W. and CRIST MILL thereon, newly rebuilt, in the said Township of Loughborough, with considerable improvements about the same, on which nearly 30 tons of hay was cut the present season. — The above lands will be sold separate or together, as may suit purchasers, and at a very reduced price; the one half of the purchase money to be paid down, the remainder in yearly payments. — For further particulars, apply to the subscriber, on the premises, or at the Printing Office, Kingston.

MICHAEL SLOOT.
Loughborough, Nov. 25, 1818.

NOTICE.



13 Jun 1815 Tues
thru 10 Oct

1 Dec 1818 thru 22 Dec

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Kingston (Ont) Gazette

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THE MICHAEL SLOOT FAMILY
of Upper Canada

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We can only estimate when he was born, which we have done so around 1750. We know of assurity that he was a Loyalist. We have very little knowledge of his life before 1776 when he joined the Royal Army. We also show his daughter, Jerimia, being born in that year in Bergen, New Jersey. It is possible that his wife died in childbirth, but this is only speculation. Most likely, this is the time when he established his relationship with Peter RUTTAN, Sr., who was an officer in the New Jersey Volunteers in the Hackensack area. They would migrate with and later marry into this Ruttan family. Three years later, in 1779, we find him in Albany marrying Rachel HUNT. The move to Albany was not prompted by the need to seek safety for his political allegience, for we are told in one of his land petitions that he served in the Army until the War ended (1783).

In October 1779 he received a warrant to levy his proportion of men as Lieutenant in Captain James Smiths Company of Refugee Volunteers destined for service of the North River. In Lamont's book, we are told that the Michael Sloat and Joseph Allison homes were lost to fire in the war. I am unsure if this is referring to New Jersey or Albany, but it was common for Loyalist to be harrassed, tarred and feathered, and even had their homes shot at. Mechams letter actually gives us the time and the place. On January 17 or 18, 1780, around midnight to one in the morning, the enemy surrounded and unable to dislodge its inhabitants, they fired (burned) his house at Morrisania with the loss of his Warrant and other possessions. Frenchs Gazetteer places Morrisania in Westchester County, New York. A town of this named was formed March 1788, By 1783, the war had been lost and the Loyalist were no longer welcome in this land of freedom. In Christopher Moore's book, the Loyalist, we read:

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(established in 1789 to honour Loyalists families and adherents.) In Kingston they include Benjamin Babcock, James Dawson, Andrew Denych, Andrew Ten Eyck, James Hawley, Jerimah Lap, Bensley Peters, Francis Powley and Arthur Yeomans. In Adolphustown the late Associated Loyalists include Oliver Campbell, William Casey, John and James Canniff, William Griffith, Obadiah Simpson, Michael Sloat, Peter Wanamaker and Henry Ridner. I have not included these names under the Lists of Grass and Van Alstine and their story has not yet been told. [Turner, Larry, Voyage of a Different Kind: The Associated Loyalists of Kingston and Adolphustown, p. 122]

Settling Adolphustown

According to a 1792 map of Ontario, Adolphustown, Midland District is near the mouth of the St. Lawrence River bordering New York and on the northeast end of Lake Ontario. The first settlers of Adolphustown arrived on June 16th, 1784, amidst the surveying which was still going on. Major Van Alstine's party numbered two hundred and fifty-eight, including seventeen servants. An eye witness to the event, John Cole, was only ten years old at the time. In an interview 82 year later he stated, "the Brigade of batteaux was under the supervision of Collins. They landed in the Fourth Township in June, saw no buildings or clearings all the way up from Kingston, nor tents, complete wilderness." He remembers landing at Adolphustown, "We hauled the boat up to a black oak tree which overhung the water". It was the afternoon. We all went on shore. There were tents of linen put up." The tents were pitched just west of the United Empire Loyalist Cemetery which had its first burial when a child whose name was not recorded died a few days after the arrival and was buried under a tree.

"There is a tradition in the families of Coles, the Hovers, the Allisons and the Ruttans that as their ancestors came along the shoreline on Jun 16th in the bateaus, they commented on the land which they would like, and in every case, got it." This may indicate the position and influence which these families commanded in the community. A land petition states that Michael came to the Province in 1786 and settled in Adolphustown until 1807. Most of the settlers of Adolphustown had been farmers as their lists show and most of them had come from parts of New York which had been comparatively recently settled. Gradually the land was cleared and homes were built. The Government provided rations for the first three years but it seemed reasonable to diminish them year by year. In 1787 the harvest failed. The settlers were used to hardships but this brought many close to starvation. One family survived for weeks on boiled oats.

One beef bone was passed from one family to another and boiled in each house. ...We do know how the Ruttan family survived. They had a cow and they sent two black men (servants) to Albany to buy corn. They came back with four bushels and with the most careful measurement, milk and corn saw them through the winter. It is believed that at least five people in the community died of starvation. To quote one survivor, "the snow was unusually deep, so that the deer fell an easy prey to their rapacious enemies the wolves, whilst men were perishing from want". There are many stories of the generosity of neighbours to neighbours. By the summer of 1789 the worst was over. (Lamont, p.11)

Michael Sloat was appointed as one of the Justice of the Peace, Adolphustown, Lennox & Addington Co., 1785.

"It must be borne in mind...that Adolphustown was recognized as the most important center of civilization in Upper Canada at the time. Major Van Alstine was the first justice of the peace in the county to receive his commission; and in due course a similar honor was conferred upon Thomas Doland, Nicholas Hagerman, Peter Ruttan, Michael Sloat, and Alexander Fisher." (Trails of the Black Walnut p.)

A general Commission of the Peace with two magistrates from each township, sat as the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace met four times a year, in April and October in Kingston, and in January and July in Adolphustown. There was a point of contention that arose in one of these meetings over military rank. Major VanAlstine probably was inclined to assume that he was in charge, and though the statement of claim for the land says that he had been with Burgoyne's Army, his had only reached the rank of a Captain of

Boatmen and Major or Associated Loyalist. The regular army did not think much of these and Peter Ruttan, Sr. who had been a Captain in the New Jersey Volunteers, Third Battalion, turned up in full regimentals and announced that no man was his superior. The important thing is that there is an almost complete set of records of the township meetings of Adolphustown which is probably unique to anywhere else in Ontario.

By 1793, Log cabins had given way to houses. In the diary of Surveyor Hambly there is an entry under December 14, 1793 which reads:

Crossed back bay to Slote's and lodged.

Aside from being a Justice of the Peace, Michael also kept an Inn. Until this entry was discovered, the present owners of the house couldn't understand why there were two tiny bedrooms on the second floor.

In 1794 the inhabitants of Adolphustown numbered four hundred and two according to the first return. Michael's daughter, Jerimia, had been married four years earlier, yet Michael Sloat still show four individuals in his household. Since slaves were not included, we are left wondering if Michael had additional offspring through his second wife. No other traces of this have been found.

An interesting side note is that Captain Ruttan traveled with Captain Joseph Brant, the chief of the Six Nation Indians, on his journey through the colonies in 1795.

In 1796, the town passed a resolution headed by Thomas Dorland, William Moore and Michael Sloat, by vote of the entire township, to erect a courthouse.

Land Records

The political influence which the Ruttan's and Michael Sloat held may be evident in the free land grants which were given by the Crown. Michael Sloat shows that nine different grants were awarded him.

In the 7 July 1796 records of Grant of Crown Lands in Upper Canada, we find Michael supporting the petitioner Lieut. Charles Selleck mentioned in the previous paragraph. Sloat may have been presiding as the Justice of Peace but may have qualified for more free land by increasing his rank. The location of the land is not given, but we assume this to be the same Michael Sloat.

"Michael Sloat. Recommended that the petitioner be considered as a Lieut. in Cuyler's Corps on the faith of the certificate produced and admitted to the lands he may be entitled to as such."

Alex, Aitken's Index to Schedule 1795-98 shows Michael SLOAT on page 95 with lot 28 on 1, Sydney Twp. Jerimiah SLOTE/Ruttan has lot 1 on 8, Richmond Twp. and Michael SLOAT has lot 1 on 7 in Richmond (page 110).

A Michael SLOAT holds title to acreage in Murray, North-umberland County issued on August 30, 1797.

"Capt. Peter Ruttan and Michael Sloat his father-in-law were the first settlers of Loughborough, settling there in 1807. While doing research on the Ruttan family the contributor came upon the following census record which was attached to a land petition of Michael Sloat. [Public Archives of Canada, Petition S13/42] Undated, it was referred to the Surveyor Bernal on 9 February 1819. It was signed by 'Thos. Raile, Town Clerk for the year 1819' who stated that there were 143 names of men, 166 boys and 263 females."

Rachel Hunt SLOAT petitioned for lands being the daughter of a Loyalist. In a letter from J. Robert Meachem, he states that Rachel's petition is noted in Land Board Minutes 22 Jan 1793. It is in this reference that we are able to connect Rachel to her father, John HUNT who died at White Plains, in October 1776 at White Plains, New York. In 1810, we find a third marriage to Marlow FINCH, which leads us to assume that his second wife died before this time.

As time passes, we lose track of Michael, but assume that he always stayed close to his first daughter. From the land records we know that he had to have died after 1820, which indicates that he lived to at least 70 years of

age. J. Robert Mechams letter states his last record of Michael is in Feb 8, 1834 when he is mentioned in a town meeting at Albion Twp Committee of Home District Ag Aoc. We are still searching for information on his burial and gravesite.

Michael SLOOT

PARENTS:

BORN: Abt 1750-59 New York

DIED: After 1834 Albion Twp, Ontario (PEEL COUNTY, ONT.)

SPOUSE: 1.)

MARRIED:

PARENTS:

BORN:

DIED:

CHILDREN:

1. Jerimia SLOOT B: 1776 Bergen, NJ

SPOUSE: 2.) Rachael HUNT

MARRIED: 25 Feb 1779 Albany, Albany Co., New York

PARENTS: John HUNT and

BORN: Abt 1759 New York

DIED:

CHILDREN: (None)

SPOUSE: 3.) Marlow FINCH

MARRIED: 19 Aug 1810 Kingston, Ontario

PARENTS:

BORN:

DIED:

CHILDREN: (None)

SOURCES: Some of the estimated birth years and places were contributed by Mark RUTTAN, son of Doug, at 5864 Deborah Drive, Duncan, BC, Candada, V9L 5B5. Many of the historical references to Michael I received from a letter dated 4 May 1975 from J. Mecham, of 6557 Katherine Court, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406. Mecham is a descendant of Jemimah SLOOT and Peter RUTTAN Jr. His wife was also a descendent of Abraham RUTTAN making them 8th cousins once removed.

LAND PETITION: LDS Film #1,317,390 Gives Michaels birthplace and information on service in Royal Army from 1776 till 1783. Also showing copy of his signature.

SPOUSE: Stan Cornelius emailed a source from Ontario Register, 1970 with a names of the males and Females of inhabitants in the town of Loughborough which included Michael Sloote, and among the females, Marlow Sloote.

Moore, Christopher, The Loyalists,

Lamont, Katharine J., Adolphustown 1784-1984, Published by the Adolphustown Bicentennial Committee to Commemorate the Bicentennial of Ontario.

CHILD:

MARRIAGES:

1st:

2nd: To Rachel HUNT, IGI Batch 8706406, Film 1396315

Probably taken from OGS Kingston, 1985, Vol 12, no. 3, p. 35

3rd: Marlow FINCH

MIGRATION:

SETTLEMENT

If Michael was in Adolphustown as early as 1785, has been with the military, and is made a Justice of the Peace, we can assume that he was definitely a Loyalist.

CENSUS: On March 28, 1794, a Return of the Inhabitants of Adolphustown was conducted

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 Names: Men: Women: Males: Female: Total
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Michael Slote 1 1 1 1 4
 Peter Ruttan Sr. 1 1 3 0 4
 Peter Ruttan Jr. 1 1 0 1 3
 William Ruttan 1 2 2 0 5

Taken from Lamont's history of Adolphustown, p. 24-25. Peter Sr. does not add correctly.

LAND: Taken from Ontario Archives Land Record Index
 Michael SLOOT Sorted by Date
 FG=Free Grant L=Lease

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 Type Vol Page Twp/City Lot Conc. Date
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FG 09 089, Sidney, Lot 28/Conc. 1 1790

FG 11 133, Richmond Lot 1/Conc 7 1794 Dec 23
 FG 15 562, Albion Lot 13,1/2 14, 1796 Oct 08
 12 /Conc. 1
 FG 15 562, Albion Lot 10,11/C 2 1796 Oct 08
 FG 15 562, Chinguacousy Twp Lot SW1/2 1 1796 Oct 08

FG 13 049, Sidney, 1796 Nov 12
 FG 13 049, Loughborough Lot 1796 Nov 12
 FG 13 049, Richmond Lot 1796 Nov 12
 Albion

FG 11 105, Sidney, Lot 28/Conc. 1 1800

L 03 041, Hallowell Twp, Lot Blk G 1801 Aug 24
 Loughborough

L 03 037, Loughborough Lot 4/Conc 5 1806 Mar 08

L 03 039, Loughborough Lot 9/Conc 5 1807 Jun 25

L 07 037, Albion Lot 11/Conc 3 1820 Jun 15

Jemima SLOOT

PARENTS: Michael SLOOT and ??

BORN: 1776 Bergen, New Jersey

DIED: After 1861 Ontario

BURIED: Loughborough, Frontenac, Ontario

SPOUSE: 1.) Peter RUTTAN, Jr.

MARRIED: 5 Dec 1790 St. Paul's Church, Fredericksburgh,
 Lennon and Addinton, Ontario, Canada.

PARENTS: Captain Peter RUTTAN Sr. &

BORN: 1 Dec 1771 Schraalenburgh, New Jersey

DIED: 26 Apr 1838 Loughborough, Ontario

BURIED:

CHILDREN: (Children)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

6.
7.

PARENTS: Peter RUTTAN Sr, had been a Captian in the New Jersey Volunteers and one of the Muster Rolls shows he was arrested and men taken Prisoner. In the Archives of Ontario Cabinet 6 Film 741, we find Wm Reid's United Empire Loyalist giving the following Info:

Peter RUTTAN Sr, Capt. N.J. Vols.

Died at Brougham, 1 Dec

Mary MATHEWS, dau. of Capt. Turran, who fought on the British side in the War of the American Revolution, and Mother of Peter MATHEWS who was executed in 1837, aged 90 yrs.

s. Peter (Jr.) of Adolphustown, m. Jerimian SLOOT, 5 December, 1790. O.C. 16 November, 1797. s. Joseph of Adolphustown, m. Alley CANNIFF, 3 June, 1805. O.C. 16 February, 1810.

Ruttan, Peter, of New Jersey and New York. A native of America, in 1775 Ruttan was residing in Bergen County, New Jersey. He joined General Howe in December 1776, recruited sixty men for the Fourth Battalion of the New Jersey Volunteers, and was appointed captain in the regiment. Ruttan was arrested by General Skinner, the commanding officer of the regiment, for disobeying orders, and although he was never tried he resigned his commission. Afterwards, he was sent into the country to procure intelligence information, and raised forty men for Colonel William Bayard (Kings Orange Rangers).. Ruttan settled after the war at the Bay of Quinte. He owned 104 acres in Bergen County (forty cleared) and a house in Chamber Street, New York City, whic he purchased in 1781. Ruttan estimated his loss at 926 pounds sterling, and received 255 pounds sterling.

On June 30, 1783, he was in charged of 30 families of Lo;yalist refugees bound for Canada.

There is also a:

RUTTAN, William of Adophustown, Lieut. N.J. Vols.,
m. Margaret STEEL.

s. Peter William of Adolphustown, m. Fanny ROBLIN,
7 July, 1807. O.C. 22 Feb 1808

From "Daily Leader", May 7, 1861:

Col. Peter W. RUTTAN, eldest son,

d. Northport, Sophiasbur, 28 Apr 1861, in 74th year.

s. Daniel of Adolphustown, m. Rhoda HAIGHT, 16 Jan 1812 O.C. 25 Feb, 1812

d. Elizabeth, m. 1. Hugh C. THOMSON of Kingston

m. 2. Rev. Dr. Adam TOWNLY. ; O.C. 20 August 1817

s. Abraham W. of Adophustown, O.C. 28 November 1821

s. Mathew of Haldimand. O.C. 25 June 1823.

s. Jacob of Adolphustown, O.C. 24 March, 1835

s. Charles Stuart of Hamilton. O.C. 7 December, 1830.

s. Henry of Haldimand, m. Mary JONES, 26 May, 1816.

O.C. 15 March, 1815.

LINEAGE: Mark Ruttan of Duncan , BC mailed me the lineage of the RUTTAN family from France:

Peter RUTTAN Jr. b: 1771

Peter RUTTAN Sr. b. 1742

William RUTTAN b. 1710

Paul RUTTAN b. 1685

Abraham RUTTAN b. 1658

Daniel RUTTAN b. 1620

Claude RUTTAN b. 1590

Claudin RUTTAN b. 1564

MARRIAGE: I was able to also find that the IGI has a record of Michael's daughter's marriage (Batch #7202615 16, Source 820189):

CHILDREN: Supplied by

DEATH: The latest reference we find for Jermimah SLOOT RUTTAN is in the 1861 Census for Loughborough Twp, Frontenac County, Ontario at the age of 84 years, born US.

-----Original Message-----

From: Brant Gibbard <bgibbard@inforamp.net>
To: SLOAT-L@rootsweb.com <SLOAT-L@rootsweb.com>
Date: Sunday, May 23, 1999 1:40 PM
Subject: [SLOAT-L] Michael and Jemima Sloat (UEL)

> Hello, I am new to this list. I have the following two people listed among
> my ancestors, but have not as yet been able to come up with anything else
> about them. I show the name as being spelled Sloat for these individuals,
> but I imaging they could also be spelled Sloat or Slot on occassion.
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> Jemima Sloat was born in 1777 in USA and died between 1823-1871.
> Jemima married Peter Rutan, son of Peter Rutan and Jannetje Ackerman, in
> 1790.
> Her father was:
> Michael Sloat was born between 1725-1754 and died between 1779-1839.
> Michael married Rachel Hunt between 1751-1794.
>
> Does anyone on this list have any further information on either of these
> two, or know of sources I might check? I have a great deal of information
> on the descendants of Jemima Sloat and Peter Rutan/Ruttan, but nothing
> about any siblings she or her father may have had, or any further ancestry
> for them.
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> many thanks,
>
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