

BENJAMIN PRESCOTT HALL :Willoughby Hall ,Surgeon.(later Mill Race Fort Erie)  
1785- 1850.                wife Bridget.

Dr. B. hall had served in the war as assistant surgeon in the Provincial Marines: 3rd. Lincoln Regt. AND AFTERWARDS PRACTISED MEDICINE IN Willoughby Township. He then moved to "Waterloo Ferry", where he resided for a number of years. As he was not a graduate of any medical college, he was obliged to obtain a license to practise, from the Lieut. Govenor. He practsed during the 1820's.

The following is a letter from Col. Kerby to Maj. Hellier. It is related to doctor Hall's license." With dr. Leffer, Sumner, and many others who served with his majesties forces during the war, and received his pays. His serving also Sir. P. Maitland Commissioner as Surgeon of the 3rd. Regt . of Lincoln Militia, for six years he conceives a thurthor proof of his claim, at your hands. Haing this far transpassed of your time, I trust you will readily judge of my feelings for a man who I new as a faithful subject of the county. He is at the head of a large respectable family and who has latelt been most pervously effected , in the loss of three sons."

Dr. Hall continued to practise in Waterloo Ferry, until his death nearly thirty years later. "Account taken from the Life of Col. Kerby by E. A. Cruikshank.

Jan. 1822. Bapt. Eliza Ann , dght. of Benj. Prescott Hall & Bridget.d. Apr. 23, 18.

wife of Benjamin M. Hardison. (son of David)

Bapt. Cyrenius Hall son of Benj. P. Hall & Bridget.

Bapt. Wm. Henry Hall son of Benj. P. Hall d. May 29; 1828. 11yrs.

Robert Prescott Hall son of Benj. & Bridget Hall.d. May 2. 1828.9 yrs.

Alexander Stuart b. d. May 18. 1828.5yrs.  
son of Doct. B. P. Hall.

one of the first homes to be built on Erie St, this small rough cast house has been recorded as a headquarters for the troops in the war of 1812; but it's actual age and builder remain to be traced. It is clearly seen on an old map of the town from the 1850's. Another marks it as the home of Dr. Prescott Hall. He practised medicin during the war and in Willoughby Township following; moving to Waterloo Ferry in the 1820's. He served the people of the village till his death, and is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery.

For a time R.F. Ferguson , a merchant in the village, lived in and owned this home. He moved into it after renting his large two story home on the north side of Erie. It was moved over to the south side of the street by the mill race, at the time the Peace Bridge was built.

He enlarged the small bedrooms and added dormer windows to the roof, and the front porch over the door. Although small the house boasted a large fireplace at either end. Unfortunately when the home was moved to the Garrison Rd. at the time the Niagara Parkway was completed, it was not possible to keep the fireplaces intact. The home was bought by the Peace Bridge Company, and in the 40's sold to Charles Bingleman. He moved it to his farm on the south side of the Garrison Rd., and is now number 851.

Information supplied by Mrs. P. Kee, Erie St.

Inf. from Mrs. Reid , a daughter of Mrs. D. Paulus, comes another bit of information:: " At certain times of the year the river and the Mill Race would overflow and it was necessary for Mr. Paulus to row to this home and the home of Mr. Schyrer, to bring over the occupants where they stayed at her boarding house the Riverview, till the water subsided.

Another old house, with cupboards above its fireplace once graced the river front just above the old Thompson house. It, too, had to make way for progress, and when the Peace Bridge was built it was bought and moved to the Garrison road at the edge of town. This old house was used for military headquarters during the war of 1812.