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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: American Loyalists Claims, Series I And Series II: Georgia
Alternative Title: British Public Records Office collection of Georgia colonial laws and loyalists claims extracts

Date: 1775-1785 [photocopies]

Extent: 1 Box, 1 Oversized folder (1 linear feet)

Creator: National Archives (Great Britain)

Language: English

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu. 912-478-7819. library.georgiasouthern.edu.

Processing Note: Finding aid revised in 2021 by Dr. Anastatia Sims, under the supervision of Autumn Johnson, Special Collections Librarian. Collection previously titled "Georgia loyalists records in photocopies, 1775-1785."

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Related Collections: [Georgia loyalist claims: extracts from Series I \(A.O. 12\), 1776 to 1831, and Series II \(A.O. 13\), 1780 to 1835.](#)

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative History: In 1783, the British government created the Commission Appointed to Enquire into the Losses of American Loyalists (usually known as the American Loyalist Claims Commission) to investigate claims submitted by Americans who had remained loyal to the King during the American Revolution. Commissioners reviewed claims for compensation for lost property and income as well as requests for financial assistance from people who had been impoverished as a result of their loyalty. Documents submitted include detailed inventories of lost property as well as narratives of wartime experiences and affidavits from witnesses. The Commission also received claims from merchants who had lost the opportunity to recoup debt money due from the Cherokee and Creek natives as a result of the sale of their lands in Georgia. This money from the sale of lands was to go towards their debts to the merchants. Records of the commission's work are housed in the National Archives (formerly known as the Public Records Office).

The Public Records Office in London, England was founded in 1838 as the British national archive to house all government documents. Initially located on Chancery Lane in London, the archive was initially closed to the general public, though by the 1850s, regulations had changed sufficiently to allow some access of the archives by the public. In the 1860s, the first public reading rooms were opened, though large-scale public access of the archives still remained sporadic due to high demand. Throughout the next 150 years, the building housing the Public Records Office was expanded several times, and a second archival building was opened in 1977, located in Kew, south-west London. In 2003, the Public Records Office was merged with the Historical Manuscripts Commission; the combined entity was renamed to The National Archives, which continues to operate to the present day.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of transcripts of microfilm copies of historical records pertaining to Georgia compiled by the American Loyalist Claims Commission. The original documents are located in the British National Archives, London (American Loyalists

Claims, Series I, A.O. 12, 1776-1831 and Series II A.O. 13, 1780-1835). Zach Henderson Library Special Collections houses five reels of microfilmed claims records; transcriptions of reels 1, 2, and 3 are included in this collection. Materials include indexes to microfilm reels 1, 2, 3, and 5; A total of 1,567 pages of typed transcripts and 17 sheets of negative photocopies detailing the experiences and property holdings of Georgia-based individuals and businesses who submitted claims to the Commission. The collection also includes some materials related to the sale of Creek and Cherokee lands in Georgia during the Colonial and Revolutionary eras.

System of Arrangement: Names of claimants are listed in order of appearance in each folder. Various subjects submitted multiple claims; thus, several names will appear more than once.

Box 1: Transcripts of Claims 0200104983156
Oversized Folder: Photocopies 0200107523157

Location of Originals: Original records housed in the National Archives, Great Britain.

Acquisitions Info: Gift of Dr. Jack N. Averitt, 1979. Ordered from the Public Records Office, London, for a student doing an M.A. thesis.

Access Points:

- American loyalists -- Georgia
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CONTAINER LISTING

Box 1: 0200104983156

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Reel II (B), pages 612-744 Knox, William; Lighenstone, John; Love, William; Lucena, John Charles; Lyford, William, Martin, John; Lyle, Matthew; McDonald, Archibald; McDonald, John; McDonald, Murdock; McGillivray, William; MacKenzie, George; Manby, Jane; Manson, William; Marten (Martin), James; Martindale, John; Mills, John; Montgomery, Samuel; Moore, Philip and Eliza (Elizabeth); Moss, William; Munro, Simon; Murray, John; McGillivray, John; Herriot, James	1	6
Reel III (A), pages 745-930 Milligan, David and Clark, John; Clark, William; Merchants' Case	1	7

involving Cherokee land ceded for payment of debts [signatories: Greenwood and Higginson, John Nutt, James Jackson & Co., Graham and Simpson, McGillivray Graham and Clark, Cowper and Telfair, John Clark, John Gordon, Grey Elliott, John Jamieson, George Ballie, Clark and Milligan]; Correy, Lydia (widow of Robert Correy), Yonge, Christiana (widow of Henry Yonge); Paterson, Simon (surviving partner of John Pettigrew); Polson, John and Polson, Hugh; Powell, James Edward; Pryce, Charles; Rattan, John; Reid, Alexander; Reid, Robert; Rennie, John		
Reel III (B), pages 931-1101 Rennie, John; Ried, Thomas; Ring, William; Robeson (Robertson), James; Russel (Russell), Janet and William; Russell, Jenny [Janet/Jenett]; Seymour, James and Eleanor; Shivers, Judith; Simpson, John and Anna Jean; Smith, Hadden; Steel, Hugh; Stokes, Anthony; Storr, John and Reid, Thomas	1	8
Reel III (C) pages 1102-1278 Storr, John (Storr and Reid, Thomas); Robertson (Robinson), James; Stringer, Thomas; Scales, Ann; Seymour, James and Eleanor; Simpson, Anne Jean; Smith, Haddon; Stokes, Anthony; Strachan, Patrick	1	9
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17 negative photocopies of claims by Georgia loyalists: Inventory for James Butler materials related to the claim of Thomas Brown, including muster rolls of servants who arrived on the <i>Marlborough</i> in 1774 and 1775 to settle Brown's lands [transcriptions on pages 36-50, folder 2; muster rolls on pages 45-46]. Surnames included on muster rolls of indentured servants: Alexander; Allan; Armstead; Arry/Amy; Bain; Barry; Bewes; Bews; Blake; Bland; Brass; Bribner; Brittle; Brook; Brough; Calder; Cargile; Carrigel; Charles; Cook; Corgeil; Corrigel; Craig; Dryden; Elliot; Eunson; Fenton; Forth; Garson; Grant; Guthrie; Halow;	OS	1
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Heaton; Heddle; Hermiger; Hervey; Holms; Ibister/Joister; Irvine; Irving; Johnston; Liney; Loutet; MacBeth; Mallard/Mellord; Manson; McKay; Miller; Moor; Morton; Mouat/Mowat; Murrah; Oliver; Petrie; Rhenoh; Robinson; Sinclair; Sutherland; Spence; Trail; Trumble; Tullock; Wheir; Woldridge		
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