

FORSYTH, JAMES

Search in Patent Office, Lands and Forests Dept.

Discloses. Received grant of land as follows:-

31st December 1798. 308 Acres. Lots 143, 144, 146, and
N $\frac{1}{2}$ 145 Concession not given, Stamford, Lincoln, Home.

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Note: Named in list of disaffected persons in the London and
Western Districts attached to Article by General
Cruikshanks as "Has been a Captain in the American
Militia".

Reference: Vol VI p. 60 Royal Society of Canada
publications.

(disloyal)

JAMES FORSYTH:::

" From the second report of the Bureau of Archives, for the Province of Ontario: by Alexander Fraser of Toronto: page 405, 1904.

Evidence on the claim of James Forsyth, late of Tryon County:

CLAIM SWORN:::

" He was at Couteau de Lac, in the Battaux Company in 1783. In 1775 he had lived on the Susquehanna. He never took part with rebels and in consequence, was taken prisoner and confined.

He came to Canada in 1778, and served in the war in the Battaux Company. He now lives in the second Township. N. Johnston 4 acres, cleared on the Susquehanna, with a house and a barn with twelve stables. He lost 3 horses, some hogs, furniture and farming utensils."

Montreal Feb. 9th. 1788.

JAMES FORSYTH::: ref: The Ontario Historical Society Papers & Records
1738- 1812. page 297.

James Forsyth emigrated from near Aberdeen Scotland, to the Wyoming Valley, between 1765 and 1770. Early in the Revolution he and his family endeavored to reach Niagara; but were taken prisoner by the Indians. British soldiers raided the Camp during the night and they were set free.

The list of families settled as farmers in 1783, included James Forsyth aged 44: Unis aged 38: Daniel aged 11: William aged 9: John aged 2: and Sarah aged 5.

James Forsyth his wife and four children were in the Niagara Provision list for 1786. He built his home on Portage Road, at the site now described as 2218 Main St. Niagara Falls; and afterwards turned it into a Public House. This was the place frequently referred to in the war of 1812, as the Forsyth's. It was the Army Headquarters on several occasions.

During the Navy Island Campaign Sr. Allen Mac.Nab occupied it, Lord Durham stayed in this house, and John Buchanan, the British Consul in N.Y., owned it for a time. Also Lord Elgin occupied it, before it was finally burnt.

William Forsyth the son of James, married Mary Eyckler. He was the noted proprietor of the Pavillion Hotel in Niagara Falls.

Another son by the same name was killed in action at Chippewa serving with the 2nd. Lincoln Militia.

CALEB FORSYTH::: 1813. Will # 237. microfilm St. Catharines
Museum.

" I Caleb Forsyth of the Township of Ancaster in the County of
Lincoln , district of Niagara, Province of Upper Canada; being
sick in body, but of sound mind and memory, praised be God for
the same: do publish this my last will and testament in manner
following:

I will my premises in Ancaster, being four hundred
acres of land to my sons Caleb and Elijah; to be divided between
them when either of them manages to come of age. I further
will that my sons, Caleb, Elijah, _____ unto my sons John
and James, each of them one hundred pounds N.Y. Currency, at
the rate of twenty-five pounds yearly to each of them: to be
paid in good wheat or money at the option of Caleb and Elijah.

I thurther will thta my sons Caleb and Elijah pay unto
my sons Ere----- and WO--- --- & Elias, when they may become
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I thurther will that my sons Caleb and Elijah give my
daughters Unis and Mary each of them a cow.

I thurther will that my sons Caleb and Elijah give my
daughters Sally Elizabeth, Hanah, and Jenny each fourteen
pounds N.Y. currency , and a cow at their marriage.

My beloved wife Ann is to have one third of the produce
of the premices during the time of her widowhood. My sons
Caleb And Elijah are to have all the steck on the farm, also
all the farming utensils. My sons Caleb and Elijah are to pay
all my debts.

WILL OF CALEB FORSYTH::: cont. page # 2.

I hereby appoint Henry Hagle , Engineer of Ancaster ; and
Richard Beasley of Baxton , my executors.

to this my last will and testament, in witness
whereof I have set my hand and seal; this third day of March
in the year of Our Lord , one thousand eight hundred and
thirteen, in the presence of

William Gawthrough

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John Forsyth

(signed by)

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Recorded by Louis mc. Dermott
at St. Catharines May 10th. 1975

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" I Daniel Forsyth in the Township of Hamnerstone, in the County
of Lincoln, and Province of Upper Canada, being in poor state
of health , calling to mind the imortality of my body, and the
uncertainty of the continuence of this life; being in perfect
sound mind and memory, I declare this to be my last Will and
*estament.

First I direct soon after my death my funeral charges, will
be fully paid by my exectors, hereafter constituted, and appoint-
ed by me. My Estate real and Perseanal to be devidded in the
following manner:::

My landed property to be kept together until my youngest
child comes of age or marriage---- devided by an East &
West line so as to make each part equal, in value: which line
shall be made by ---- men chosen by the two legeties;
the----- thereof, and the Executors; all which I give and
devise unto my--- sons William and Jacob, and to their heirs
and assigns forever; and they shall pay to their three brothers
namely James Esckel & Daniel, one hundred and fifty pounds
New York currency ; to each fifty pounds payment as follows:
They shall pay twenty-five pounds N.Y. currency one year from
the youngest comming of age; of twenty one years; and twenty five
pounds the same currency , anuaaly until the one hundred and fifty
pounds be paid.

My stock to be kept on the south part of the place , and

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" to be for the support of my minor children; except a part I shall direct otherwise.

That is if my said son James should marry, he shall have a yoke of oxen , one cow, and when the lawful age, ten dollars exclusive of the above legacy; and the use of the north part of my clearing, as far as the strip of woods between my clearing; for two years and longer,

if he and his brother Esckel can agree together paying a small rent after that time; and in case they cannot agree, after Esckel comes of age he shall have ten dollars and a yoke of oxen and a cow ; and the use of the north north part , as described to James; and James shall have the south part, and have the care of the smaller children of mine; and my two sons before named should not conduct, so as to keep the family together comfortably.

The south part of my clearing with preveledges thereon, are to be rented for that purpose, which I leave to the descretion of my executors.

My two children Jacob and Rachel are to live with their uncle & auntwise, and a small compensation to be paid out of my Estate yearly for their assistance until they can earn their own living. The sum & the time to cease paying is to be left to the decision of my executors ; and the same to my daughter Catharine, which lives with James Edsal & wife.

To each of my daughters I give and bequeath at their marriage, or coming to the year of eighteen; a bed a cow and two sheep . which shall be ewes, and also six plates a piece.

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" My lawful debts to be paid from the property of my farm , as
as quick as possible.

If any of my children should die in their _____ :::
if a boy his intended(share) shall equally be devided
among the rest of the boys; if a girlher intended, among the
girls:::::

I do constitute my brother-in-law Nathaniel Dennis and
Azaliah Scooley, and my son James, my sole executors,
disallowing, revoking, and disanulling all other Wills and
Testaments , by me, in anywise names conserning this, and no
other to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereunto I have hereunto set my hand and seal,
this twenty fourth day of December in the year of Our Lord,
one thousand eight hundred and twelve. "

DANIEL FORSYTH.

(signed By)

Abraham L-----

Nicholas Murehead

Jacob Near.