

HALF WAY HOUSE BERTIE TOWNSHIP::: NIGH RD. 1872. Jacob Lee

lot 12; con 3.

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i acre pt. of lot 12, with buildings #3600.00.

1914 destroyed by fire: rebuilt. *CONCARTÉ Doc 11*

HALF WAY HOUSE::: NIGH ROAD. lot # 12 con 3 Bertie.

Aug. 28, 1868 David Schisler sold to Jacob Lee: 50 acres; w. $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot.
Jan 3, 1870. Joseph E. Lee sold to George Kreiger: 1 acre S.W. angle.
July 13, 1874. Mortgage: George Kreigar to Joseph Johnston.
Sept. 28, 1874. Quit Claim: George Kreigar to John Miller & Michael Kreigar.
Dec. 19, 1877. John Miller: undivided interest in 1 acre to Michael K.
Oct. 30, 1885. Michael Kreigar to Alonzo Michael
Oct. 29, 1889. Alonzo Michael to Hanna Wise : 1 acre.
1891. Will of Michael Kreigar.
Sept. 22, 1906. Hanna Wise & Jacob Wise to William M. Huffman: 1 acre.
Dec. 10, 1906. Wm. Huffman bachelor to William W. Huffman.
May 5, 1909. William W. Huffman & wife to Joseph E. Hawkins: 1 acre.
Mar. 4, 1912. Joseph E. Hawkins and wife to Charles Dewitt Hawkins:
1 acre with buildings: \$ 36.00.00
Mar. 25, 1926. Charles D. Hawkins and wife to John R. Hanny .
Sept. 23, 1946. John R. Hanny & wife to Charlotte E. Haun: 1 acre.
plus buildings.

The original building of frame was burned to the ground May 1914.
A block building replaced this , and the hotel continued to operate.
Eventually this was demolished and many years later a private dwelling
was constructed on the spot.

N.B. WILLIAM HUFFMAN::: Sept. 22, 1906. Jacob Wise and Hanna his wife
hotel keeper to William Huffman of Brantford mechanic;
containing by admeasurement 1 acre and being composed of pt. of lot
12 in the 3rd con from Lake Erie: commencing at the south west angle
of said lot 12, thence west 2 chains & fifty links to a stake: thence
north four chains: thence west 2 chains & fifty links: thence south
four chains to the place of the beginning: together with the buildings
thereon erected and the privileges thereunto belonging.

THE HALF WAY HOUSE::: built : 1860's

The half way house situated on the north east cr. of Stonemill (Windmill point Rd. East) was built by Jake Lee. It was a large frame building with a veranda that extended across the front. Numerous captain chairs were placed there for the customers to while away the hours. There was also a General Store behind it on Windmill Pt. Road and next to it a Mr. Bohn. Mail here was marked "Ridgemount" The mail wagon came up the Dominion Road from Fort Erie; and as the road ceased here, the mailman turned north on Windmill pt. road, stopping off at the Half Way House to pick up his mail and to change horses for the trip down the Garrison Rd. back to Fort Erie.

Mike Lee the brother of Jake lived on the east side of split rock rd.

HOTEL IS DESTROYED.

Building and Barn Near Fort Erie
Burn to the Ground. 1914

Special to The Buffalo Express.

Fort Erie, Ont., May 17.—The Bertie hotel, of which Charles Hawkins is proprietor, burned to the ground with all its outbuildings last night. The fire started at about 10.30 o'clock in the barn and the origin is unknown.

A horse and a cow were burned, but all the people in the house got out without danger. The hotel is about half way between here and Ridgeway. The loss is estimated at \$8,000, covered by insurance.



THE HALF WAY HOUSE cr. of Nigh and Stonemill Rd. Called Bertie Hotel.
lot #12 Con 3. actual name Bertie House.

1870s:: built by Jake Lee, it was a large frame building with a veranda running across the front. It contained the usual ballroom on the upper floor, and connected to it was a grocery store and the post office. The horses owned by the Fort Erie post office, came up the Nigh to this place, and then were changed before they headed to the Garrison road and back to Fort Erie. It was a very busy location. After Jake left the business his two sons ran it for a time. In May 1902 the business was sold by William Huffman the owner at the time, to Edward Joseph Hawkins, the son of Edward of Fort Erie. He was approached about buying the Stevensville Hotel, so in 1912 he sold to his brother Charles and moved to the Stevensville Hotel. While owned by Charles Hawkins the old frame building burnt to the ground in 1914. A cement block place was built in it's place; however they both are long gone from the scene.

May 5, 1902. William Huffman & wife sold to Joseph Hawkins: 1 acre
pt. of lot 12, with buildings \$ 3600.00

1914. Destroyed by fire and later rebuilt, concrete block.
Demolished and now a private home stands on site.