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1) UELAC Application

In early January, I submitted an application for a certificate from the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada with George Stillman as my Loyalist Ancestor. I heard back from them on February 13th and my application was approved. UELAC has accepted my proof that George Stillman was indeed a Loyalist. Also, they have accepted my proof that I descend from George Stillman. I will be presented with my certificate at the next branch meeting on March 2nd.

Special Thanks goes to Maryellen who provided me with 2 critical pieces of proof.

If anyone wants assistance in applying based on descent from George Stillman, please let me know.

2) Website

I have been toying with the idea of setting up a website for the descendants of George and Sarah Stillman for exchanging research and information. Maryellen has providing excellent input. The current website at <u>www.stillman.org</u> is very outdated and sometimes I feel that our Stillman's get lost on the site. Also, that site is difficult to have updated and limited in the structure in which information can be posted.

I caved in and registered the domain name <u>www.stillmanfamily.com</u>. The site is still under construction and very little is available. However, if you start checking there every so often, you should be able to see it taking shape.

If anyone has suggestions about format, structure, or content, please let me know. It is useful to be able to look at examples of what others have done with their sites.

3) Items appearing in the Carleton Sentinel Newspaper (paper for Woodstock, Carleton County, New Brunswick, Canada)

on October 2, 1858 Died:

At South Richmond on Friday the 24th inst., Hannah Melisia, only child of Silas and Elizabeth Stillman, aged 1 year and 4 months. [Silas was the son of John Handover and Mary Ann Stillman]

on November 10, 1860: Married: At the Wesleyan Parsonage, by the same [Rev. R. A. Temple] on the 25th Sept. Mr. George W. Stillman, to Miss Henrietta Lawrence, both of Richmond. [George was the son of John Handover and Mary Ann Stillman]

4) Interesting Facts about Canadian Census Dates/Ages (from the NBGS Miramichi Branch Newsletter of October 2004):

1825 Census of Lower Canada (Quebec) was taken from June 20 to September 20, 1825.

1831 Census of Lower Canada (Quebec) was taken from June 1 to October 1, 1831.

1851 Census was taken January 12, 1852. The age given on the census was suppose to be the age for the next birthday in 1852, not the age of the person in 1851.

1861 Census was taken on January 14, 1861. The age given is the age of their NEXT birthday.

1871 Census was taken April 2, 1871. The age given is the age on their NEXT birthday.

1881 Census was taken April 4, 1881. The age given is the age on their LAST birthday.

1891 Census was taken April 6, 1891. The age given is the age on their LAST birthday.

1901 Census was taken March 31, 1901. The age given is the age on their LAST birthday. Actual birth dates are shown, but may not be correct, depending on who provided the information to the census taker. Sometimes information was collected from neighbors if the family was away at the time or if the farm was isolated and hard to reach.

5) Automated Geneaolgy - searchable index of the 1901 Canadian Census (Contributed by Rosalie Perrin)

Below is a very useful link for a searchable index for the 1901 Census. I have accessed the site many times and was able to find those ancestors whom I was unable to locate when looking at the microfilms.

http://automatedgenealogy.com/index.html