

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 acquired by the Frontier Branch # 71 of the Canadian Legion. They had the old cannon cleaned and in turn presented it to the Buffalo Historical Society. It was moved to the 1812 Cemetery in the Town of CHEEKTOWAGA 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.

the latter was the old Douglas homestead on the corner of Ber- tie and Niagara streets, original- ly surrounded by the farm proper- ty of Alexander Douglas, father of the town's beloved Dr. William Douglas, who made possible our hospital. This house was torn down, after the doctor's death, and the Parkway Theatre built on its site, where, at the back, once flourished a blossoming garden.

dr. douGLAS:::

The cannon that stood in front of Dr. Douglas's home, and was used as a hitching post; was acquired by the Frontier Branch No. 71 Canadian Legion, at the time the house came down in 1936. They presented it to the Buffalo Historical Society, who in turn placed it in the 1812 Cemetery in the town of Amherst N.Y. MAY 30 1939

There is some mention of the cannon being captured from the American forces by the British during the war of 1812-1814; however there is also a story that the same gun came from the site of the old Lewis House, and that it had been left there after a battle there with the Fenian forces, and the Canadians who were holed up in the house.

Again in the Times Review : Oct. 7, 1948
Cyrus Dean an old Ferry Capt. of 91 yrs., mentions in his recollections that as a boy in the village "he dug an old cannon out of the river from one of the boats, and used it as a hitching post at the home of Dr. Douglas.