

46. Canada Island

About four miles to the north along Route 30 the road goes alongside the main course of the Sacandaga River. Near the Wadsworth Camp at Hope (a couple of houses) there is a small island in the river. The river is very shallow above the island and a hundred years ago a ford was indicated at this place on maps of that era. The ancient map prepared by the Colonial Surveyor Claude Joseph Sauthier and published in London in 1779 names this little island Canada Island. It is very likely that this ford marks the place where a British Corps of Army Engineers laid out the Sir John Johnson Trail which led from Johnson Hall at Johnstown in the Mohawk Valley to Bulwagga Bay on Lake Champlain to be used as an escape route from his raids of the Mohawk and Schoharie Valleys in the Spring and Fall of 1780.

