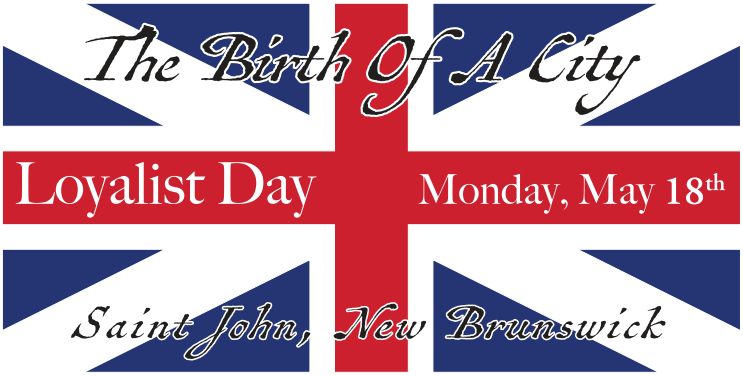


On May 18th, 1783 the first wave of Loyalist refugees stepped ashore near modern day Market Slip. American colonists who had sided with their King in the American Revolution, the 'Loyalists' now found themselves unwelcome in the newly independent 13 colonies. In three fleets, over the spring, summer and fall of 1783 more than 10,000 Loyalists would make their way to the mouth of the St. John River looking for a new life. While the new arrivals would take up land grants far and wide, up the river and along the bay, many would make their homes right around the harbour where they landed.
In less than six months a tiny community of perhaps 400 souls - traders at Portland Point and soldiers at Fort Howe - would burgeon into a city of thousands. A city that would welcome many more waves of newcomers and grow stronger for the presence of each.

On May 18th, 1785 the now established communities of Parrtown (east of the harbour) and Carleton (west) were united and granted a Royal Charter establishing the City of Saint John and making it the first incorporated city in British North America - that which would become Canada with Confederation in 1867.

The birth of our city - something to celebrate.

Join the celebration
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 AM **MUSKETRY SALUTE FROM PORTLAND POINT**

Join us at Place Fort La Tour as the soldiers of DeLancey's Brigade fire a welcoming volley honouring the first Loyalist newcomers who stepped ashore on this date in 1783. Place Fort La Tour will be open to the public free of charge between 10 and 11 am to help us kick-off Loyalist Day.

Location: Place Fort La Tour, Portland Point on Harbour Passage

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM **EXPLORE YOUR HISTORY**

Visit our 'research hub' at the Saint John Arts Centre and discover how easy it is to explore the history of your family and your community with the excellent resources available right here in New Brunswick. Join representatives from the NB Genealogical Society, the United Empire Loyalists Association, the NB Provincial Archives and the Collections Department at Kings Landing.

Location: Port Saint John Gallery, Saint John Arts Centre, 20 Peel Plaza

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM **THE LOYALIST LEGACY**

Greeted by a nearly barren wilderness when they stepped ashore in 1783, the Loyalist refugees would set about creating a new home for themselves, building a city and a province along the way. Visit Stone Church and learn more about what they accomplished in the generation that followed. Staff from Kings Landing along with local interpreters will be on hand to discuss the settling of the St. John River Valley, notable female Loyalists, the Churches of the Loyalists (why is it called Stone Church?) and more.

Location: St. John's 'Stone' Church, 87 Carleton Street

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM **A LOYALIST HOME**

Join us for an open house at the Loyalist House Museum – a home built by David Daniel Merritt, who arrived as a Loyalist in 1783 – and talk with interpreters and historical re-enactors from DeLancey's Brigade about day-to-day life in the period. Free admission - donations accepted.

Location: Loyalist House, 120 Union Street

10:20 AM **PORTLAND POINT 1783**

A rocky point of land situated where the river meets the harbour, Portland Point has perhaps more history per square foot than any other piece of real estate in the region. Join us for a brief talk on what was happening here in 1783 and the role it played in the evolution of the area.

Location: Place Fort La Tour, Portland Point on Harbour Passage

12:30 PM **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada - NB Chapter and the troops of DeLancey's Brigade will hold a brief ceremony at the earliest known grave in the Loyalist Burial Ground to honour the memory of those whose sacrifice and determination laid the foundations of our city.

Location: Loyalist Burial Ground, Sydney Street at King Street East

12:45 PM **WALK THE OLD BURIAL GROUND**

Immediately following the wreath laying ceremony take a guided walk through the cemetery with local historian and author David Goss. Meet at the Sydney Street Gate.

Location: Loyalist Burial Ground, Sydney Street at King Street East

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM **1776 - KEYBOARD MUSIC FROM THE LIBRARY OF THOMAS JEFFERSON**

Tim Blackmore, on the square piano, offers a concert of period music from 250 years ago. Freewill offering in support of the Early Music Studio Of Saint John.

Location: Saint John Arts Centre, 20 Peel Plaza

While several of our community partners – the groups and venues who contribute to the Loyalist Day program – accept donations, and some normally charge admission, there is NO CHARGE to participate in any of the events on our schedule. If you are so inclined and able to support them with a donation, please enquire at the event.

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