

## WATERLOO or FORT ERIE RAPIDS

A village in the township of Bertie, situated on the Niagara River, about two miles below the entrance to Lake Erie, and sixteen miles from Chippewa. A steam Ferry-Boat is established that crosses the river every half hour, to the American Village "Black Rock", which is about two miles below Buffalo. There is an Episcopal Church in the Village and a customs house.

population -- about 180.

Post Office - three times a week.

Professions and Trades, -

One grist mill, two stores, two taverns, one grocery, one wagon maker, two blacksmiths, one tailor, one cooper, two shoemakers.

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## FORT ERIE.-- 1846

A fort situated in the south east corner of the township of Bertie, on the Niagara River, noted as being the scene of several engagements between the British troops and the invading Americans, during the last war: the principal of which took place on the 28th Oct., 1812, when the Fort was captured by a large force of the enemy, and retaken by the British troops at the point of the bayonet; and again in August 1814, when the Fort having previously fallen again into the hands of the enemy, General Drummond, at the head of a party of British troops, advanced upon the Fort for the purpose of investing it. On the 13th., of August having completed his batteries, he commenced a brisk cannonade on the position of the enemy, which with a few intermissions, was continued for two days, after which it was determined to carry the Fort and the outworks of the enemy, by nocturnal assault. About two o' clock on the morning of the 15th., the attack commenced; and after a desperate conflict the Fort was carried, the enemy driven from the ramparts at the point of the bayonet, and the guns of the Fort turned upon the garrison; but at the very moment of victory, a large quantity of ammunition accidentally took fire and exploded, by which a greater portion of the British forces, who had entered the Fort, were blown in the air; the few British troops that survived the explosion, were insufficient to maintain their position, and they were consequently obliged to retire under shelter of their own works. On the 17th., of Sept. following, a large American force attacked the British Batteries, and succeeded in destroying the works; but before they could make good their retreat, a reinforcement of British troops arrived, and they were soon obliged to make a precipitate flight before the British bayonets, after losing nearly 600 men. The American General, soon after evacuated Fort Erie, and retreated across the river to the United States, which ended the campaign.