

**EXTRACT FROM BUREAU OF ARCHIVES REPORT OF
ONTARIO, 1904.**

UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS.

Enquiry into their losses and services in consequence of their Loyalty.

Evidence in the Canadian Claims.

**Proceedings of Loyalist Commissioners, Halifax, St. John, 1785-86.
Before Commissioner Dundas.**

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5. Evidence in the case of Dr. Jas. Boggs, late of Monmouth County, New Jersey. Claimant sworn. Memorial read. He is a native of Delaware County. At the commencement of the trouble he resided at Shrewsbury, in New Jersey and says that he uniformly supported the British Government. He ever opposed the choosing of committees and says he never took an oath or carried arms with the Americans.

A number of Loyalists were taken up in Shrewsbury in Nov. 1776. The dread of being taken up made him fly to Sandy Hook, where he got aboard the Swan sloop of war.

He has continued under the protection of the British troops ever since.

He acted as mate in the Gen. Hospital at New York from July 1777 until Sept. 1783, when he was appointed by Sir Guy Carleton, Assist. Surgeon on the Staff. His pay in both situations has been 7s. 6d per diem.

PROPERTY: 111 acres in the township of Shrewsbury. Produces Copy of a Deed of Bargain and Sale, whereby Stoffel Loggan conveys to the claimant and his heirs a tract of land as above in Trenton Manor in consideration of £777 N. York currency, bearing date 25th May, 1773. (In this connection the margin reads: Appointment by Gen. Carleton produced 25th January, 1786. The original deed produced which agrees with the copy formerly examined).

The land was very good, part of it, about 60 acres cleared. When he bought it he made very considerable improvements, which cost him about £200 N. Y. currency. Thinks it was well worth £1000 N. York currency, but he cannot say it would have sold for so much if he had not purchased it when he did.

Another person would have given the same price for it.

He knows this property is sold under confiscation. Is required to produce copies of the records of sale under confiscation. It is in the possession of Moses Sheppard.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Says when his claim was sent to England it was believed in New York that the lands only would be attended to as claims.

Requests a few days to arrange the remaining part of his claim.

Lt. Col. Elisha Lawrence, late of Monmouth County, New Jersey sworn:

Knew the claimant in America and as far as he could judge he acted as a loyal subject, and joined the British army in Decemb. 1776.

Dr. James Boggs – Petition for losses Attachment

He knew his farm in Shrewsbury township. It was tolerably good, and about half cleared. Lands in that neighborhood sold for £8 or £9 N. Y. currency per acre.

The claimant practised Phisick, and had the first business in the township. Lawrence Hartshorn, affirmed:

Says he knew Dr. Boggs at Shrewsbury. He was a very loyal man and uniformly so. Knew his farm. Thinks that it was worth £1000 N. York currency, with the house and improvements on it.

Dr. Boggs had all the practice of the town. Thinks he might clear £150 currency per an. by his profession. Has been told that the stock, etc., has been all taken from the family.

Further evidence in the case of Dr. Jas. Boggs. (In the margin: 1758 Dec. 12). Claimant sworn: Produces an acct. of different articles of personal property, which were sold under confiscation. Mrs. Boggs was present when the whole was sold: 1777.

Waggon £10; chaise £10; and sulky £12.....	£ 32-- 0--0.
3 horses.....	48-- 0--0.
5 horned cattle, old and young.....	13-- 0--0.
Plough and harrow.....	2--10--0.
3 feather beds, and bedstead, and bedding.....	18-- 0--0.
2 dining tables.....	4-- 0--0.
A tea table and dressing table.....	2--10--0.
A bureau.....	8-- 0--0.
Chairs, 8.....	16-- 0--0.
Kitchen furniture.....	5-- 0--0.
Shop furniture, medicines, etc.....	30-- 0--0.
Books.....	6-- 0--0.
Sheets and table linen.....	4-- 0--0.
Amounting to N. Y. currency.....	£189-- 0--0.
Since to the value.....	1-- 0--0.
Total.....	£190-- 0--0.

He practised as physician and surgeon to a very considerable extent. There was no practitioner of note within 7 miles of the place. He estimated his professional gains at £200 N. Y. currency.

Mary Boggs, wife of the claimant, sworn:

She remained behind her husband at Shrewsbury and recollects all the articles contained in the list delivered in, were all sold by the Committee of Sequestration. Thinks they were all charged under their real value. Two of the houses were valuable.

Decision in the case of Dr. Jas Boggs: The claimant is a meritorious Loyalist. He lost a farm in Shrewsbury, 111 acres.

Valued at.....	£430--0--0.
Personal Property.....	100--0--0.
Profession.....	100--0--0.

Is appointed mate of the hospital with a salary of 7s. 6d. per diem.

Was allowed to prove loss of personal property and profession, although not in his former claim.

Note: In July 1783 the British Parliament urged by the King to treat the Loyalists with "a due and generous attention" appointed a commission of five members to classify the losses and services.

The Commission consisted of:

1. John Wilmot, Esq.
2. Daniel Parker Coke, Esq.
3. Colonel Robert Kingston.
4. Colonel Thomas Dundas.
5. John Marsh, Esq.

They held their office at Lincoln's Inn Fields.