

1750. The French built a stockade & established a permanent post near the present site of Fort Erie.
1764. General Bradstreet camped near the site of the French Post, and later in a letter to General Amherst Aug. 4th., 1764, stated he found a suitable place on the north shore just above the rapids, and he was building a post there.
1782. This year the survey of the Township of Bertie, including Fort Erie, was begun.
1784. Ten families of immigrants were established this year on 200 acres of land each. Benner; House; Platow; Riselay; and Wintemute, were among them. They were provided with seed grain, and a few agricultural implements, food, and a certain amount of clothing; for the next two years. A Ferry was soon established between Fort Erie and Black Rock. During the latter years of the Century, Governor Simcoe, was successful in attracting many immigrants from New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; and among those were: Bowen, Hawn; Hershey; Miller; Laur; Sherk; Troup and Zavitz.
1795. A gentleman of note visited Fort Erie this year, and he described it as consisting of a few log houses surrounded by tottering palisades, entirely unprovided with Ramparts, or covert-way. Outside were four large buildings of rough hewn logs, intended as store houses and dwelling places for the workmen; and a large private Warehouse stored with goods for Indian trade, stood within the palisades. Twenty voyageurs were employed for unloading vessels, and the cargoes were transported between Fort Erie and Chippawa, in large Batteaus maned, by five men each.

The Garrison consisted of a Company of the 5th. foot, under Capt. Pratt. The Ferry was situated 2 miles below Fort Erie (BERTIE) and was conducted by a British boat large enough to accommodate five horses at a time. The passage of the river between Black Rock and Fort Erie occupied four or five minutes, and the return trip about a quarter of an hour.

A tavern and a few houses stood near the landing on the Canadian shore.

1807. The Village consisted of about thirty houses, inhabited principally with immigrants from Pennsylvania. The first town record of a meeting was on May 7th. 1808, at Andrew Miller's farm Joseph Senn, was appointed Clerk, Alexander Douglas, and Thos. Atway Page, assessors: Henry Trout Collector: Benjamin Wilson and John Warren. Wardens. Present at the meeting were: Christian and Abraham Hershey; John and Thos. Baxter; Peter and John Wintemute; Alexander Douglas; James Smith; Henry Trout; Jacob Haun; Jos. Marth; John Warren Sr; Jos. Hanins; Daniel Pound; A. Oliver; John Hirrot; H. Nigh; J. Harper; M. Sherk; J. Winger; G. Zavitz; J. Tuttle; Peter Learn; Peter Platow; C. Hibbard; M. Buck; E. Karr; & Richard Graham. Jr.

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1808.

Besides the houses at the Fort, and those at the Ferry Landing, there were nine farm houses between the landing and Frenchmans creek along the river side; seven between Frenchman's Creek and Black-Creek; and six between Fort Erie and Point Abino: three near the Garrison of Concession Rd.: three on the Ridge Road: seven west of the road near the lake: and three or four isolated dwellings in other parts of the Township.

There were but two roads passable for wagons, the River Road, and one running in a southerly direction from the mouth of Millers Creek (Wintemutes) to Point Abino. (this was the route of the old Indian Portage)

1812.

A Breastwork was thrown up on the south side of Bertie St., on the hill big enough for two guns. (This was later the property of Dr. Douglas and a home was built on this site by a Mr. Bowen. Battery St. faces this site)

At the site of the International Bridge stood a tavern known as "Red House",

"Fort Erie" was occupied by eighty men of the 49th., under Major Armsby; and fifty of the Newfoundland Regt. and the three batteries that commanded the Ferry, by 60 of the 1st., and 2nd., Norfolk Militia, under Capt. Henry Bostwick.

At Red House, two, one gun Batteries armed with artillery brought from Detroit, had been established manned by Lieut. King. R.A., and a few Militia gunners supported by Lieut. Lamont; with thirty-five men of the 49th., and two light field pieces. A mile further down another detachment of 37 men of the 49th., were stationed under Lieut. Bartley (Bowen) and the Mill and farmhouse at Frenchman's Creek were occupied by seventy men of the same regt., under Lieut. Mc. Intyre.

1813.

Fort Erie was occupied by less than 200 men. On June 12th. Fort Erie was taken by the Americans. and they left the ruins.

1814.

The stone Mess House or Barricks at the Fort was repaired. On July the 3rd the Americans surrounded the Fort, and Major Buck surrendered.

The Douglas Battery had been built close to the margin of the river, in rear of the excavation of an old quarry. It had a parapet of stones nine ft. high and sixteen ft. thick, and was armed with two guns.

1817.

Bertie Township and Fort Erie at this time contained 200 houses, a Quaker Church, six schools and a population of 1600.

Churches: McAfee. 1845: The Memorial Church-Ridgeway 1872; The Westleyan Methodist Church at Victoria 1878.

1871: The office of Superintendent of the Schools was held by Dr. Kempson. Rev. John Baxter held the office for 13 years.

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1887; VICTORIA situated at the western end of the International Bridge . It is the station of the Buffalo & Lake Huron and loop Line; branches of the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Southern and Erie and Niagara. It is connected with North Buffalo by steam Ferry and it contains about 20 stores and shops; a number of good Hotels, a grist Mill, an Elevator, and a Methodist Church; and has a population of 700. The post office name at Victoria is INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE. It has a flourishing lodge of Masons, United Workmen, and Oddfellows. This lodge later built hall on Courtwright st. at an expence of \$ 3000.00.

1887. FORT ERIE::: Population 900. Contains a machine shop, green house, mpost office, 3 meat markets, four taverns, ten stores and shops, and a large drill shed, for #4 comp. of the 44th. Battalion. Also had an Anglican Church, Presbyterian, Methodist, & Roman Catholic. Headquarters of the Orange Lodge # 750 , that got its original charter 1871.

JOHNSTON RULIF of Bertie: from REid's The Loyalists in Ontario.
& Grand River.

RULIF JOHNSTON

b.

marr. ELIZABETH SIPES.

AGNES

b.

marr. Charles Mc. Cartney of Beverly Aug. 6, 1816.

JOACHIM of Grand River

b. Apr. 12, 1793 d. May. 31, 1820

WILLIAM of Grand River

bapt. July 26, 1820.

Ralph Grand River.

Rulif; went by the name: Ruloth, Rudolph, & Rulif::: Jansen.

lot 4, in the 5th. con N.R.; was of the Butler Rangers and
and settled in Bertie. (Rev. sons and daughters of the American Rev.
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