

William Compton

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The First To Prince Edward Island, Canada

The 6th generation of Compton's to America and the 1st generation to live on P.E.I.

William was born at Compton Creek, New Jersey in 1771, and moved with his family to Parrtown, New Brunswick in 1783.

He belonged to the Saint John Militia. Following service in the war of 1812 he was granted a tract of wilderness land lying to the westward of Quaco (now Saint Martins), New Brunswick, in 1815.

He was a shipbuilder specializing in the making of vessel's bilge pumps, taff-rail posts and lignum vitae sheaves and blocks.

William married Mary Vaughan who was born on the 26th of February 1784 at Chester, Nova Scotia. She was the daughter of Daniel Vaughan and Lydia Harrington, Loyalists from Scituate, Rhode Island, who went to Chester, Nova Scotia and later to Saint Martins, New Brunswick.

Legend has it that William and Mary lived in different parts of Nova Scotia, before settling at Belle Creek, Prince Edward Island around 1840.

They had a family of twelve children.

Mary died on March 16, 1866 and was the first person to be buried in Brooklyn Cemetery, which is located on the farm that belonged to her son Joseph Benjamin, her husband William died the following year.