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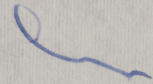
FREDERICTON, N.B., CANADA

MEMO TO: Dr. Bailey

July 28, 1967

SUBJECT: Letter from Mr. Williamson

Alfred, here is a copy of a letter from John Williamson, which I think you will find of interest. I am inclined to think that his suggestion in regard to the Faculty of Law Building is a good one.



President.

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c/o P.O. Box 48,  
Centennial Building,  
Fredericton, New Brunswick

24 July 1967

Dr. Colin B. Mackay,  
President and Vice Chancellor,  
University of New Brunswick,  
Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Dear Dr. Mackay:

During our conversation at the New Brunswick Museum last month, I mentioned that I had some suggestions concerning official names for new university buildings in Fredericton and Saint John. I have had an opportunity to give this matter further thought, and now present some proposals for your consideration.

The basic point I wish to make in this submission is that the founders of the Province of New Brunswick, who were also the founders of the University, were not only "a badly abused set of men" as Professor MacNutt has written, but they have also become a forgotten and virtually ignored set of men. As you stated so aptly in your introduction to The Founders and Their Times, "history has not done them justice". This is largely the fault of the very province these men helped to create, and I feel that the University must also share in the responsibility for this regrettable state of affairs.

The University of New Brunswick has named its buildings after royal governors, benefactors, university professors and teachers, New Brunswick born Prime Ministers, and several other people associated in various ways with the University. (See appendix attached).

To any student of the Province's and the University's histories, it is at once apparent there exists a large and significant omission in these groups. As yet no building bears the name of any Loyalist founder of the Province and the University. (I exclude Governor Carleton who, in my opinion, was not a Loyalist. He was, rather, an English soldier and colonial administrator). Yet it was a Loyalist group which petitioned for the establishment of the Provincial Academy of Arts and Sciences, Loyalist Councillors who

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favourably received their Memorial, and Loyalist leaders who established, first, the Provincial Academy, and later the College of New Brunswick. Thomas Carleton's part in these events has been recognized, but the role of the refugee Loyalists has not. In my opinion, they should be honoured in order that their names and important contributions to U.N.B. and the Province are not overlooked. This can be done most appropriately by naming new university buildings or precincts after them. I have in mind the following specific proposals.

(1) New Law School: to be named LUDLOW HALL in honour of the brothers GEORGE DUNCAN LUDLOW and GABRIEL GEORGE LUDLOW.

George Duncan Ludlow: first Chief Justice of New Brunswick (1785-1808); original member of H.M. Council for New Brunswick; member of the first Board of Trustees of the College of New Brunswick. Former Justice of the Supreme Court of New York (1769-1778); Master of the Rolls and Superintendent of Police for Long Island (1778-1783).

Gabriel George Ludlow: first Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty (1785-1803); original member of H.M. Council for New Brunswick (1784-1808); first Mayor of the City of Saint John; President and Commander in Chief of New Brunswick (1803-1808). Colonel in the Provincial Forces during the Revolutionary War.

In addition, one of the Ludlows was in attendance at the meeting of the Governor and Council on 13 December 1785 at which the Memorial respecting the establishment of a Provincial Academy of Arts and Sciences was favourably received.

I would also suggest that there be some recognition in the new Law School of the first Assistant Justices of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick who were all members of the Provincial Council: James PUTNAM; Isaac ALLEN (also an original trustee of the College of New Brunswick), and Joshua UPHAM. They, with Chief Justice Ludlow and the first members of the Bar of New Brunswick, brought to New Brunswick the knowledge and traditions upon which is based much of our present legal system. The provincial Law School could serve as a most appropriate means to honour their



contribution to the legal life of New Brunswick.

I am confident that my suggestion to honour the Ludlows is especially one which would receive very wide acceptance. In this regard I am concerned that the Beaverbrook Foundation may have plans to designate the new Law School as yet another "Beaverbrook" Building on the University campus. I hope they will not insist on this. The gifts of Lord Beaverbrook and Sir Max to U.N.B. are greatly appreciated by its alumni and friends alike. It is my personal opinion, however, that we can too easily become top heavy in "Beaverbrook" buildings, so to speak, and should therefore strive to seek significant names, such as I have proposed, which have not yet been singled out for recognition.

Other names equally prominent in the early life of the Province and University suggested as being appropriate for use in designating men's residences and/or quadrangles on the Fredericton campus are as follows:

- (2) Hon. and Rev. JONATHAN ODELL: original member of H.M. Council for New Brunswick and first Provincial Secretary (1784-1818); in attendance at the Council Meeting at which the Memorial respecting the Academy of Arts and Sciences was favourably received; a member of the first Board of Trustees of the College of New Brunswick. Former Rector of Burlington, New Jersey and Chaplain to the Kings American Dragoons during the American Revolution.
- (3) Hon. EDWARD WINSLOW: original member of H.M. Council for New Brunswick (1784-1815); original Trustee of the College of New Brunswick; Justice of the Supreme Court (1807-1815); President and Commander in Chief (1808); Muster Master General of the Provincial Forces in the Revolutionary War; Secretary to the St. Croix Boundary Commission.
- (4) Hon. WARD CHIPMAN: a signer of the Memorial of 1785 requesting the establishment of a Provincial Academy of Arts and Sciences and author of the Charter of the College of New Brunswick. First Solicitor General of New Brunswick (1784-1809); Member of H.M. Council for New Brunswick (1806-1824); Judge of Supreme Court (1809-1824); President and Commander in Chief (1823-1824). Deputy Muster Master



General of Provincial Forces in the Revolutionary War;  
Agent for the Crown on the St. Croix Boundary Commission.

The following names are suggested as appropriate for buildings on  
the Saint John campus.

(5) Hon. WILLIAM HAZEN: early trader and settler at the mouth of the Saint John River; original member of H.M. Council for New Brunswick (1784-1814); in attendance at the Council meeting of 13 December 1785 at which the Memorial respecting the establishment of a Provincial Academy of Arts and Sciences was favourably received. Progenitor of a distinguished New Brunswick family.

(6) Major GILFRED STUDHOLME: professional soldier; arrived in Nova Scotia 1757; commanded Fort Frederick at mouth of Saint John in 1761-62; served at Fort Cumberland (Beausejour) and helped disperse Jonathan Eddy's rebel forces in 1776; active in the Saint John area in 1777 defeating renegades under John Allen and pacifying Indian population; constructed Fort Howe 1778; Crown Agent on the Saint John concerned with settling the Loyalists; original member of H.M. Council for New Brunswick (1784-1792).

In summary, then, the names LUDLOW, ODELL and HAZEN would commemorate members of the Council who received the Memorial of 1785, (in addition to their other accomplishments). The names WINSLOW and CHIPMAN would honour two of the best known founders of the Province and the University (both of whom were also graduates of Harvard, and leading citizens of Massachusetts and subsequently of New Brunswick). STUDHOLME would commemorate a name closely associated with the Saint John area from the earliest days of English settlement to the arrival of the Loyalists and the establishment of the new province.

I am aware that there are many names associated with U.N.B. not listed here which also deserve to be recognized. However, most of the various major groups associated in some way or another with the University have had one or more of their number singled out for recognition while the original founders have been virtually neglected. I suggest that now is the time to perpetuate their names in the provincial institution which they helped to create.



Dr. Colin B. Mackay

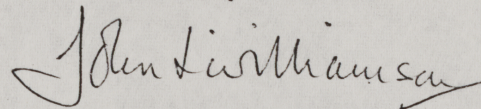
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Please excuse the length of this letter which undoubtedly repeats a great deal of information with which you are already familiar, but I did want to present more than a mere list of names.

I trust my suggestions will be given careful consideration when the time comes to select names for new buildings and portions of the University campus both in Fredericton and Saint John.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Williamson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John L. Williamson '57

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## APPENDIX

### Names Commemorated in University Buildings

<u>Royal Governors</u>		<u>N.B. Born Prime Ministers</u>	
Thos. Carleton	New Arts	Bonar Law	Old Library
Sir Howard Douglas	Old Arts	Bennett	Old Library
Sir Edmund Head	Engineering		
<u>University Officials</u>		<u>Benefactors</u>	
Bailey	Physics & Biology	Aitken	Residence
Jones	Residence	Beaverbrook	Residence
Jacob	Chapel	Beaverbrook	Gymnasium
Mackenzie	Residence	Beaverbrook	Rink
		Dunn	Residence
Bridges	Residence	Irving	Library
Harrison	Residence	McConnell	Dining Hall
Brydone-Jack	Observatory	Neill	Residence
<u>Associated with University</u>			
Neville	Residence		
McCord	Seminar Hall		
Sir Leonard Tilley	New Arts		