

QUEENS HOTEL: : : : :

1802: : : Deeded to Benjamin Hardison by David Cowan.

Benjamin Hardison fought in Col. Phinnings Regt. of Mass troops during the American Revolution. He was taken prisoner at Quebec and held for two years. After the fighting he settled in Waterloo (Fort Erie) 1797.

He married Mary Jane Warren, the daughter of Col. John Warren. She was the first white child to be born at the Fort Erie post. They had eight children and to house them Benjamin built the large two story brick home at the foot of Queen St. facing the river. The walls of the old home were 15 inches thick, and the interior trim was black walnut, and the marble fireplaces were transported from Italy in a sailing vessel.

In his will written in 1825, Benjamin leaves to his son David the homestead FARM, AND THE BRICK HOME WHICH IS CLEARLY STATED.

1858: : :

The property including the home was purchased by William Wallace, the builder of the Buffalo, Brantford and Goderich Railway, which had its yards on the south side of Queen St. presently the site of the Legion Hall.

1880's By this time the old homestead had been converted into a Hotel with N.A. Dane as proprietor.

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July 30, 1910. B.S. Sarah Martin ext. of Robert W. Martin to Harry Hawkins.

1931.

Converted into eight apartments, and remained as such till the second world war. Harry by then had returned to the hotel business.

Feb. 27, 1948. Harry Hawkins widower and Fred Poole of the third part to Nicholas Rusick & Frank Pidzamecky.

Aug. 4, 1950: Nicholas Rusick & Frank Pidzamecky & wife to Rhoda Hook married woman: Joseph Cibinskas: and Robert Surma.

1960 The new owners remodelled the old Hotel to double its size.

Apr. 1, 1965. Robert & Rhoda Surma wife, who also bars Joseph Cibinskas unmarried to Queen's Hotel (Fort Erie) Limited.

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\$300,000.00.

1978 On the 31st. of May The Queens was purchased by Col Webb of Toronto and his wife Loanne.

Dec. 28. 1986. Queen's Hotel destroyed by fire.

lot # queen ~~St~~Hotell: 63 Niagara Blvd. Plan 504.

May 6, 1796. Crown to Henry Windecker 150 acres: all lot NO. 2.

Aug. 7, 1796. B.S. Henry Windecker to David Cowan : 250 acres;
lot NO. 2: con.1 & 2.

Nov. 10, 1801. B.S. David Cowan to Benjamin Hardison, all excepting
lot NO. 2.

May 31, 1823: Will: Benjamin Hardison to David Hardison & heirs.

1827. Jane Hardison wife of Benjamin to Richard Thompson.

1833 R. Thompson to son James Richard Thompson.

May 21, 1844. David Hardison to Alexander Douglas: 50 acres.

Aug. 29, 1853. B.S. Alexander Douglas to William Wallace $1\frac{82}{100}$ acres.

July 24, 1873. William Wallace & Laura his wife to David F. Day:

$\frac{1}{2}$ ACRE: N.E. cr. of Queen and Niagara Sts. (Hotel site)

Oct. 1, 1875. Q.C.: David F. and Hellen M Day to William Hall: PROP. 1874
20 E. 15 S
1/2 acres N.E. CR.

Octy 16, 1883. W.M. Hall to John Donahoe: 1/2 acre. N.E. cr.

Oct. 16, 1884. John Donahoe et ux to Elizabeth Magwood.

Oct. 1884. Elizabeth Magwood widow to Eliza Donahoe.

Jan. 16, 1885. Eliza Donahoe & John Donahoe to Joseph Madden.

etc. etc.

Mar. 4 1908. James Horan (Hotel owner and operator) & Lydia
Horan wife to Robert W. Martin.

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Queen's Hotel: Niagara Blvd.

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In 1951 Rhoda Hook married Robert Surma. The three partners started their plans for the remodelling of the Queen's. The hotel is to be doubled in size at a cost of \$55,000.00. Furnishings and equipment to cost an additional \$ 45,000. The cocktail lounge is to hold 60, the dining room 75: and the men's beverage room 80.. The ladies beverage room to be enlarged to hold 115. Accomodaton is to be raised from 15 to 23; each room with private bath.