



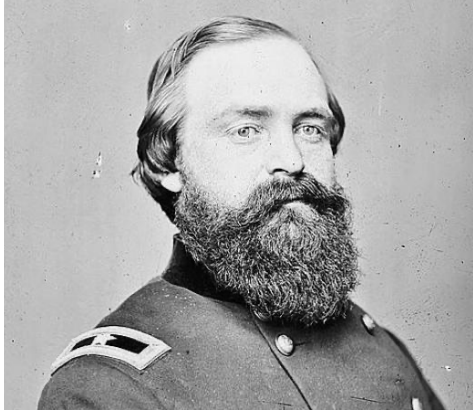
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Major General John Curtis Caldwell: A Graveside Visit



Co. H members have made it a tradition of visiting the grave of General John Curtis Caldwell on the Friday of the Charlotte County Fall Fair weekend, since the St. Stephen Rural Cemetery is, more-or-less, on the route to the Ganong Nature Park, the site of the fair. General Caldwell's grave is one of six Civil War graves located within the cemetery.

General Caldwell was the brigade and (later) the division commander, which included the 5th New Hampshire, for a period of about two years. He was at most of the major battles in the eastern theatre until 1864, and also served as one of eight generals who formed the honour guard for President Abraham Lincoln during the sombre trip by rail back to Springfield, Illinois for burial. Among other post-war positions, Caldwell served in the U.S. diplomatic service in South America. General Caldwell died in 1912, and is buried beside his wife, Martha (Foster), in the Murchie family plot.

Driving Instructions to the St. Stephen Rural Cemetery

St. Stephen Rural Cemetery is located on the edge of St. Stephen, New Brunswick. More precisely, the cemetery is found near the corner of NB Route 740 and Hayman Avenue. Its entrance faces Route 740.

- To get there from Saint John, travel west on Highway 1 for about an hour.
 - Take Exit 7 to NB Route 740.
 - Turn left onto Route 740. You will cross Hayman Avenue.
 - The cemetery gate will soon be on your right.
- or*
- Alternately, from King Street in St. Stephen (Route 170), turn right onto Union Street.
 - Continue on Union Street almost to its end until reaching Hayman Avenue.
 - Turn right on Hayman Avenue and follow it over the four-lane highway to Route 740. Turn left.
 - The cemetery gate will soon be on your right.

Charlotte County Fall Fair

We have formally registered for the Charlotte County Fall Fair (CCFF) for 2023, being held on the weekend of September 16-17. We have participated in the CCFF for a number of years, sharing a tent street with a variety of reenacting groups: Danks' Rangers (host); DeLancey's Brigade; Co. I, 20th Maine; and the Milice de Beaubassin. Although last year we were not permitted to fire muskets due to the presence of animals, this year, Maurice La king (Danks' Rangers and CCFF committee member) assures us that we will be firing muskets.

Suzanne Guay will be providing meals to Co. H members on Saturday (only) for members who wish to partake. There is a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person to cover food costs. It will be well-worth it!

The lunch menu is made up of –

- Warm ham and Swiss sandwiches with caramelized onions and honey mustard
- Served with Golden Carrot soup

For supper, the menu will be –

- Harvest Sausage with roasted potatoes and vegetables
- Brown molasses bread with butter

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Dessert –

- Sweet and dessert for the day – apple or pumpkin pie and pumpkin spice cake with cream cheese icing

Suzanne adds, “Just let me know how many people are going, so I have enough for everyone. The total cost per person for everything is \$5.00.

The Charlotte County Fall Fair is a real old-fashion fall fair. Rides consist of horse-pulled wagons, not Ferris wheels. We are always well-treated there by organizers, and, weather permitting, attendance is strong both days. Steve Norman will be setting up his medical display, and Lindsay Titus has been asked to present a twenty-five-minute “Tent Talk” at 2:00 on Sunday about local connections to the Civil War. We may set-up camp at any time on Friday, September 15.

Driving Instructions to the Charlotte County Fall Fair

The Charlotte County Fall Fair is held annually at the Ganong Nature Park, located at 350 Todds Point Road, which is where Todds Point Road ends. There are (at least) two routes to the Ganong Nature Park when coming from Saint John on Highway 1.

One Route –

- From Saint John, drive about 1 hour and take Exit 25 onto NB Route 127 South.
- Turn right (west) onto NB Route 170 (Oak Haven Road) to Todds Point Road (about 15 minutes).
- Turn left on Todds Point Road and follow it until it ends at the Ganong Nature Park.

Alternate Route –

- Alternately, especially if you need fuel, food or other supplies for the CCFF weekend, continue on Highway 1 until you reach Exit 9. Fast food restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations and other services are located in this area. There are no services between St. Stephen and the Ganong Nature Park, the site of the Charlotte County Fall Fair.
- From Highway 1, take Exit 9 and turn left on NB Route 3 toward St. Stephen (and the old highway).
- Exit the traffic circle into NB Route 170 (west), also known as King Street, toward downtown St. Stephen.
- Continue on King Street for about 3 km, until you reach a traffic light at the intersection of King Street and Union Street (to the right); and Prince William Street (to the left).
- Turn left on Prince William Street. It is about 10 km from this intersection to the Ganong Nature Park.
- Prince William Street becomes Ledge Road.
- Continue on Ledge Road until the “Y” in the road. Hannah Road goes straight; Todds Point Road bears right.
- Bear right onto Todds Point Road and continue until you arrive at the entrance gate of the Ganong Nature Park, which is where the road ends.

“August Thunder” Postponed!

Sadly, there was no thunder in August after all. With less than a week to go prior to the event, we received an email announcing that “August Thunder” had been postponed. On Monday, August 21, Captain Titus received an email from Co. I president, Troy Middleton, that “August Thunder” had been postponed. As of the release date of this newsletter, no date has been announced for a re-scheduled event. “August Thunder” was to be the 50th anniversary celebration of the New Brunswick Military History Museum, located on the grounds of 5th Canadian Support Base Gagetown, in Oromocto, New Brunswick.

The plan had been that Co. H members would fall-in with Co. I, 20th Maine, and that various historic military activities would be demonstrated to the public. Musket fire, a small camp and Steve Norman’s medical display were all to be shared as part of the celebration.

An announcement of the new date will be shared with Co. H members just as soon as it is made known. Watch your email inbox for updates.

It’s Always Tick Season!
Protect & check yourself for ticks. Ticks can carry Lyme Disease.

Co. H Cancels Appearance at Air Show Atlantic

Impending heavy rain and an expected low turnout of Co. H members prompted the cancellation of our participation in the 2023 edition of Air Show Atlantic, scheduled for August 26-27 at Debert Airport, near Truro, Nova Scotia. As it turned out, air show organizers cancelled Saturday's events in anticipation of the poor weather, and moved some activities to Friday afternoon (August 25). Sunday saw a modified schedule, as highlights such as the RCAF Snowbirds had to be cancelled. It is always a shame when countless hours of planning, organizing and preparation must be tossed aside by uncooperative weather, and air shows are certainly weather-dependent.

Air Show Atlantic in 2022 was a positive recruiting experience for Co. H, with at least eight people expressing an interest in joining our group. Although none has joined, it demonstrated that interest is out there, and one can never predict how long it may take for a potential recruit to make the commitment to join. First Sergeant Gavel has correctly commented that the air show attracts thousands of visitors, and that the great majority of them are from Atlantic Canada, so the recruiting potential, and our ability to "show the colours", is always there.

Air Show Atlantic organizers were notified by email of our decision not to attend, but we also indicated our desire to return to the air show in 2024.

2023 Annual General Meeting at Kings Landing

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is especially important this year, as it is a voting meeting to decide who will lead and organize Co. H, 5th New Hampshire over the next two years.

Co. H members are asked to consider their nominations for candidates for both administrative and field positions as listed below, and to contribute and consider topics or issues of importance to the Company.

Nominees may hold more than one position, and may hold both administrative and field positions simultaneously. Members may nominate him/herself. All positions are two-year positions, and voting may be done by all members who have paid annual dues.

The AGM will be held at Kings Landing during the September 23-24 weekend, if sufficient numbers are present, or at a later date and location to be determined, if the numbers do not warrant holding the AGM at Kings Landing. In either case, members who are unable to attend the AGM may cast their votes in a timely manner by email.

Topics to Consider –

- Our schedule of events for 2023-24
- Membership in the New England Brigade
- Our Relationship with Co. I, 20th Maine
- The Need for a Quartermaster Sergeant
- Other?

Co. H Administration (two-year positions) –

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Member-at-Large
- Other (?)

Co. H Field Positions (two-year positions) –

- Captain
- 1st Sergeant
- Sergeant (?)
- Corporal
- Corporal
- Quartermaster Sergeant (?)
- Other (?)

Please submit your nominations for administrative & field positions, and agenda items (concerns, issues, questions) by email to Captain Titus prior to the Kings Landing encampment on September 23-24.

Fall Encampment at Kings Landing

The long-anticipated fall encampment at Kings Landing is scheduled for the weekend of September 23-24, with camp set-up possible on Friday, the 22nd. Thus far, five members of Co. H have indicated that they will participate in this event: Leigh Gavel, Loran Gavel, Steve Norman, Sylvain Tétrault and Lindsay Titus. Dave Bottos, Phil Macias and Isaak Steeves, all originally planning to attend the encampment, now have other commitments during this weekend.

Emails have been sent out to all reenacting groups that participated in the June encampment at Kings Landing. Only the Milice de Beaubassin have committed to a fall return. Updates to information about this event will be emailed to Co. H members as it becomes known. Watch your inbox!

Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom



After a year's absence, the Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom is back on the schedule, and is set for Saturday, October 7. Event founder and organizer, and Co. H member, Joe Gee, informs us that there is a change to the entrance, parking and location of the event this year (although it is still on the trail), and tells us that event details are forthcoming. These details will be shared with Co. H members once they are known. This is a one-day event for us, but it is an important one, as the Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom commemorates the northernmost route of the Underground Railroad that brought enslaved people to freedom in Canada prior to, and during, the Civil War. The Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom is located in Carlingford, NB, near Perth-Andover. As in past years, we have invited Co. I, 20th Maine to participate in this event with us.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

August Thunder

- Date: Postponed – new date to be announced
- Event: New Brunswick Military History Museum 50th Anniversary Celebration

General John Curtis Caldwell Graveside Visit

- Date: September 15 (Friday)
- Time: 2:00 PM @ St. Stephen Rural Cemetery (*main gate*)

Charlotte County Fall Fair

- Date: September 16-17 (weekend)
- Location: Ganong Nature Park; 350 Todds Point Road (*10 km east of St. Stephen, NB*)

Fall Encampment at Kings Landing

- Date: September 23-24 (weekend)

Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom

- Date: October 7 (Saturday)
- Location: Address & driving directions to be announced

Battle of Cedar Creek

- Date: October 19-20 (weekend)
- Location: Middletown, Virginia

Fredericton North Heritage Fair

- Date: October 21 (Saturday)
- Location: Kinsmen's Centre; Devon, NB; 10:00 – 3:00

Co. H Annual General Meeting

- Date: September 23 or 24, or on a date & place to be determined