

STILLMAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter No. 6

June 19, 2005

First of all, I must apologize for the delay in creating the current Newsletter. However, there were several reasons for this, including my recent move and lack of content. The website has likewise been slow in developing.

1) The following was contributed by Rosalie Perrin and was extracted from the newspaper:

Hantsport Advance (from Hantsport, Hants County, Nova Scotia) of April 7, 1909

BORN

NEWCOMB - At Hantsport on Sunday March 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Newcomb, a daughter.
DODGE - At Kempt Shore, March 28th, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawson H. Dodge, a daughter.
O'BRIEN - At Noel, Hants Co. March 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Brien, a son.
DONALDSON - At Lower Stewiacke, March 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Donaldson, a daughter.

DIED

MCEACHERN - At South Uniacke, March 27th, Daniel McEachern, aged 53 years.
CURRY - At Windsor, April 1, Ethel May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Curry, aged 2 years and 3 months.
*** BENEDICT - At Highfield, Hants Co., March 27th 1909, Rachael Benedict, widow of the late Henry Benedict, aged 80 years. ***
MAXNER - At Windsor, March 28th, Hedley, son of John T. Maxner, of tuberculosis, aged 31 years.

2) DNA Testing Results - descendant of John Handover Stillman

DNA test results came back for the descendant of John Handover Stillman, b. c. 1802, Nova Scotia. You may recall that John H. Stillman bought and sold land in Parrsboro Township in 1827 and 1832 respectively. He moved to Richmond Parish, Carleton County, New Brunswick and had many land transactions there (see Newsletters 3 and 4 for transcriptions of the New Brunswick Land records). By 18 March 1866, he had moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, being approximately 64 years old.

The DNA high resolution test results indicate that his descendant's DNA is a perfect match for the Dillman family's ancestor, Hans George Dillman. This DNA profile is extremely rare and this test result further supports the hypothesis that Hans George Dillman is the father of our George Stillman and that George Stillman is the father of John Handover Stillman.

It should be noted that there is one difference out of 37 "markers" when comparing John Handover Stillman's DNA to the DNA profile for George Henry Stillman. However, differences in DNA markers do occur at RANDOM every now and again which is why these tests are useful to distinguish between different branches of family trees. If there were no periodic RANDOM differences, every male on the planet would carry the same DNA profile, making DNA studies useless for genealogy.

As a result of this round of test results, I have put together an updated discussion for the Dillman DNA Project. If anyone wishes to have a copy, please e-mail me.

Also the National Geographic , IBM and Family Tree DNA have teamed up to initiate a large scale DNA study. For more information, please click on <https://www5.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/index.html>

3) New DNA participant.

A descendant of David Thomas Stillman, b.ca. 1808 in Nappan, Nova Scotia has provided a DNA sample to be tested. Results are still pending.

David is candidate to be considered a son of George Stillman. He moved to Botsford Parish, Westmorland County, New Brunswick, married and raised a family there. It will be very interesting to see how these results turn out.

4) The following was contributed by Maryellen Canfora from her research notes taken at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City:

Source: FHL 1298988, Item 3, p. 119, #95 - Marriages, Hants County. 1864-1882

December 1, 1878, Newport, By license, Methodist, by Rev. Chas. Brellte - Harris H. Foley, 45, Widower, carpenter, of and born in Belmont, and Arabel Parker, 23, Spinster, of and born Walton. Only the name of Harris Foley's father is given - also Harris H. Foley, farmer. Arabel's parents were Ananias and Harriet Parker. (Note: These are the same parents for Rebecca Annie Parker, b. abt 1842 in Walton, who married Levi Stillman. Thus, Arabel and Rebecca Annie were sisters). The witnesses to Arabel's marriage were Sarah Brellte and Sarah Campbell.

Same Source, but p. 154, #76:

September 1, 1882, Belmont, By license, Methodist, by Rev. Robt. McArthur Charles A. Foley, 24, Bachelor, Carpenter, of and born in Belmont, and Susannah Benedict, 17, Spinster, of and born in Belmont. Charles Foley's parents were Harris Foley and Sarah. Susannah Benedict's parents were James Benedict and Rachel (Stillman). Witnesses: W. H. Knowles and Lucinda Foley.

Same Source, but p. 41, #61:

August 13, 1870, Walton, by License, Baptist Church, by Rev. Jeremiah Bancroft Levi H. Stilman, 27, Bachelor, Farmer, of and born Newport, and Annie Parker, 28, Spinster, of and born Walton. Groom's parents: George & Jane Stilman. Bride's parents: Ananias & Harriet Parker. Witnesses: Augusta M. Bancroft and Clarence Bancroft.

Same Source, but p. 65, #48:

April 2, 1873, Newport, By License, Wesleyan Church, by Rev. J. McMurray Francis Stillman, 24, Bachelor, Farmer, of and born Newport, and Eliza McDonald, 29, Widow, of Walton. Groom's parents: Geo. & Jane Stillman. Bride's parents: Jas. & Mary Scott. Witnesses: Henry Benedict and Leonard Benedict.

5) The following was brought to my attention by Rosalie Perrin:

The Moss Diary CD, which is available from the Springhill Historical Society, has roughly 7 mentions of Stillmans. According to the Springhill Historical Society website, "In 1918 Joseph Moss began to keep a record of deaths in Springhill, Nova Scotia. He included most deaths that occurred in the town as well as the names and death dates of many native Springhillers who died elsewhere."

For more information on the Moss Diary CD, please visit <http://www.sybertooth.ca/md/index.htm#about>

6) Muster Rolls from the British Army during the American Revolutionary War

I have recently visited the National Archives in London, UK and have looked through their collection of 25 Muster Rolls for the 2nd Battalion of the 84th Regiment, where George Stillman served during the American Revolutionary War.

2 of the Muster Rolls I found listed George Stillman among the Privates. Among the 25 Muster Rolls there, none mentioned George Dillman. I understand from Col. Kim Stacy, who is a dedicated researcher of the 84th Regiment, that many papers were lost in a house fire where Lieutenant Colonel John Small, the 84th Regiment's Commander-in-Chief, resided in Nova Scotia. (see www.84th.com)

As I don't currently have access to a scanner, I have transcribed the 2 documents and they appear on the following pages. When I can get them scanned, I will place them on the website.

I am also including a listing of the other Muster Rolls held at the National Archives, for completeness.

National Archives , Kew Gardens, London, United Kingdom

WO12/8806 (war office records)

Muster Rolls

Based on looking at 25 different Muster Rolls, the following are an explanation of some abbreviations:

Do – Ditto (standard)
S. River – Spanish River
F. Edward – Fort Edward
NFLand – Newfoundland
C – Command
Regt – Regiment
Octr – October
Decr – December

It should be noted that the men appearing in the Tenth Company under Captain Alexander Murray for the 6 months of 25th June 1782 until 24th December 1782 reappear in Captain Murdoch McLean's Company from the 25th December 1782 until mustering out on 10th October 1783. The differences are primarily in spelling of surnames. Some of the men transferred out/in, but predominantly, it is the same group.

I did not find any mention of any Dillman. The Muster Rolls covered the period 1779 until the end of the war in 1783. There were an additional 3 Muster Rolls from 1794, 1795, and 1796 when the Regiment was reformed in England later on. These 3 are not included in the 25.

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Commissary General's Roll	His Majesties Second Battalion 84 th Regiment of Highlanders Tenth Company
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Honorable Alexander Murray Captain
Samuel Bliss Lieutenant
Joseph Hawkins Do

Duty	William Stewart Andrew Campbell John McDonald	S a r g e a n t s	Israel Crone James McDonald Jacob Tufford	C o r p o r a l s	F. Edward Jonathan Robertson Alexander Ferguson Duncan Cameron Peter Grant	Drum mers and Pipers
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Sick	William Atkin		Jonathan Glegan		John McLeod	Casualties Since the 25 th June 1782
S. River	Michael Bowman		Henry Jones		Frederick Nogle	
	Henry Baker		Michael Kearey	S. River	Andrew Richmond	John McDonald deserted the 9 th of September 1782 Angus McDonald discharged being replaced by an able Bodied Recruit the 24 th December 1782
	Michael Carrol	NFLand	John Keating		James Russell	
	Robert Clark		James Lawlor		Edward Robertson	
NFLand	Philip Cole		Robert Love	Duty	Robert Stobo	
Do	Duncan Cameron		John Lane		George Smith	
	Alexander Chisholm		John McKenzie Sr.		George Stillman	
	John Campbell		John McKenzie Jr.		Samuel Shadwick	
	Andrew Coff [?]		Kenneth McKenzie		George Shott	
	Alexander Cameron		John McGregor		Thomas Thomas	
NFLand	John Dunne	Leave	Alexander McIntosh			
Do	John Dayly		Conrad Major			
Leave	James Fraser		George Miller			
	Christian Foy		Christian McMyers			
	Francis Lovate Fraser		Patrick McHugh			
	Frederick Galbright		James McGunigal			
S. River	Godfrey Gash		Michael Miller			
	Donald Glison		Duncan McArthur			
F. Edward	James Gordon					

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Mustered present in His Majesties Second Battalion 84th Regiment of Foot and in the Tenth Company commanded by Captain Honorable Alexander Murray. The Captain Two Lieutenants Two Sargeants Three Corporals Three Drummers and Piper and Thirtyseven Private Men –

Allowing one Sargeant, one Drummer, Fourteen Private Men that are absent together with the Casuals to pass unrestricted being certified on the back of this Roll –

Also allowing the Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Private Men and Casuals to be Effective for the Intermediate times as set down against their respective Names above mentioned being Certified on the back of this Roll –

This Muster is taken for 183 days from the 25th June 1782 to the 24th December following both Days inclusive

N.B The Men on Command at Spanish River were Detached there by Brigadier General Campbell Orders in 1782 with Captain Duncan Campbell. The 5 men at Newfoundland are recently drafted into this Company and not yet joined

[2 signatures] A. Murray Captn 84th Regt
Sam Bliss Lt. 2nd Batt 84th Reg

		<p>His Majesties Second Battn 84th Regt of Highlanders</p> <p>Muster Roll of the Tenth Company Commanded by Capt Honable Alex Murray For 183 days from the 25 June 1782 to the 24 December following both days inclusive</p>	
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Officers Certificate

I do hereby Certify that the Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers and Private Men together with the Casuals of this Company were Effective for the whole or intermediate times during this muster as are set down against their respective Names within mentioned.

And all those that are absent (except the respited) are Effective and have the Reason assigned against their Names on the face of this Roll as the Act directs.

A. Murray Capt 84th Regt
Sam Bliss Lt. 2nd Batt. 84th

Commissaries Oath

I do swear that I saw at the time of making or taking this Muster such Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers and Private Men as are born (and not respited) upon the within Roll for which a Signed Certificate is not indorsed as above –

Proof Table

Establishment	C a p t a i n	L i e u t e n a n t s	E n g i n s	Sar geants	C o r p o rals	Dr um mers and Pipers	Pr iv ates
Effective Present	1	2		2	3	3	37
Do Absent				1		1	14
Casualties Since 25 th June							2
Total	1	2		3	3	4	53

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His Majesties Second Battalion 84th Regiment of Foot whereof Lieutenant Colonel John Small is Command.

From Captain Murray Company			Murdoch McLean Captain Samuel Bliss 1 st Lieut. Jos. Hawking 2 nd Lieut.					
	William Stewart Andrew Campbell John McDonald	S e r g e a n t s		Israel Crone James McDonald Jacob Tufford	C o r p o r a l s		Jonathan Robertson Alex'r Ferguson Se [?] McLean Wm Forbes	D r u m m e r s
	Michael Bowman			John Lane		Casualties		
	Henry Baker			John McKenzie Sen				
	Michael Carroll			John McKenzie Jun		Discharged 24 th Aug	William Atkin	
	Robert Clark			Kenneth McKenzie				
from Drummers	Duncan Cameron			Don McDonald				
	Alexander Chisholm			John McGriggar				
	John Campbell			Douglas McDonald		Do Do Do Discharged 24 th Jun	Michael Kearey Jonathan Hegan	
	Andrew Cope			Alexander McIntosh				
	Alexander Cameron			Conrad Messer		Transferred to Capt. Alex. Murray Comp. 24 August	Christian McMyers	
C. at N.F. Land	Phillip Cole			George Millar				
Do Do Do	Duncan Cameron Jun.			Duncan McArthur				
Do Do Do	Jeremiah Daily			John McLeod				
Do Do Do	John Dunn			James McGonigle		Do to Captain D. Campbells company	Bob Stobo	
Do Do	James Frazer			Patrick McHugh				
	Christian Foy			Michael Miller		Diserted 27 th Sept	Samuel Shadwick	
	Francis Lovate Frazer			Frederick Nogle				
	Peter Grant			Andrew Richmond				
	Frederick Garbright			James Russell				
	Godfrey Gash			Edward Robinson				
	Donald Gleeson			George Smith				
	James Gordon			George Stillman				
on command NFLand	John Keating			George Shott				
	Henry Jones			Thomas Thomas				
	James Lawlor							
	Robert Love							

Taken at Windsor 10th Oct. 1783

Mustered present in His Majesties 2nd Battalion 84th Regiment Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John Small and in Captain Murdoch McLean's Company. The Captain One Lieutenant 3 Sergeants 3 Corporals 2 Drummers and 2 Pipers and 43 Private Men

Allowing one Lieutenant & 6 Private Men to pass unrestricted being Certified Effective on the back of this Roll –

Also allowing the Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Private Men and Casuals to be Effective for the whole or Intermediate times as set down against their respective Names above mentioned being Certified on the back of this Roll –

This Muster is taken for 290 days from the 25th Decr 1782 to the 10th Octr 1783

[2 signatures not understood]

Murdoch MacLaine Captn 84th Regt
Donald MacDonald Lt. 84th Regt

		<p>His Majesties 2 Battn 84th Regt Commanded by Lt. Col John Small</p> <p>Captn Murd McLaines Company For 290 days commencing 25th Dec 1782 & ending 10th Oct 1783</p>	
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I do hereby Certify that the Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers and Private together with the Casuals of this Company were Effective for the whole or intermediate times during this muster as sett down against their respective Names within mentioned. And all those that are absent (except the respited) are Effective and have the Reasons assigned against their respective Names on the face of this Roll as the Act directs.

Murdoch MacLaine Capt 84th Regt

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National Archives, London, UK

War Office Records:

WO12/8806 Muster Rolls for the 84th Regiment, 2nd Battalion

Company Identification	# of days	Dates	Taken at
Alexander McDonald	290	25 Dec 1782 - 10 Oct 1783	Windsor
NFLD (men from the 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , & 10 th)	183	11 Oct 1783 - 24 Apr 1784	Halifax
3 rd	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Ft. Edward
6 th	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Ft. Edward
Duncan Campbell	290	25 Dec 1782 - 10 Oct 1783	Windsor
Neil Campbell	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Augusta
7 th	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Ft. Edward
John MacDonald	290	25 Dec 1782 - 10 Oct 1783	Windsor
5 th	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Ft. Edward
* 10 th	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Halifax
Alexander Murray	290	25 Dec 1782 - 10 Oct 1783	Windsor
4 th Ronald McKinnon	290	25 Dec 1782 - 10 Oct 1783	Windsor
2 nd Alexander McDonald	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Ft. Edward
Ronald McKinnon	182	25 Dec 1778 - 24 Jun 1779	Brooklyn Heights
Allan McDonald	290	25 Dec 1782 - 10 Oct 1783	Windsor
Commissioned Officers		Oct and Nov 1783	
9 th Neil Campbell		25 Jun 1783 - 7 Nov 1783	
Neil Campbell	182	25 Dec 1782 - 24 th Jun 1783	Fort Augusta
James Lindin[?]	290	25 Dec 1782 - 10 Oct 1783	Windsor
1 st	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Ft. Edward
4 th	183	25 Jun 1782 - 24 th Dec 1782	Ft. Edward
Robert Campbell	182	25 Dec 1782 - 24 th Jun 1783	Fort Augusta
* Murdock McLean	290	25 Dec 1782 - 10 Oct 1783	Windsor
Robert Campbell		25 Jun 1783 - 7 Nov 1783	Windsor

* Denotes ones I have photocopied – Andrew Stillman, June 2005