

ALEXANDER DOUGLAS::::

- 1796 Crown to Henry Windecker
- 1802 Henry Windecker to David Cowan.
- Dec. 2 David Cowan to Benjamin Hardison
1802 except 2 acres on N.E. Corner
- Oct. 21 Benjamin Hardison & wife to Alexander Douglas
1806 125 acres, 3 roods 36 purchases \$468
1st. & 2nd Con. lot 2 part of.
mortgage held by John Yule executor of Wm. Yule
the father of Mrs. Alexander Douglas Jr.

THE DOUGLAS CANNON:::

In the late 1860's Cyrus Dean , who later became Captain of the Ferry the Hope, dug up an old cannon from the riverbed in front of the old Lewis House at the foot of Catherine St. It belonged to the American forces and no doubt was used in the war of 1812. It was given to the Douglas family, who used it as a hitching post, in front of their home on Niagara St. It remained there till the home was demolished in 1936. It was aquired by the Frontier Branch # 71 of the Canadian Legion. They had the old cannon cleaned and in return presented it to the Buffalo Historical Society. It was moved to the 1812 Cemetery in the Town of CHEEKTGWAGA ; New York. 1939.

SULPHUR WELL:::

In the basement of the old Douglas home, was a sulphur well. People came for miles around to purchase water from this well, which was thought to contain minerals that would be of a great healing benefit. Dr. Douglas made a great deal of money from this sideline to his practise.

MEMORIALS OF FORT ERIE AND EARLY NAVIGATION ON LAKE ERIE.

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" On the morning of November the 28th. the river was crossed by two detachments of sailors and soldiers, which succeeded in breaking up the bridge and taking the two lower batteries near Wintermute's Tavern, where they disabled the guns, after a vigorous defence ; and retired to their own shore, leaving an officer and thirty men behind to become prisoners. A second attempt to land below Frenchman's Creek with a larger force after daybreak was repelled. While the whole British force with the exception of one company left in Fort Erie; was thus engaged several houses in the village were burned by a raiding party from Black Pock, of which the Buffalo Gazette gave the following account:::

" Between nine and ten o'clock three sailors embarked in a boat passed over the the enemy's shore and set fire to the dwelling house of B. Hardison and to the house and Store of Mr. Douglas, which were consumed. After remaining upon the shore for about two hours they returned with a boat loaded with articles taken from the houses. We understand that this had been unauthorized.

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could not comply with ~~his~~ request.

By that time about eleven hundred men, ^{of} half ^{of} them being soldiers of the 41st and 49th regiments and the remainder militia, besides a considerable number of Indians had been assembled on the high ground overlooking the ferry landing. The guns which had been spiked were made serviceable and replaced in the batteries. Any attempt to cross the river seemed certain to meet with a determined opposition.

"The night that followed this day was dreadful," an eyewitness, probably an officer, wrote, "the rain fell in torrents and we were all exposed till morning't the pelting of the pitiless storm, and remained for nearly thirty-six hours without a morsel to eat. Never did I witness such zeal, such devotion to the cause, and such determination as pervaded all ranks. In the course of next day arrangements were made for getting our troops under cover in the remaining houses and barns. On the night of the 30th the enemy were again observed to be in motion and we were all on the alert."

The three houses and other buildings belonging to Alexander Douglas, the principal merchant in the village, had been occupied as barracks and the enemy evidently had a valid pretext for their destruction. The owner valued them with the contents destroyed or carried away at \$2500. It is claimed from Captain John Baxter for compensation for property of \$4. All the other buildings had been much damaged by artillery fire. Several himself and others burnt in these buildings was allowed by a board of officers, except that of that from Lieut. David Morgan, "who ran away on the shelter the soldiers. Among them were the houses of Benjamin Hardison, landing of the enemy *Henry Trout's Tavern*, and a barn owned by John Warren.

On December 9 General Sheaffe wrote to Major Clegg.

"The cold weather seems to make the enemy shrink into nothing. Most of the sailors, the militia and volunteers and many of the regulars, I believe, have taken leave - some of them, we are told, would gladly join us. Our militia have returned in great numbers." Four days later the probability of another attack seemed so distinctly that one of the militia of each regiment or company of the local militia was permitted to go home for two weeks, when they were to return and relieve those who remained in the city.

When positive information was received that the enemy's militia and a considerable number of his other troops had dishonourably

DOUGLAS::: FORT ERIE.

Feb. 22nd. 1800:::

Rev. Addison married Alexander Douglas and
Margaret De Mille.

1804::: baptized. Alexander Douglas, son of Alexander and
Margaret De.Mille

baptized John Douglas son of Alexander Douglas and
Margaret De Mille

1846::: baptized William Douglas son of Alexander Douglas
and Agnes (Yule) his wife.

born Dec. 23rd. 1845 . sponsors at Baptism:::
John Anderson , Margaret Hamilton, & John Jule.

(records from the "Ontario Register" Vol. 1 Nov.3rd. 1968.

The sister of Agnes Douglas was Helen Yule , from Chambl.y .

When 24 years of age Rev. John Anderson ^{was} took charge of
St. Paul*s Fort Erie. After eight years as Missonery
priest, he married Helen Yule.