

# The American Civil War involved British North America in various ways

**Stamp connections can be found to British North Americans who served with honor and distinction on both sides in the Civil War.**

Between 30,000 and 50,000 Canadian men — and at least one woman, Sarah Emma Edmonds (also known as Frank Thompson, 1841-98, born in New Brunswick) — served with the United States Army during the Civil War.

Another 10,000 may have served with the Confederacy.

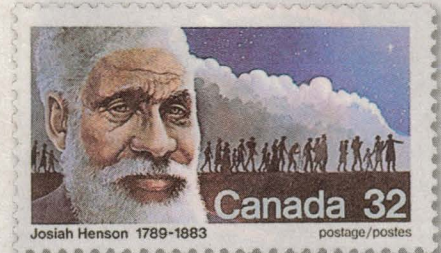
Four of the Union soldiers became generals and 29 others were awarded the

Medal of Honor. As far as I know, none of them has been commemorated on a U.S. stamp.

One of the four generals was John McNeil (1813-91), born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. At the time of his death, he was superintendent of the U.S. Post Office, St. Louis Branch.

Another general, Jacob Dolson Cox Jr. (1828-1900), was born in Montreal while his father was supervising construction of the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral, which is pictured on the \$1 stamp (Scott 687) shown in Figure 1.

Historians cite John Brown's 1859 raid on the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Va., as a factor contributing to the start of



**Figure 2. A 32¢ Josiah Henson (1789-1883), Preacher stamp (Scott 997).**

the Civil War. Before the raid, on May 8, 1858, in Chatham, Canada West, Brown convened a constitutional convention for a proposed republic to be established by free slaves in the Appalachian Mountains. At the time, one-third of Chatham's citizens were fugitive slaves.

During the convention, Brown met with

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**Figure 1. A Canadian \$1 High-rise Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Montreal and Olympic Games Emblem stamp (Scott 687).**



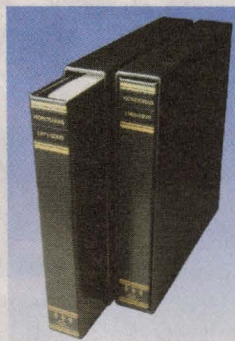
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just a short time before it became a Union Army cemetery.

Dr. Solomon Secord (1834-1910) was one of many Canadian doctors to enlist in the war. Although he was an outspoken abolitionist whose views almost got him lynched, he was living in Georgia at the start of the war and served in the Confederate States Army. He was captured at the Battle of Gettysburg but escaped and returned to his regiment. He left the service and moved back to Canada in 1864. He was the great-nephew of Laura Secord, the Canadian heroine of the War of 1812 commemorated on the 42¢ stamp (Scott 1434) shown in Figure 5.

Some volunteers came from wealthy and prominent families such as Frederick Howe (1840-?). His father,



Figure 5. A 42¢ Laura Secord, Patriot stamp (Scott 1434).

Joseph (1804-73), a wealthy newspaperman and Nova Scotian politician is seen on the 8¢ stamp (Scott 616) shown in Figure 6.

As far as I know, the only British North American who participated in the Civil War as a serving member of the forces and who is featured on a stamp is Calixa Lavallee (1842-91). One of the composers of Canada's national anthem, *O Canada*, he is seen on the 17¢ stamp (Scott 858) shown in Figure 7.

Lavallee was born in Vercheres, Canada East, and moved to Rhode Island in 1857. He enlisted as a musician in the 4th Rhode Island Infantry Regiment. In 1862, he was a lieutenant and Musician 1st Class and the regiment's principal cornetist. He was wounded at the battle

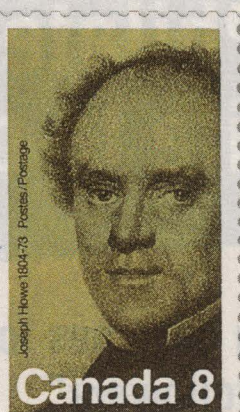


Figure 6. An 8¢ Joseph Howe stamp (Scott 616).



Figure 7. A 17¢ Composers Lavallee, Routhier and Weir stamp (Scott 858).

of Antietam and given a medical discharge. He never returned to live in Canada but pursued a music career in the United States. In 1880, the lieutenant-governor of Quebec, Dr. Theodore Robitaille (1834-97, in office 1879-84), commissioned him to set to music a patriotic poem by Sir Adolphe-Basile Routhier (1839-1920). The result was *O Canada*.

The American Civil War was a decisive moment in the founding of Canada. It led to concerns for the security and independence of the British North American colonies and eventually to the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867. ■

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