

## CAPTAIN JOSEPH KILBORN, 1792

In our list of Land Surveyors of 1877 we find that Joseph Kilborn became a Land Surveyor in the year 1813 on the 6th of March. Exhaustive searches have so far not revealed any evidence that this Joseph ever existed, but we do find a Captain Joseph Kilborn, who was appointed a Land Surveyor on the 6th June, 1792. He was a son of Benjamin. He assisted at surveying nearly all the eastern townships of Lower Canada.

He was born in Litchfield, Conn., on February 15th, 1771, left his native town in 1785, and became a clerk of his brother Charles in Canada. He studied the art of surveying, and was appointed a deputy surveyor of the province on the 6th June, 1792.

On the 17th February, 1805, he was married in Ascot to Phebe Adams, daughter of Eliphalet Adams, of Hartford, Connecticut; and during the same year he received his lieutenant's commission in the army from the hands of General Sir Robert Shore Milnes. At the commencement of the 1812 war between United States and Great Britain he was transferred to the engineer department, having received the appointment of military surveyor and draftsman with the rank and pay of captain in the regular army. He continued to perform the duties of this station until a short time previous to his death, which took place at the headquarters of the army at Kingston, November 15th, 1814, in the 43rd year of his age.

In the year 1810 he committed the care of his landed property (about thirteen hundred acres) to an intimate friend, to whom, in his last sickness, he wrote respecting the distribution of his property to his family. His family, however, never came into possession of said estate, the presumed friend having, it is said, appropriated it to his own use.

The children of Captain Kilborn were: William, Vincent, Joseph Henry, Caroline Cordelia and Clarissa Maria.

William Vincent was born in Ascot and drowned in the St. Francis River, May 4th, 1829, aged 22 years.

Joseph Henry, born in Westbury, May 9th, 1809, married Susan Hughes, March 18th, 1832. After serving in various military capacities, he left Canada, and ultimately reached

Michigan, where he permanently located. In 1842 he was appointed postmaster at Sanford, Ingram County, and was soon after commissioned as a notary public. In 1847 he was elected a member of the legislature of Michigan, and was re-elected in 1849, in which year he was elected commander of the 46th Regiment of the Michigan Militia, and received a colonel's commission from Governor Ransom. On the 25th March, 1852, he left for California, where he became a leading citizen, politically, and in church circles.

Caroline C. was born in Elizabethtown, Canada, December 17th, 1811.

Clarissa M., born in Kingston, November 6th, 1814, died in Westbury, Canada, March 17th, 1815.

A photo of him will be published when found.

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