

William Cook Joslin¹

(1795-1880)

William Cook Joslin was born in 1795, the second son and second oldest of Andrew and Priscilla Joslin, both of whom were Loyalists.² His father Andrew had started the farm in Prince William sometime shortly after 1795. In 1802, he joined the local Baptist church.³

William Cook Joslin was called "Captain" due to his serving commissions in the York County Battalion. In 1821, he was awarded Lieutenant of the second Battalion of the York County militia,⁴ in 1829 he held the rank of Captain of the third Battalion⁵. One of the most notable events in Williams life was in 1822. William Cook was involved in the arrest of Peter Pennard for the murder of John McGeorge.⁶ William Cook Joslin took the prize for best straw bonnet at the York County Central Show, held in Fredericton, in 1850, since women entered items in the name of male relatives, the bonnet was made by one of the Joslin ladies⁷. In 1871, William was appointed a Justice of the Peace.⁸

William Cook married Hannah Courser (1796-1860) in 1819, they had 5 children, Thankful (1821-1864) who married George Wheeler (1819-1880) and moved to Florenceville, Daniel Cook (1828-1906), Simon (1835-1878), Olive Ann (1825-), Priscilla (1839-) and John A (1819-)⁹.

In 1861, William's farm was worth over 6000 dollars. There were three male hands and two females. He had only one horse, 8 milk cows, two oxen, 27 sheep and two swine. This indicates he still used oxen to work the farm.¹⁰

In 1880, William died and was buried in the Prince William Cemetery along side his wife Hannah and daughter Thankful Wheeler.¹¹

¹ Information compiled by Evelyn Fidler January 26, 2019

² Paul Dayton Kilburn, "Andrew Joslin: his French, English and American Roots." Generations, summer 1998, 29-36.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Commission awarded to William Cook Joslin, 1821

⁵ Commission awarded to William Cook Joslin, 1833

⁶ KL Research note the murder of John McGeorge 1822

⁷ November 29, 1850 NB Reporter

⁸ Darrell Butler: Research Note The Joslin Family 2004

⁹ Ancestral chart provided by Carlene A Dick February 11, 1997

¹⁰ Census of Canada, 1861, William Joslin, Prince William, York.

¹¹ PANB New Brunswick Cemeteries