

George Morehouse¹

(November 19, 1790-July 22, 1866)

George Morehouse was born in 1790 in Queensbury, NB the son of Daniel Morehouse (March 26, 1758-January 20, 1835) and Jane Gill Morehouse (1757-August 29, 1829). During the war of 1812, George raised a company of volunteers for the New Brunswick Fencibles.² He held the rank of ensign by July, 1814.³ In January 1813, he was in charge of a command at Meductic. They captured the town of Houlton Maine. The Treaty of Ghent in December 1814 returned that part of Maine to the United States. In February 1813, he was posted to Grand Falls. His primary duty was to assist in keeping the communication lines open on the Upper Saint John River.⁴ In 1818, he was appointed a Deputy Surveyor for the colony.⁵

On July 22, 1820, George married Mamre Ingraham, daughter of John Ingraham and Ann Clark (sister of Olive Ingraham). They lived with the Morehouse family until 1822 when they moved upriver to Muniac in Madawaska County⁶ where George was appointed a Justice of the Peace. In 1827, George ordered the arrest of John Baker, James Bacon and Charles Studson for trying to persuade the British subjects in Madawaska County to switch their allegiance to the Americans.⁷

George had a seat in the Legislature from 1834 until 1837 representing Madawaska. In the meantime, three children were born to him and Mamre, Georgiana in 1833, Charles Frederick in 1835 and John Henry 1838. In 1839, George had a business reversal in Madawaska and moved back to the homestead in Queensbury.⁸

After returning to Queensbury, he donated land for the building of St. Thomas Anglican Church and was a church Warden. In 1851, his household consisted of himself, the three children, his sister Mary, brother John, an Irish female servant and an "African" female servant and daughter.⁹

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² Also known as the 104th foot first raised in 1803, ordered to march to Quebec March, 1813 and disbanded May 1817 Baldry, W. Y., and A. S. White. "DISBANDED REGIMENTS. THE NEW BRUNSWICK FENCIBLES—AFTERWARDS THE 104th FOOT." *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research* 1, no. 3 (1922): 90-92. Accessed August 3, 2020. www.jstor.org/stable/44231987. Confusion arises as another department also known as the New Brunswick Fencibles was raised in 1813 disbanded in 1816 for local defense. George Morehouse was an Ensign in this regiment.

³ A junior officer, lowest commissioned rank

⁴ Gary Campbell, "George Morehouse New Brunswick Fencibles", <https://gravesideproject.ca/?p=108>, (accessed August 3, 2020) Gary's source has the siege of Houlton at a later date but copies of original sources have 1813

⁵ Darrell Butler(?), "Research Note: Morehouse, George."

⁶ Madawaska County was first part of York County then Carleton County then its own County in 1833

⁷ Darrell Butler

⁸ Ibid

⁹ Ibid, based on 1851 Census of Canada