

### CAPTAIN ASA LANDON, JR.

In the United Empire List, the following names appear; Asa Landon, Eastern District, petition to have joined General Burgoyne; Asa Landon, Junr., Eastern District, son of Asa, joined in 1777, bore arms in part of the war; Heman Landon, Eastern District, Augusta, joined before the treaty of separation, E. Jessup; Samuel Landon, Augusta, son of Asa Landon, Senr.

The Landons were a family of nobility in Normandy in the period 1200 to 1500, part being Protestant and part Roman Catholic.

Pierre Landon, a cure of Veilers, was raised to the Chair of St. Peter, December 4th, 1914; died the following April 28th.

The Protestant Landons were mixed up in all the religious wars. The battle in particular where William in the battle of La Cocherel, May 24th, 1364, was knighted by the Crown, and given the family Coat-of-Arms. This Coat-of-Arms of blue, with three cocks of gold posed two above and one below. The beaks, crested and claws of red, right foot drawn up, supports two savage gentlemen, of a pink color with girdle and coronet of ivy and leaning on clubs. The motto, "We fight valiantly".

The Protestant branch of the family moved to Hertfordshire, England. In 1640, there came to Massachusetts, near Boston, from Hertfordshire, England, six men of the name of Landon, and supposed to be brothers. They were John; Joseph; David, died January 21st, 1725; Daniel; James, died October 12, 1629; Nathan, born 1664, died March 9th, 1718. The order in which they are written has no significance.

David was a soldier in King Phillip's war. He received a soldier's grant of land in New Bedford, N.H. He was the father of six children. James and Daniel were also soldiers in King Phillip's war. Daniel served under Major Savage as a scout, and while on a scouting expedition was severely injured by falling from a horse. His appeal for dismissal is found in the Boston State Archives, Military 1675, Book 68. James received a soldier's grant of land at Bristol, R.I. Married Ann——? Children, his first three children died shortly after birth; Martha, born June 22nd, 1682; Elizabeth, born September, 1686; James, born March 29th, 1685.

James, son of James, married Mary Vaille in 1707, she died 1722 at Southold, L. I. Children were Mary, born, December 26th, 1707; Joseph, born December 18th, 1708; James

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Jr., born August 5th, 1711; Daniel, born January 1st, 1713; Rachael, born October 12th, 1716; David, born July 5th, 1718.

James Landon Senr., born 29th March, 1685, died in 1738. Daniel, the third son, born 1713, went to Litchfield, Conn., 1736. The second son, James, moved to Salisbury. Nothing is known of Joseph or either of the daughters. Joseph moved to Canada before the Revolution, but the records on him after that are indefinite. James Jr., son of James and Mary Vaille Landon, born August 5th, 1711, Southold, L.I., removed to Litchfield, and later to Salisbury, Conn.

James Jr., married Sarah Bishop. He owned a large farm at Salisbury, but at the time of the Revolutionary war he lost it all. He was a tory, and his farm was called "Tory Hill", and that name continues to this day. He was a Member of the Colonial Legislature in May, 1759, and took an active part in everything that had for its object the building up of society, and lived to be very old.

The children of James Jr. and Sarah Bishop Landon are: Sarah; James; Asa, born July 27th, 1736; Ezekial, born August 31st, 1738; Thomas, born September 10th, 1740, who was the ancestor of Governor Alf Landon, who was the Republican candidate for President of U.S.A. in 1936; Rachel, born October 11th, 1742; Ambrose, born September 9th, 1744; Lois, born July 11th, 1746, died in infancy; Samuel; Luther, born September 16th, 1752; Nabby; Nancy, January 18th, 1755.

Asa Landon, son of James and Sarah Bishop Landon, born July 27th, 1763, married October 20th, 1757, to Jerusha Grifface, by J. Lee, J.P.

Children; Lois, born May 20th, 1759; Sarah, born October 1st, 1761; Hannah, born January 6th, 1764; Asa Junr., the subject of this sketch, born April 13th, 1766; Heman, born July 15th, 1768; Electa, born August 9th, 1770; Ezra, born February 22nd, 1773, died September 11th, 1776; Nancy, born September 26th, 1775.

Asa Landon Senr., with his family moved to Canada after the Revolutionary War. He was in Burgoyne's Army, 1777. Asa, Jun., with his brothers Heman and Samuel bore arms during part of the war as a Loyalist. The family was given a large grant of land in Augusta Township at New Oswegatchie—now Maitland.

Asa Landon, Junr., the subject of this sketch, was born April 13th, 1766, and died in 1849, and was buried at the Maitland Cemetery, where a rough stone, with his name in-

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scribed on it, marks his grave. His wife was Elizabeth Bissell, born January 27th, 1775, died November 11th, 1850. The children were Mary, born November 13th, 1791; Sarah, born November 29th, 1792, married Abel Wright, February 9th, 1815; Hannah, born December 26th, 1794; Heman, born December 6th, 1796, died August 20th, 1849; Elisha, born April 17th, 1798, died June 10th, 1863; Solomon, born October 11th, 1800; Elizabeth, born January 18th, 1803; Harriet, born July 5th, 1806; Nelson, born June 16th, 1809, married Anne Dunham; Maria, born September 11th, 1811, married Rev. Stephen Coolige, December 26th, 1832; Wellington, born August 13th, 1814, died May 20th, 1882, married first Melisa Burritt, September 30th, 1835, for second wife Anna McCrea, 1859, who was a sister of the greatgrandmother of Miss Anna B. Landon, R.N., who collected much of this data.

Asa Landon Junr., was reeve of Leeds County in 1800, and he was appointed a land surveyor on the 5th June, 1819.

It is recorded that just after the Revolutionary War the Landons comprised two-thirds of the population of Leeds County.

Oliver Landon, a cousin of Asa, Senr., and an ancestor of Miss Anna B. Landon, was the first white man to drive a wagon and team of horses from Lower to Upper Canada, through the woods, making a road as he came in 1792. In 1803 he was given a large grant of land on account of his loyalty.

Asa Landon, Junr., was educated at Salisbury, Connecticut.

Diligent search has failed to locate a likeness of Asa Landon, Junr. But if one is later discovered it will be published. He subdivided the Township of Neepean in 1824.

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**JOHNSTON LINDSAY ROWLETT PARSONS**

(Correction)

In the Annual Report for 1936, by clerical error a wrong date of his death was given in his biography. He died on the 3rd October, 1935.