

APRIL 27th 1973.

BERTIE HALL:::

After the death of Frank Pattison owner of Bertie Hall, Fort Erie; Mrs. R. Summers was asked to file a report on the home, as the second phase prior to the purchase of the home by the Dept. of Indian affairs as a historical building.

In her search she eliminates William Forsyth Sr. as the original builder, and puts the date of it*s construction as in the early 1840*s. She also feels that it was put up by Issac Brock Forsyth and his wife Sarah, although was not able to come up with any written proof to substantiate this.

Wm Forsyth left Niagara Falls and purchased the farm of Henry Sagar on the Niagara River, in 1832. Bertie Hall stands on the N. W. corner of Phipps st. on the Anguish property.

Mrs. Summers was aware of the published reports in which Wm. Forsyth requested permission stone for the building of his home; but felt that as Bertie Hall was of brick construction; this must have been an earlier building

Contrary to this believe is further reports from the papers & Records of Col. Kerby, by E.A. Cruikshank page 98; In the first paragraph you will note that it reads WM Forsyth removed to a farm on the river road , where he began construction of a large brick house, afterwards named Bertie Hall::: etc.

The fact that brick is mentioned, and the request was for stone, actually in no, way conflicts; for I have studied this home personally and make note that the full basement consists of Flagstone walls, twelve ft. in height, and seven of these underground. The basement is devided into several rooms, which adds to the amount of flagstone, and in all, it amounted to a considerable quantity. The stone in question is similar to that used in the construction of the OLD Fort at the entrance of the River.

RESUME OF TITLE OF BERTIE HALL

1. Crown Grant 1806 to Henry Anguish, for the south 60 acres (i.e. south half) of lot no. 8, 1st concession of Bertie Twp.
2. Missing link in title between Anguish and the next owners (?) BTD
John and Anna Reis, who sold the entire 60 acres in 1827 to Henry Sagar.
3. In 1832 Henry Sagar sold the 60 acres to William Forsyth for 625 Pounds.
4. William Forsyth died ~~1840~~ or 1841 and willed his property to his son Isaac Brock Forsyth.
5. ~~Isaac Brock Forsyth left~~ On the death of Isaac Brock & Forsyth (no will found) the property passed to his wife Sarah and to his son William Brock Forsyth. Exact details unclear.
6. In 1872 Forsyth sold the 10 acres which included Bertie Hall to Stephen Maule Jarvis, a lawyer, from Toronto, who subdivided the area.
7. Jarvis and his wife sold 2 and 54/100 acres, the southeast corner of the 10 acres, to John Crabb, in 1874, for \$7,000. Crabb evidently ran Bertie Hall as an inn until about 1892, when through some legal process (default on mortgage, presumably) he lost the property to Robert G. Barrett.
8. From the Barrett connection the property passed to Frank T. Pattison but we were unable to trace the precise transaction. It must have taken place around 1905. (1904 ~~land~~)
9. Frank T. Pattison lived in the house until his death in 1965. The house is now for sale by the Executors of his estate, we understand.

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10 acres S.E. part 1000, concession

Now becomes Plan 910 October 26, 1872 registered November 28,
1872.