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Individual Page

Person Info

Name: [William Griffis](#)

Sex: M

Birth: 7 FEB 1763 in [Huntington, Long Island, Suffolk County, New York, USA](#)

Death: AFT JUN 1848 in [Ontario, Canada](#)

Person Id: I6051

Tree Id: 118202

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Parents

Father:

[William Griffis](#)

Mother:

[Abiah Gates](#)

Family

Marriage:

Married: [Tunta "Content" Noxon](#) on BEF 1792.

[Tunta "Content" Noxon](#): Birth: 22 JAN 1762 in [Beeckman, Dutchess, New York USA](#). Death: 2 DEC 1846 in [Fredericksburgh Tp., Addington County, Ontario, Canada](#)

Children:

- [1. Stephen Griffis](#): Birth: 4 JUL 1792 in [New York State, USA](#). Death: 26 APR 1871 in [Cramahe Tp., Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada](#)
- [2. Philip Griffis](#): Birth: ABT 1793 in [New York State, USA](#). Death: AFT 1871
- [3. William Griffis](#): Birth: 29 DEC 1797 in [Adolphustown Tp., Addington](#)

[County, Ontario, Canada](#). Death: 24 DEC 1878 in [Beaver Dam, Dodge, Wisconsin, USA](#)

4. [Gilbert Griffith](#): Birth: ABT 1804 in [Ontario, Canada](#). Death: AFT 1881

Notes

a. Note: http://www.fort-plank.com/Additional_Partisans_A_G.pdf
WILLIAM GRIFFIS, RWPA #S29185. He was born in February of 1763. In Huntington Township, Suffolk County, New York [a part of Long Island]. His pension file is too light to read on microfilm]. See also American State Papers Class 9, page []. In October of 1780 he served under the command of Captain Jacob Lansing of Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment at Schoharie. He states he took part in the pursuit of Sir John Johnson through Stone Arabia under the command of Major Melancton Woolsey of Colonel Lewis Dubois Regiment of Levies in October of 1780. His file contains depositions by Jellis A. Fonda and [] Gates [Cates].

William was listed in The Executive Council List in Ontario, Canada, as a United Empire Loyalist; however, he also had joined up with the Americans in Dec 1775 for short stints, three times for 3 month periods, one for 4 months, and one 5 month period, until Dec. 1780.

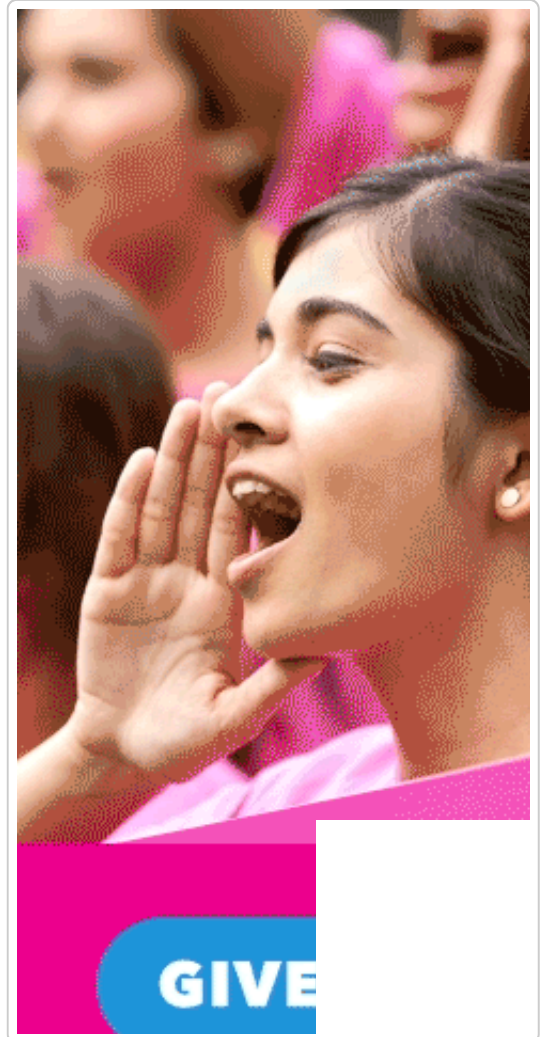
In 1834, at the age of 71, he travelled to Jefferson Co., NY, from Fredericksburgh Tp., L&A Co., Ontario, to apply for his pension for his services to the Americans. The pension payment law had been passed by Congress in June 1832. His Pension application (#S29185) was for William Griffis or Griffith and he stated he had been born in Huntington, Suffolk County, Long Island, NY, in February 1763, but was resident in Saratoga NY by May 1775. Saratoga was his residence from May 1775 until Dec. 1780. The application mentioned he had lived in Dutchess Co. NY for 6 months in 1783, then he returned to Huntington Long Island for a few years then moved back to Dutchess Co. for 4 yrs then lived 4 miles from Albany for 3yrs before moving to Fredericksburgh Tp., Addington Co., Ontario in 1793. (my note - it is not mentioned in this application that in 1782 he had joined on the side of the British).

The Old UEL list: William Griffiths, Adolphustown, joined at N.Y. 1782.

Loyalists in Ontario, by W.D. Reid: pg. 134 - William Griffis, of Fredericksburgh, & Adolphustown: Children: Philip of Fredericksburgh, OC Nov. 4 1818; William of Fredericksburgh, OC July 26 1820; Gilbert of Fredericksburgh, OC February 18 1824; Stephen of Fredericksburgh, OC August 18 1824.

Ontario Bureau of Industries census listed William Griffis from March 18, 1794 with a wife & 3 sons but sometime about 1815 his name disappears from the records. [These records spanned from 1794 to 1823--per Rev. Ernie Johns, Owen Sound, ON.]

Upper Canada Land Petitions - Name: Griffin, William Place: Hamilton (my note - Hamilton Twp., Northumberland Co., Ontario) Year: 1797 Volume: 224 Bundle: H 3 Petition: 166 (my note - 166P; the next petition 166Q was for Baltus or Boltus Harris and Baltus



married Content Noxon's sister, Anna) Microfilm: C-2044 Reference: RG 1 L3 <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-119.01-e.php?q2=29&q3=2465&sqn=252&tt=1041&PHPSESSID=j04crkepssqv4h1r688aldd944>

Upper Canada Land Petitions - from what I can see, this is a list of men on their land, I do not see an actual petition as a soldier. Name: Griffin, William Place: Hamilton (my note - Hamilton Twp., Northumberland Co.) Year: 1797 Volume: 224 Bundle: H 3 Petition: 169 Microfilm: C-2044 Reference: RG 1 L3 <http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform/data2/dm14/d14/006003/c-2044/jpg/c-2044-00306.jpg> <http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform/data2/dm14/d14/006003/c-2044/jpg/c-2044-00307.jpg>

Land Index by Locatee, Toronto Archvies: William Griffes, from Adolphustown, Hamilton Tp., Con. 3, Lot 33, Sept. 1, 1797, Free Grant, by old regulations. (Note: Hamilton Tp. is in Northumberland Co., Ontario)

Township Papers, MS658 R180, Cab.9, Reel 339, Toronto Archives: Wm. Griffes, residence Adolphustown. Fiat No. 437, Hamilton Tp., Con. 3 Lot 33. In council 1 Sept. 1797, granted as U.E.L.

This website lists William Griffis as living in Northumberland County, Hamilton Tp., in 1797:

<http://www.ontariogenealogy.com/Northumberland/ham.html>

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=bsmith4091&id=P3001> 17 June 1797 Lot 33, Con 3 Hamilton Twp, Ontario On settlers list, no evidence he was ever there but the lot was granted 17 May 1811. He sold all 200 acres to James Norris on 4 Feb 1812. Norris then sold the south 100 acres to Brian Bouskill 7 Aug 1819 and north 100 acres to Willard Seaton 4 Apr 1828.

Upper Canada Land Petition - William Griffis of Adolphustown. Joined the Royal Standard in NY in 1782, continued to the end of the War in 1783; moved to the Province in 1793. Name: Griffis, William Place: Adolphustown Year: 1807 Volume: 222 Bundle: G Misc. 1794-1830 Petition: 38 Microfilm: C-2042 Reference: RG 1 L3 <http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform/data2/dm14/d14/006003/c-2042/jpg/c-2042-00620.jpg> <http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform/data2/dm14/d14/006003/c-2042/jpg/c-2042-00622.jpg> <http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform/data2/dm14/d14/006003/c-2042/jpg/c-2042-00624.jpg> <http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform/data2/dm14/d14/006003/c-2042/jpg/c-2042-00625.jpg>

Upper Canada Land Petition, LG1, L3, Vol. 222, G Midv/38 (4pp.) - William Griffis, the elder, made a land petition dated Feb. 16, 1807, says he joined in N.Y. in 1781 & came to Upper Canada in 1793.

RG1L3, Vol. 259 (a) I-J Bundle 18, No. 69 (8pp.), July 31, 1834 - The name of William Griffis appears on a petition from Fredericksburgh UEL's for additional lands which was read in council July 31, 1834.

Source: Susan Montagne- The information I have was compiled by Mary Martha Ryan Jones and Capitola Griffis Welch. They had it printed up (without documents of proof) for the family in 1969. They gave little information on William other than his wife was Content Harris, a widow from England. It is interesting to note that William served in the American Revolution from Dec 1775 until the fall of 1780 (on & off). William received his pension in 1845. The data comes from a sworn statement he made before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Jefferson in the State of New York. I have been told that he came from Wales.

<http://www.archive.org/stream/lineagebook27revogoog#page/n297/mode/1up> - Daughters of the American Revolution, pg. 294- William Griffis (1763-1845), was placed on the pension roll of Canada in 1834 for service as a private, New York militia. He was born in Huntington L.I.; died in Fredericksburgh.

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=-2678785&id=I537860968> This is under William Griffith & Abiah Gates and their children. It lists a son William born Feb 7 1763 in Fresh Pond, Suffolk Co., Long Island, NY. Source material is from the two books quoted below. However, there is proof that William's birth was in Feb 1763 in Huntington, Suffolk, Long Island, NY, according to his 1834 pension application.

There were two books written in which William Griffith (b. 1736) and Abiah Gates and their children were mentioned: - Griffith Family History: In Wales, 1485-1635, in America from 1635 : Giving Descendants of James Griffis (Griffith), B. 1758 in Huntington, Long Island, New York, Mildred Evelyn Griffith Peets, Capitola Griffis Welch, C.G. Welch, 1971 - 56pages - Griffith Genealogy Wales- Flushing-Huntington compiled by Martha K. Hall, 1929 - Both manuscripts list essentially the same sources. The one by Martha Hall lists the first 6. The one by C G Welch lists the first six plus two more. They are: Baptismal, Marriage, and Cemetery Records by Nellie Ritch Scudder Church Records by Rev. Ebenezer Prine, Rev. Joshua Hartt Huntington Town Records New York Genealogical and Biographical Records Ross's History of Long Island Hempstead Census Records Early New York Census Records 1663-1772 by Carol M. Meyers Newspapers- The Long Islander, Huntington, NY and the New York Herald Tribune, NY NY Also posted at this site is the family of William Griffith and Abiah Gates, including son William born Feb 1763:

http://longislandsurnames.com/genealogy/getperson.php?personID=I6838&tree=Bryant_Family

www.familysearch.org Groom's Name: William Griffis Bride's Name: Abiah Gates Marriage Date: 27 Jan 1756 Marriage Place: First Church, Huntington, Suffolk, New York

William's death date is unknown; however he was still alive in June 1848 & was living in Fredericksburgh Tp., Lennox Co., Ontario, Canada. A Griffis descendant (Bruce Griffis) sent me a copy of a land document dated June 23 1848 between "William Griffiths of the

Township of Fredericksburgh County of Lenox Midland District Canada west, and William Griffiths Junior of the Township of Dawn, County of Kent, and Gilbert Griffis of the first named Township, County District and Province" "whereby the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds..", This concerned Township of Fredericksburgh (additional) 50 acres SE part of Lot number 3 in the Second Concession. This transaction was registered on Dec. 1 1848. (In other words, William Griffiths, b. 1763, was still alive in June 1848 and was living in Fredericksburgh Tp., Lennox County, Ontario).

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