

THE COWTHARD INN::: NIAGARA RIVER RD. by Ctherine St.

Not much is known of this Inn, although it is marked on the early maps of the 1850's. It could have been here much earlier.

In the 1840's Kerby had the Ferry moved back to the original site by the foot of Bertie, however Lewis and McKenzie continued to operate boats from the foot of Ctherine well in the the middle 1860's .There is no record of when this place of business closed, however when a fight broke out on this site during the Fennian Raids, there is no mention of the Inn although The Lewis house across the street appears in several accounts as a hiding place.

The plot of land on which this hotel and the Customs House along side it, has for years been covered by the waters of the Niagara River. Nothing has been handed down of the Cowthard family, however there are two stones remaining behind the back wall of St. Paul's Anglican Church.



MUEL CAWTHARD:: ( Cowthard)

Feb. 13th. 1838 : Samuel Cawthard of the Township of Bertie, and Elizabeth Woolever of the same place, spinster were married by licence on the thirteenth day of Feb. in the year of Our Lord , one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Jon Anderson  
Rector of Waterloo.

For many years Samuel Cawthard was an innkeeper at the ferry landing.: inf. from E. Cruikshank.

1839. June 7th. Bapt. Thomas, son of Samuel & Eliz. Cawthard.b. May.12.

1844. On the nineteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty four I bapt. Mary Pindar daughter of Sam & Elizabeth Cawthard:Born.Nov.6 1843.

1844: Aug. 31st. George Cawthard, aged sixty five years died on the twenty ninth day of Aug., in the year of our Lord onethousand eight hundred and forty four.

John Anderson  
Rector of Fort Erie.

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