

BOWEN ROAD FERRY LANDING:::

In the early 1800's there was considerable ferrying going on from the north end about a mile from the upper Ferry landing by Bertie St. The road was then called Ferry road and remained such for many years after the ferry ceased to operate from this location. Because of confusion however the name was changed to Bowen after the family of that name that had farm land just west of the river. At first there were only small row boats operating and they ran from the Canadian shore to Austin St. in Black Rock.

The dock was owned by Mr. Ferberry, and on it was a custom's office and a Shingle Mill owned by Stockdale and Tait. Close by were two hotels, a dance hall, blacksmith & shoe shop & grain elevator. For a time Mr. Ferberry operated one of the hotels. Followed by Joseph Stevens, and Mr. Joseph Lanigan. The granddaughter of Mr. Joseph Stevens still has in her possession a tin type of the hotel, and says at one time Mr. Stevens also owned the dock and shingle mill. After the Fenian Raids Mr. Stevens left the business for a farm on the Gilmore Road.

About the year 1851 James Haggart operated a sidewheeler, named the Cygnet from the Ferberry dock to Hertel Ave in Black Rock. It ran only a few years, because of poor patronage.

Some time after the Fenian Raids this Ferry location was discontinued and the larger boats used the lower ferry landing by the foot of Dufferin, which Nelson Forsyth had put into operation with his boat the "See".