



Battle Lines



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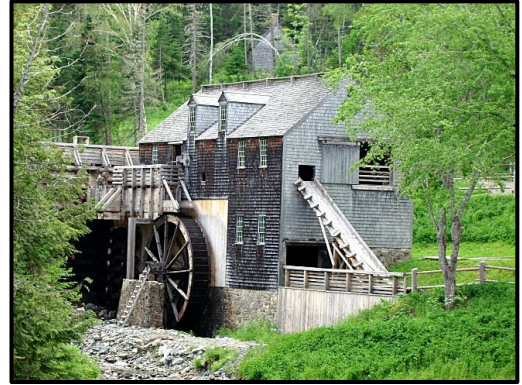


Co. I, 20th Maine in action at Kings Landing. Photo is courtesy of Jessica Matush.

Black Powder & White Smoke at Kings Landing!

- Opening Day of Kings Landing for 2021 – Wednesday, June 9.
- Co. H Site Walk – June (*date to be arranged*).
- Military Muster – June 18-20.
- Camp Set-up – Thursday evening, June 17.
- Student Day – Friday, June 18.
- Street Address – 5804 Route 102; Prince William, NB.
- Kings Landing as a village never existed, but its buildings did! They came from up and down the St. John River Valley. Many of them would have been lost to the creation of the Mactaquac Dam headpond.
- Most of the houses, barns, stores, mills and other buildings are originals.
- Kings Landing portrays life in New Brunswick during the nineteenth century.
- Costumed interpreters are found throughout the site, both inside and outside the various buildings.
- You will see no overhead wires, vehicles or streetlights during your stay at Kings Landing.

- The lumber mill at Kings Landing has become an iconic symbol of New Brunswick and has been photographed thousands of times.
- The movie, “Copperhead” (2013) was filmed at Kings Landing, which stood in for a village in New York.
- Terry Middleton (formerly of Co. I, 20th Maine) received a movie credit for his work on the production of the film.
- Terry’s brother, Troy Middleton was an actor in the movie. Troy is a member of Co. I, 20th Maine.
- At least one television movie about Sarah Edmonds was filmed partially at Kings Landing. Our own Dave Adams had a role as an “extra” in one of the productions.
- Co. H member Joe Gee and friend of the company, Graham Nickerson, built a pit house on-site at Kings Landing.
- The Kings Head Inn was originally the Holyoke House, a half-way house for both people and horses on the road between Fredericton and Woodstock.
- The Holyoke family had connections to Maine and the pre-Civil War abolitionist movement.
- Construction on the Holyoke House (Kings Head Inn) was completed in 1855.
- The present-day inn was named for the Kings Head Inn located in Gagetown, New Brunswick as early as 1815.
- The Kings Head Inn serves very tasty iced lemonade on hot days in June.
- On January 29, 2020, the provincial government announced Mary Baruth as the new CEO of Kings Landing.
- On October 2, 2020, Dave Adams, Leigh Gavel and Lindsay Titus met with Mary Baruth, Evelyn Fidler and Vicki Donald to discuss rekindling the relationship between the site and Co. H, 5th New Hampshire.
- Delancey’s Brigade (Revolutionary War) will serve as the host organization for all Rev War participants at the Military Muster.
- Co. H has invited Co. B, 20th Maine; Co. I, 20th Maine; Co. A, 3rd Maine; the Grays & Blues of Montreal; members of Danks’ Rangers; and Lonny Ryall, formerly of the 20th Maine and the Columbia Rifles.
- Up until recently, the Slipp House was located off the public site. It was moved last fall by flatbed truck to its current location near the Visitors Centre.
- We will have access to the Slipp House, both for accommodations and for 24-hour washroom use.
- Many special events occur at Kings Landing annually, including farm auctions, maple tapping, and festive dinners during both the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Christmas dinner by candlelight at the Kings Head Inn is not to be missed.
- Be prepared for drill, bayonet exercises, marching, musket firing and an introduction to skirmish drill during our time there, and be prepared to answer lots of questions!
- Now is the time to inspect uniforms (like button threads), polish your brass, check leather for cracks or tears, check all for fit, be sure your musket is clean, inspect your brogans, inspect and/or prepare tents and tent poles for use. We need as much canvas to show as possible! If you have two tents, but will only be using one, bring both anyway as part of the display!
- Roll cartridges!
- Stephen Norman, our hospital steward, plans to be in attendance for all three days, and will be setting up his excellent medical display.
- Our civilian members are not only welcome, they are encouraged to participate!
- Although a lot of early interest has been shown for this event, a “Call to Arms” will be sent out soon by email. Please watch for it and respond as early as possible (hopefully, with a “Yes!”).
- This has the potential to be an excellent beginning to our reenacting season, and an excellent way to re-start our long-standing relationship with Kings Landing.
- Make plans now to be a part of the fun!
- Don’t just read about Kings Landing in the July newsletter. Be there as a participant!



Canadians in the Ranks of the Fifth New Hampshire

William Hargrave was born in Toronto and was residing there when he enlisted in Co. B at the age of 21 on October 9, 1861. He was mustered-in two weeks later on October 23 as a corporal. However, on May 18, 1863, Corporal Hargrave deserted in Germantown, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia.

Evelyn Fidler

On Wednesday, February 17, we received an email from Mary Baruth, the CEO of Kings Landing. This sad news was emailed to the Co. H membership later that same day.

I have some very sad news to share with you today: the husband of Evelyn Fidler, our Collections Manager, passed away suddenly, at home, yesterday. Some of you met Chris at the Christmas event, as one of the carollers and reader at the church service. Evelyn will need all our support in the coming days, and I would encourage you all to keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. We will be sure to share any funeral details as they become available. (Mary Baruth)

Dave Adams, Leigh Gavel and Lindsay Titus met Evelyn, Mary Baruth and Vicki Donald at our meeting at Kings Landing on October 2, and several emails with Evelyn were shared prior to, and after, the meeting. Evelyn has also indicated an interest in becoming a member of Co. H.

Also, Co. H member Greg Fekner is a friend of Evelyn's, and will feel this loss especially, within our group.

Captain Titus emailed condolences to Evelyn on behalf of the company.

Nick Skinner Joins the Ranks!

First Sergeant Leigh Gavel first introduced Nick Skinner to the company back in May 2020. Nick, formerly of Nova Scotia, was living in Calgary at the time, but was planning to return to the Maritimes. That move was completed this spring and on March 1, 2021, Nick joined the ranks of Co. H as a private. Nick claims to be a "thread-counter", so he is being careful as to where to purchase his Union kit. His attention to detail is evident in his work as a cutler; some of his work was pictured in the March issue of "Battle Lines". Leigh tells us, too, that Nick has skills as a gunsmith, so all this greatly enhances us as a unit. Welcome, Nick!

Promotions Vote Held

A proposal to raise the rank of Sergeant Gavel to First Sergeant and Lieutenant Titus to Captain was issued to the Co. H membership on the night of February 27, 2021. In a vote that carried on from February 28 to March 2, both Leigh Gavel and Lindsay Titus received twelve (12) "Yes" votes in favour of the proposal. One (1) vote was cast against the proposal for both candidates. Congratulations to 1st Sergeant Leigh Gavel! In accordance with Company H *Regulations*, these appointments are valid only until the next Annual General Meeting, when a vote will be held to determine if these positions shall extend for two years beyond the date of that meeting.

It is hoped that this season's drills will illustrate some of the reasoning for changing these ranks; the proper placement of a 1st sergeant and a captain in a line of battle and in a column, being a prime reason. It will also help ensure that we will be led by Co. H leaders at our own events.

Lights! Camera! Forward, March!

On Sunday, February 28, an email was received from Joe Gee, who is in discussions about making a short film about Tomlinson Lake's role in the Underground Railroad. Here is what is known at this time:

- Joe Gee visited on February 28 with Clem McIntosh, an actor and film director who has among his credits the HBO television series, "Boardwalk Empire".
- Joe told Mr. McIntosh of the 5th New Hampshire, and learning of our presence, our encampments at the Hike to Freedom, and the roles played by Canadians in the Civil War, came as quite a surprise to the director.
- Thus, there may be an opportunity for some of us to assist in the making of this film by serving as extras or advisors.
- Joe was informed by Captain Titus by return email that we would do whatever we can to assist with this project.
- Joe is hoping to work on a "promo" for the film and hopes that this will happen sometime in the spring, although no dates have been decided.
- Joe will keep us advised as talks progress.
- Joe emphasizes that this production is in the talking stages only, and that funding for the project is not currently in place.
- Should this project go ahead, Co. H members will get as much advance notice as possible to make arrangements for travel to the site and participation in the film.

Drill! A Call to Arms!

Saturday, May 15 in Sussex, NB: 12 Noon



According to Casey's • Marching

Here's some of what Silas Casey says about marching. Line numbers shown on the left are from *Casey's "School of the Soldier"*. Some of the language used is a modern interpretation of *Casey's*.

101. The length of the direct step, or pace, in *Common Time*, will be twenty-eight inches, reckoning from heel to heel, and in swiftness at the rate of ninety in a minute.

108. Common Time will be employed only in the first and second parts of the School of the Soldier. As soon as the recruit has acquired steadiness, has become established in the principles of shouldered arms and in the mechanism, length and swiftness of the step in *Common Time*, he will be practised only in *Quick Time*, the *Double-Quick Time* and the *Run*.

109. The rate of steps in *Quick Time* is 110 steps per minute; the stride length remains at 28 inches.

111. The rate of steps in *Double-Quick Time* is 165 steps per minute; the stride length is 33 inches.

	Common Time	Quick Time	Double-Quick Time
Stride – Inches	28	28	33
Pace – Steps per Minute	90	110	165

! News of the War in the East !

- **Website Created** – On Sunday, March 21, word was received that Co. H, 5th New Hampshire has a website, courtesy of Leigh Gavel!
You will find the website at 5thnhcoh.weebly.com, so add it to your "favourites" list for quick reference.
Leigh informs us that it is still a work in progress (as good websites should always be), but it is now there for viewing. Newsletters are being added to the site. Let us hope for a successful 2021 season so that much more may be added to the website.
"Huzzah" to Leigh, and thank you for your work with this project!
- **Nick Skinner Has a New Website** – Check out Company H member Nick Skinner's new website for his Dartmouth-based cutlery business called South Mountain Forge. There you will find numerous photographs of his work. You may find Nick's website easily by going to southmountainforge.ca. Huzzah, Nick!
- **Kings Landing Scenarios** – We are still looking for scenarios to make the Kings Landing Military Muster more fun for both reenactors and for the public, and to add to the educational value of the weekend. Both Leigh Gavel and Greg Fekner have submitted ideas – thank you to both – and some other ideas are on file with the captain. All scenarios will be submitted to Kings Landing representatives for their approval prior to the Muster.
- **The Telegraph Wires Were Humming** – Between Sunday, February 28, and Monday, March 1, Lindsay Titus received or sent a total of sixty-three Company H emails, one text message, three telephone calls and four e-transfer transactions. On the 28th of February, emails began at 6:01 AM and continued until 9:36 at night.
- **Waterloo** – On June 18, the Friday when we are at Kings Landing with student visitors, it will be the 206th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.
- **My Brave Boys For Sale** – In an email from March 11, Greg Fekner sent word that he still has for sale his copy of *My Brave Boys*, the most recent regimental history of the Fifth New Hampshire. Interested members may contact Greg directly at his email address (fekner31@gmail.com). He is asking \$40.00, including shipping.
- **I Should Have Been on "Jeopardy"!** – Late in the Double-Jeopardy round of the February 25 showing of the TV quiz show "Jeopardy", a question came up about Gettysburg. The answer read, "Among the hotspots at the Battle of Gettysburg were Devil's Den, the Peach Orchard and Little ___ ___." None of the three contestants knew, or even guessed at, the question. How sad.



Annual Company dues to L. Titus by June 22nd!

! A Call to Arms !

! Kings Landing • Military Muster • June 18-20 !