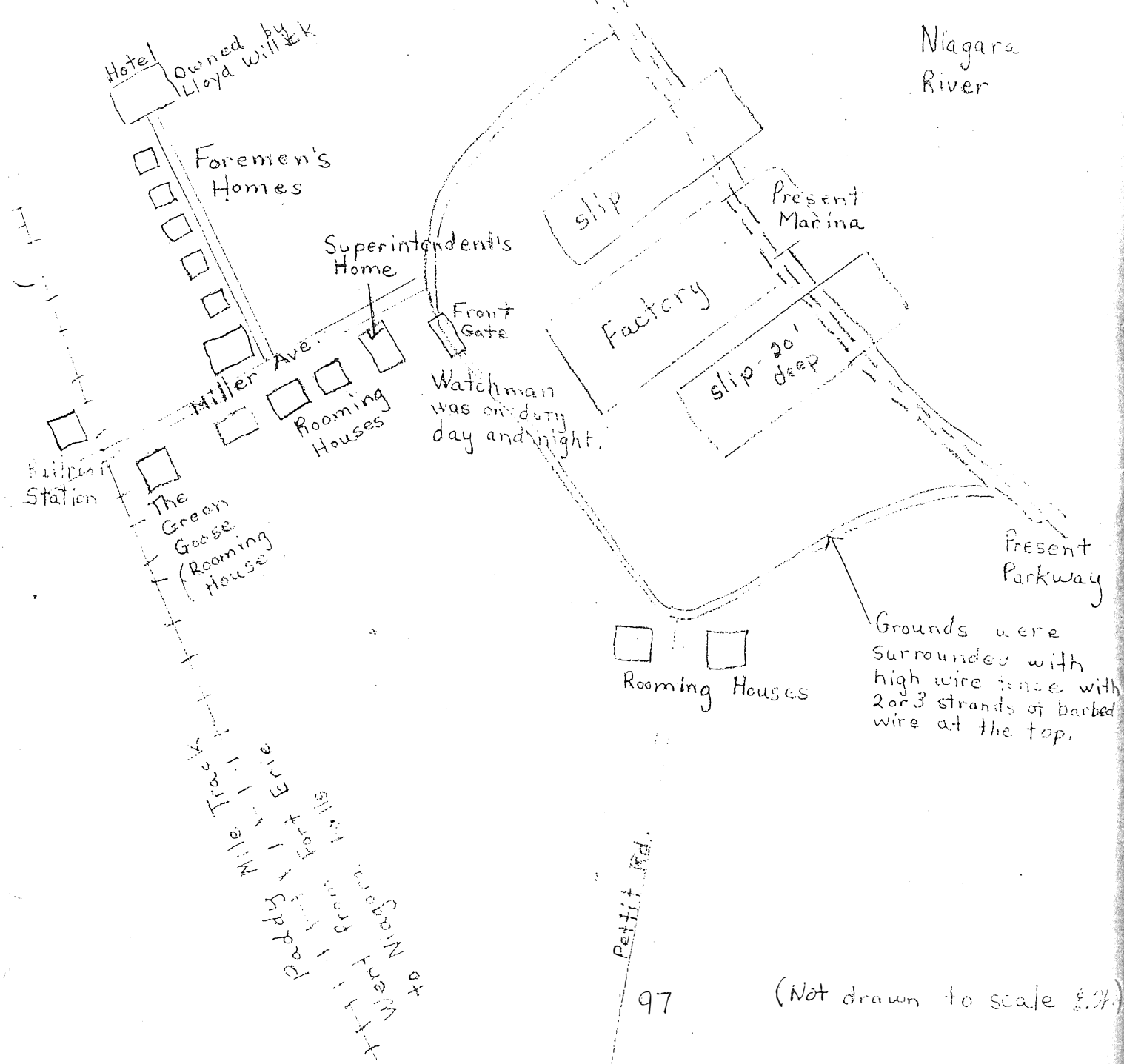
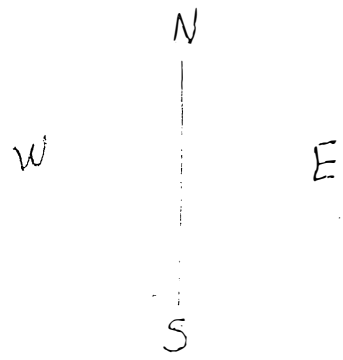


# The Shipyards Fort Erie Early 1900's


Described by Rufeen  
Lichtenberger



## THE SHIPYARDS::: Miller Creek Niagara River Road

The site of the Shipyards was the homestead farm of the first Andrew Miller, and then of his son Edward Sr. then Edward Jr. It was sold to the Canadian Shipbuilding Company in 1901, although the family continued to live in the old homestead for several years.

The old red brick home of the Miller family that stood on the n.e. cr. of Ridge Road and the Niagara river road, was eventually taken down. The end of the Ridge road as it passed the Litchenberger farm was called Miller road, and originally was part of the old Indian Trail. In 1903 the first slip was dredged. In 1904, a number of boarding houses were constructed. Additional land was purchased till the Company had acquired 600 acres. Later a carpentry shop, machine shop, an office and a railroad spur were constructed.

The first ship built by the Canadian Shipbuilding Company, was the E.B. Osler, 540 ft. long: 55 ft. wide. There were 300 men employed in it's construction. When launched, there were over 1000 visitors for the event. The name of this ship was later changed to "The Osler" She was scraped in Portcolborne. This was the first and last ship built by the original Company; and the yards were closed when it ran into financial difficulty.  ST. LAURENCE S. C. STEAM NAVIGATION COMP LTD

The yards were later re-opened by the CANADIAN FOUNDRY COMP. but just prior to first world war they were closed again. In 1917 they began construction again, under the new owners: The Canadian Alice Chalmers Company, which built four standard type vessels. Among some of the later ships were the North and South Gyuga, and The South American. In 1930 the M.T. Green burned at the north slip.

After the construction of these ships the yards were torn down, never to open again.

During the operation of the Ship Yards, the River Rd. was closed to regular traffic, and a circular road constructed back from the river by passing the hustle and the bustle of the Shipyards. The land was acquired by the Niagara Parks in the 30's, the river road was re-opened, although the circular road was also kept for use.

lot 14. con.5. N.R. The Shipyards.

Jan. 4th. 1904. Arendt Augston widower to Canadian Ship Building Comp.Ltd.

May 5th. 1904. Lucy H. Miller executor of Edward K. Miller to Lucy H. Miller  
widow.

Feb.14, 1907. The Canadian Ship Building Comp. Ltd. to the ST. Lawrence  
& C.. Steam Navigation Comp.Ltd. 187 acres,pt. lot 14,con.5.

July 15,1910: grant. Canadian Ship Building Comp. to the Canadian Bank  
of Commerce.

Aug. 1, 1910. Canadian Foundry and Canadian General Electric Comp.  
to His Majesty the King: pt. of lot 14.

Lot 14, con 5. W Andrew Miller.

- B.&.S. Nov. 30, 1903. Arent Augustrum widower to the Canadian Shipbuilding Comp. Ltd. about 5 acres of lot # 14 in Broken front. con.5.
- B.&.S. Mar. 1904. Lucy H. Miller ext. of Edward Miller to Lucy H. Miller widow 66½ acres. Spt. of lot 14, \$ 1.00
- B.&.S. Dec. 30, 1903. The Canadian Ship building Comp. Ltd. and the Commissioners join as grantors to the Commissioners of the Queen Victoria Park:: part of lot 14, River road along the east Pt.
- B.&.S. June 26, 1906, Lucy H. Miller widow & Rebecca Anquish spinster to Arent Augustrum part of lot 14, \$ 45000.00.
- B.&.S. Oct. 1906 Arent Augustrum to the Canadian Ship Building Comp.Ltd. : 187 acres. pat. lot 14, \$117, 500.
- Feb. 14, 1907. The Canadian Ship Building Comp. Ltd. to the St. Lawrence & C. Steam Navigation Comp. Ltd. : 187 acres pat. of lot 14, 5 acrs S.E.Pt. as to building steamer.
- Will: Mar. 11. 1908. Henry E. Miller to Wm. F. Miller. Benj. A. Miller' Harding E. Miller: & Edgar Miller: his nephews:: Npt. of lot 14, 114 acres.
- B.&.S. Feb. 15, 1909. Thomas Ed. Miller ext. of Henry E. Miller to William F. Miller, Bej. A. Miller: Harding E. Miller: & Edgar Miller:: npt. of lot 14, \$1.00

cont.: Lot 14, con 5. N.R.

- B. & S. Apr. 29, 1910: Commission of Queen Victoria Park .N.F. to King Edward VII: front pt. of lot 14.
- Grant: July 15, 1910. Canadian Ship building Comp. ltd. to the Canadian Bank of Commerce: S.E. Pt.14, 5acres.
- Agreement: Aug. 5, 1910. His Majesty the King to the Canadian Foundry Comp. pt. of lot 14, 1 ch. recerved in Front.
- B. & S. Aug. 1, 1910. Canadian Foundry , and Canadian General electric Comp. to His Majesty the King: pt. of lot 14.
- B.&.S. Jan. 3, 1912. Edgar Miller & wife to Benjamin A. Miller: 20 acres. pt. of lot 14.
- Grant. July 3, 1914. Wm. Miller & wife to Benjamin A. Miller ½ acre. N.pt. of lot 14.
- Grant July 12, 1924. Benjamin A. Miller & wife to Harding E. Miller & Mabel Miller: 3/4 acres. N.pt. of lot 14, 20ac.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

RIDGE MOUNT ROAD

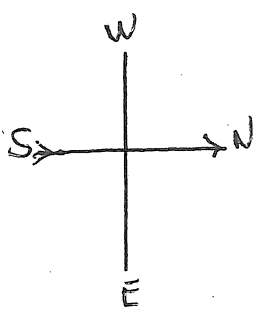
CEMETERY

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MILLERS CREEK

HOTEL

POST OFFICE

SHIP YARDS

NIAGARA RIVER

PETIT ROAD

## PROMINENT MEN ARE DIRECTORS:::

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Canada Biltmore Club now  
ready to break ground  
on boulevard site.

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The board of directors and officers of the Canada Biltmore Club were elected at the meeting held on Thursday Sept. 15th. 1927.

The directors are: Hon. Morris S. Tremaine, comptroller of the State of New York, and president of the Buffalo Club; William R. Huntley, president of Buffalo General Electric Company; John W. Cowper, president of the John W. Cowper Company; Laurens Enos, president of Laurens Enos Company Inc.; and George Hamilton Pettit, member of parliament, Welland Ont.

The officers of the Club are: George H. Pettit, President; Willima R. Huntley, vice president; Robert W. Campbell, treasurer; Sheridan H. Tyser, secretary; and the Community National Bank, trustees.

This board of directors must approve all expenditures before any disbursements can be made for the Club. Now that this official authority is available, the Clubs' funds can be utilized and rapid progress can be made in promptly approving the plans and in breaking the ground for the club house.

## CLOSE TO BUFFALO

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The Canada Biltmore Club will be located on the Niagara river on the Queen Victoria-Niagara Falls Boulevard in Biltmore Park, Ontario Canada, which is six miles from the new Peace Bridge, and twenty five minutes from the Hotel Statler in Buffalo.

The preliminary plans for the Canada Biltmore Club are designed with the idea of erecting one building in three separate units, which will when completed constitute one building and have all departments of the Club directly accessible from the main lobby.

Competent architects assure that if the ground is broken during October 1st is now contemplated, it will be possible to have the Club-house ready for a gala opening to members on New Years Eve.

When the membership in the Canada Biltmore Club is completed the advisory board will name the board of governors for the first year. Then the board of governors will be selected, nominated, and elected by the founder life members.

The board of directors and officers, says George H. Pettit, president of the Club, "will welcome and consider carefully all suggestions which the members care to make. These suggestions should be addressed to the Canada Biltmore Club, suite 513, Walbridge Bld. Buffalo."

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Lot 15 con. 5.N. R. north of Miller's Creek  
 Pat. Aug. 10, 1801. Crown to George Wintemute : 54 acres.  
 B & S. Mar. 10, 1809. George Wintemute to John Miller: 154, acres.  
 lot 15, con 5 & 6.  
 Deed of gift.FEB.1, 1823. John Miller to Jacob Miller son, 154 acres.  
 Pr. of Will Aug.8, 1861. Jacob Miller to son Edmund Miller.  
 B & S. 3359, Sept. 18, 1876. Charles A. Miller to Fred. M. De Cue  
 1½ acres: \$150.00  
 B & S. 4649. Mar. 19, 1844. Fred. M. De Cue to John A Miller .  
 Will 4740 Aug. 23, 1844. John A. Miller:  
 B.&.S. Jan. 4, 1888. Adela L. De Cue to Louisa E. Fletiche  
 pt. 15, as devised by John A. Miller.  
 B & S. July 7, 1909. Charles A. Miller to the King and Edmund  
 Miller : 69/100 pt. of lot 15.  
 Grant: Sept. 20, 1915. Blanch R. Miller: Edmund C. Miller:  
 Winnifred Plowman: Russel Miller:  
 Regina Miller: William Miller& wife:  
 children & heirs of William Miller  
 deceased::: to Charles Miller:::  
 undivided ¼ interest in S½ of lot 15:  
 75 acres.  
 Grant Nov. 29, 1924, Charles A. Miller unmarried & Augusta  
 Miller spinster to John A. Mc. Aler:  
 75 acres: \$15000.00  
 Grant: June 28, 1927. Fanny Harris spinster to the Biltmore Park  
 Estates Ltd/ pt. of lot 15, except road  
 allowance , subject to morgage.  
 Lease: June 29, 1927. Biltmore Park Estates Ltd. to Canada Biltmore  
 Club.  
 Mtg...: Dec. 27, 1928. Biltmore Park Estates Ltd. to Charles A. Miller  
 \$ 11.500.00 pt. lot 15, 46/ 45/100 acres.  
 Grant. Dec. 27, 1927. Charles A. Miller to Biltmore Estates Ltd.  
 pt. lot 15, 46/ 45/ 100 acres.  
 Grant: Nov. 1, 1932. Charles A. Miller & Joseph R. Steele as Ext.  
 of Ann A. Miller:: to John C. Montana  
 Grant. June 16, 1938. Harold O. Conley unmarried: John A. Nigh:  
 P. J. Weebe: Orla Heise: Norman A. Winger  
 Harvy Sheffer ::: trusties of the Ontario  
 Bible School of the Brthern in Christ (tunkers)  
 Church. \$ 13000.00