

Dartmouth N.S.
June 25, 1969

Dear Mr. Raddall;

I am writing to request information in regard to the sources of your background material in His Majesty's Yankees.

In researching my family tree, I find that one of my ancestors - Michael Dunfield - served with the Royal Fencible Americans at Saint John and possibly at Fort Cumberland.

Consequently I would greatly appreciate your help in directing me to the areas where specific information may be located, particularly in relation to names and other historical notes on the details of the Regiment.

Yours very truly

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Dear Mr. Dunfield:

You should go to the Provincial Archives Building on Dalhousie campus, and ask to see material about the Royal Fencible American Regiment.

I did most of my research there when I was preparing to write His Majesty's Yankees nearly thirty years ago. The notes I made then are buried under heaps of subsequent research material in my attic, and it would take a month to find them.

In my book I followed the historic facts closely. Colonel Gorham was too lazy to be a good soldier, and in his report on the siege of Fort Cumberland he played down the whole affair (including his rescue by Marines, of all people) as a mere skirmish, to hide his own inadequacy.

Major Studholme subsequently took a picked company of the RFA to attack Allan and the rebels and Indians on the St. John. Afterwards he settled there on a Crown grant, at or in the vicinity of Kennebecasis, N.B.

In the book "The Loyalists of New Brunswick", by Esther Clark Wright, there is an appendix showing a list of Loyalist soldiers who settled in New Brunswick. I note from my copy of the book that Michael Dunfield, RFA, also settled in the Kennebecasis region.

Sincerely,