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KINGS COUNTY

PARISH FORMATIONS

Kings County is one of the eight original Counties formed when New Brunswick came into being. It has retained much the same boundaries as it had when formed, although it did experience some changes on its eastern line. It had four original parishes, and now has 15.

- WESTFIELD - It was altered slightly in 1795, but remains much the same as formed.
- SUSSEX - It first included Rothesay, Upham, parts of Norton, Hampton, Hammond and Studholm. There were many changes before it was reduced to its present size.
- SPRINGFIELD - Included part of Studholm, all of Havelock and was reduced to present size in 1899.
- KINGSTON - Included Greenwich, Kars and part of Norton
- NORTON - set off from Kingston in 1795
- GREENWICH - set off from Kingston in 1795
- HAMPTON - set off parts of Kingston and Sussex in 1795, and included all of what are now Rothesay, Upham and Hammond
- UPHAM - set off from Hampton in 1835. Included Hammond. Altered to present size in 1897
- STUDHOLM - set off in 1840 from Sussex. Included Havelock
- HAVELOCK - set off in 1845 from Studholm
- HAMMOND - set off in 1858 from Upham, with alterations in 1874
- KARS - set off in 1859 from Kingston
- ROTHESAY - set off in 1870 from Hampton
- CARDWELL - set off in 1874 from Sussex
- WATERFORD - set off in 1874 from Sussex

KINGS COUNTY - MOVING BOUNDARIES

The parish of Kars, listed as being formed from Kingston, once contained many of the families listed in Springfield Parish on the 1851 census. The lines between parishes often were not clearly defined. Also, Anglican Church records for these people were at Kingston from 1812-1842, at Norton 1842-1847 (none from 1847-1863) and are at the [local] church from 1863 to the present.

Also, some land quit rent, for land owners in Wickham Parish, Queens County, were paid to Kings County. The quit rent books are at the Archives in Fredericton.

Information received from Ernest Graham, Kings County, NB

MARRIAGES:

There are County Marriages Registers for Kings County from 1812 to 1889. Abstract of these marriages for many years have been published. The only marriages I have found for the County pre 1812 are 4 listed in a Church file, and will follows. Please check the Gagetown Anglican Church Records, as many of the earliest records for that church seem to apply to Kings and perhaps Saint John Counties.

Greenwich and Westfield Anglican Church Records (complete list of early marriages)

1801 Oct 6 William Bulyea, Bachelor - Phebe Tucker, Spinster
1802 Apr 5 James Brittain, " - Ann Thorn, "
1802 Aug 8 Ebenezer Dibble, " - Elizabeth Seacord, "
1803 Jan 12 William Urquhart, " - Mary Adams, "

Kings County History

There is an interesting collection, called Kings County History. It has been filmed by the Provincial Archives. On it are records for the families of Bostwick, Crawford, Folwer, Guyer, Hoyt, Jones, Ketchum, London, Lyon, Northrup, Paddock, Perkins, Pitchin, Raymond, Rogers, Ruloffsen, Scribner, Trecartin, Underhill, White, Whitney, Younghusband.

This item is now on the internet on New Brunswick's Past - at:
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~nbpast/KI/ki-gorham1.html>
