



PROPERTY OF STOCKDALE FAMILY From 1876 ATLAS MAP

ORIGINAL Mc ALEE FARM
- KENZIE CROSSING.

1796 Crown to Wm. Powell 10t 5 con 111.

~~SAMUEL~~ Mc. Afee family William Stockdale 1846
~~SOPHIA~~

or the Mc. Afee property was the Weslyn Methodist Church
It was sold to Wallace Stockdale in 1890, for \$100.00
taken down 1900.

Just back from the river on the north side of Thompson Rd. stood the old Weslyn Methodist Church. It was on part of the farm owned by William Stockdale. The members of this church worshipped here till just before the turn of the Century, when they joined the old Methodist Church on Central Ave. and Dufferin Sts.

The old church ran into ~~dis~~^srepair and Wallace Stockdale purchased it in 1890, and it was demolished in 1900. He proceeded to build a large frame farmhouse and driveshed almost where the church had stood. He used the beams from the old church in the construction of his drive shed. It stood just next to the house, by the side of Thompson Road.

When the Niagara Parks Commision decided to widen the river ~~road~~ in the early 1940's the old homestead stood in the way of progress and it had to be removed. The last member of the Stockdale family lived on the farm till the house came down in 1943.

An auction was held, and many of the family belongings are now destributed about the town of Fort Erie.

The Mc.Afee homestead stood just north of the Stockdale house. It's foundations were destroyed when the Niagara river Rd was widened. The carriage house where Mc. Kenzie stored his boat stood south of this home almost at the edge of Thompson Rd. It was taken down in 1925.

AND HOUSE REMOVED
1948

COLONEL JOHN GRANT::: PLEASANT POINT: NIAGARA RIVER.

rev. Albert E. Ray N.F. Review 1967.

Colonel Grant , born in Connecticut was a genial New England Yankee. A tall stalwart chap, the breezy "Jawn" did things in a large way, although it was charged by certain of his enemies that his move in building opposite Grand Island, was for reasons other than purely for revenue from the travelling public. At any rate this tavern was a well constructed one.

When he complete the bar in the mane room, it was his boast that it could accommodate the "longest line-up" of any place in the Niagara Penninsula. His dining room could take care of the needs of some 200 when required, and his sitting room could take care of the same number. Brick fireplaces were placed numerously to drive away the chill of the cold blast of the Niagara, and at the rear of the Tavern were built large bake ovens of solid red brick.

At parties which he delighted to arrange with guests from Tonawanda, Grand Island and hereabouts; Colonel Grant presided over the roasting of an entire ox. Whisky was three cents a glass and hard chasers free a century ago when Colonel John Grant's Tavern flourished between what is now known as the shipyards and Mc. Afee farm, still called Pleasant Point.

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" But the Tavern met a tragic fate in 1849. Its forty guest rooms were filled when an early morning blaze believed to have been caused by too many logs in a fireplace, swept through the building. Soon it was a heap of ruins, never to be rebuilt.

Broken hearted over his loss Colonel Grant returned to his native New England in 1850, and was never seen again in these parts.

LOT # 6 Gross con. N.R.

DEC. 15, 1796. Crown to Capt. John Powell : lot 5. & 6.

Dec. 4, 1798. John Powell and wife Jane to William Ewing:
100 acres: lot 6 in the X con. regt. July 3, 1799.

July 3, 1799. William Ewing to Devolt Lisinger: 100 acres: lot 6.

Feb. 1801. Devolt Lisinger & Margaret his wife to Frederick
Ashbark: 182 acres: lot 5, & 6 in the X con.

Apr. 15, 1805. Frederick Ashbark(Eshbrough) Sr. to Henry Hoover
89½ acres : lot 6 in the X con.N.R.

July 9, 1846. Samuel Mc. Afee etaux to Joseph Doner: 80 acres of
lot 6.

Sept. 1849. Samuel McAfee and Sophia his wife to William Jerome
Doner , eldest son and heir of Joseph Doner: 80 acres.

March 9, 1909. Elizabeth Colyer widow to William Colyer, Grace Goulding
George Colyer & Elizabeth Colyer.

March 9, 1909. Wm. Stockdale administrator of the estate of Wm. J.
Doner to Elizabeth Colyer , sister and only heir of
William Doner deceased, and William Colyer, Grace
Goulding: George Coyler, the only heirs and children
of Elizabeth Colyer ::: to his majesty the King :
part of lot 6: 1 $\frac{15}{100}$ acre.