

# **St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre at Sherbrooke Village**

## **Finding Aid - Country Harbour Loyalist Society (2021.029)**

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# Country Harbour Loyalist Society

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre at Sherbrooke Village
<b>Title:</b>	Country Harbour Loyalist Society
<b>Reference code:</b>	2021.029
<b>Date:</b>	1783-2006 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	6 cm of textual material 1 binder of papers
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	An audio recording of Sarah Mason-Wilson addressing the St. Mary's Historical Society in April 1983 on the subject of the Country Harbour Loyalists is held by this repository: 2020.007, Ser. 2, #24.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

In the years leading up to 1983, a group of descendants of the Country Harbour Loyalist settlers met to plan a re-enactment of the landing of these Loyalists to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the event. They gathered what historical materials they could, and set about planning an event to recall this pivotal arrival of Loyalist settlers to Guysborough County. Sarah Mason-Wilson and Dalton Hudson were two of the dedicated community volunteers who made the July 1983 event a reality. In 2001, another generation of Loyalist descendants incorporated to officially form the County Harbour Loyalist Society, and to lobby the Municipality of Guysborough to establish a Municipal Park and Walking Trail with interpretive panels at Stormont, Country Harbour, to commemorate this important migration. The park was officially opened on 15 July 2006.

### Custodial history

Fonds created and collected by the Country Harbour Loyalist Society. Materials were in the possession of Dalton Hudson, a member of the Society, then Noreen Hayne, and finally Michelle (Hudson) MacArthur. MacArthur, the daughter of Dalton Hudson, signed the deed of gift to the research centre.

## Scope and content

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Fonds gathers material about the history of Loyalists in Guysborough County, N.S., from their arrival in 1783, as well as the activities of the Country Harbour Loyalist Society, notably their 1983 re-enactment of the Landing of the Loyalists and the 2006 grand opening of the Municipal Park and Loyalist Walking Trail in Stormont, Country Harbour. Fonds includes papers generated by the operation of the society, including paperwork for the incorporation of the society, meeting minutes, event planning notes, and letters of support from the community.

Fonds consists of the following series:

Series 1: Parks Canada

Series 2: History

Series 3: Legal Society Business

Series 4: Re-Enactment Photographs

Series 5: Guysborough County Heritage Association

Series 6: Minutes of the Country Harbour Loyalist Society

Series 7: The Loyalist Trail

Series 8: Form Letters of Support

Series 9: Volunteer Involvement

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Finding aids

Finding aid available

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Accompanying material:** Digital image: Sarah Mason-Wilson at 1983 Re-enactment of the Landing of the Country Harbour Loyalists; 2021\_029\_Ser4\_1\_\_01

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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Maps (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Correspondence (subject)

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- Nonprofit organizations--Canada (subject)
- Guysborough County, Nova Scotia (place)
- Stormont, County Harbour, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia (place)
- Country Harbour, Nova Scotia (place)

## Series descriptions

### Series 2021.029, Ser 1: Parks Canada

Date: 2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada published by Parks Canada

Physical description: 1 binder of papers

Publication status:

Published

### Series 2021.029, Ser 2: History

Date: 1783-2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

History of Loyalists in Guysborough County, Nova Scotia

Physical description: 2 folders

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2021.029, Ser2.1	<b>Folder - History of Loyalists</b> <i>Scope and content:</i> History of Loyalists in Guysborough County, article specific to Country Harbour from from North Carolina Historical Review 1783-1812 (published 1990), news clipping 1963, typed list of land grantees under Major Wright Grant with list of names, Arrival of the St. Augustine Loyalists 1783, East Florida and Country Harbour, Black Loyalists and Country Harbour 1783-1819, Loyalist Facts 1783 with notes on Black Loyalists, Country Harbour Loyalists 1783 with poem "Loyalist Farewell" with mention of reenactment in 1983, The Connection: East Florida and Country Harbour, Blacks and the American	1783-2005	1 folder

	Revolution (c. 2005), United Empire Loyalists, the Augustine Loyalists (c. 2004), Country Harbour Loyalists information collected by Sarah Mason Wilson.		
2021.029, Ser 2.2	<b>Folder - Historical Articles on Country Harbour</b>	1963-1992	1 folder
	<i>Scope and content:</i> news clipping on Mutiny on the Saladin (1963), letter to Mrs. Jean Clark, teacher, from Marion Hudson containing news paper clipping for a hanging connected to Saladin mutiny, Chronicles of Guysborough County collection of articles written by Sarah Mason Wilson and published by the Guysborough Gazette (c. 1992)		

### Series 2021.029, Ser 3: Legal Society Business

Date: 2001-2004 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Paperwork for incorporation of society, registry of joint stock company, receipts, opening account with Customs and Revenue.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

### Series 2021.029, Ser 4: Re-Enactment Photographs

Date: 1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Consists of photographs and some writing about the 1983 Re-Enactment of landing of the Loyalists.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

### Series 2021.029, Ser 5: Guysborough County Heritage Association

Date: 2004-2007 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Consists of papers concerning the Guysborough County Heritage Association, including Association by-laws, trail map and other promotional material, printed emails, "Guysborough County Heritage Association Strategic Planning" booklet (2004).

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

**Series 2021.029, Ser 6: Minutes of the Country Harbour Loyalist Society**

Date: 2001-2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Consists of minutes of the Country Harbour Loyalist Society from 2001-2006

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

**Series 2021.029, Ser7: The Loyalist Trail**

Date: 2001-2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Pictures, correspondence, maps, and other papers concerning the Grand Opening of the Municipal Park and Walking Trail in Country Harbour hosted by the Country Harbour Loyalist Society.

Physical description: 1 folder

Note [generalNote]:

Enclosed note reads: United Empire Loyalist Park and Walking Trail July 15th, 2006, attended ~158 people. The Harbourview Fire Support Team cooked ~14 dozen weiners. Broadhorn ATV President Norman Hayne.

Publication status:

Published

**Series 2021.029, Ser 8: Form Letters of Support**

Date: 2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

100+ letters of support for the Loyalist site project that resulted in the Walking Trail.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

**Series 2021.029, Ser 9: Volunteer Involvement**

Date: 2001-2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Correspondence requesting financial support, quote for purchase of wood, hand-written planning notes, page of municipal concerns that would impact the Walking Trail.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published