

1855:::William Wallace: information from Richard Radcliffe.

The residence of James Wallace at the foot of Queens St. on the main river road. This had been a portion of the old Hardison home but very much improved and renovated by Mr. Wallace. It faced the river with very pretty grounds and shrubbery in front.

Mr. Wallace was the engineer who built the Buffalo Brantford and Goderich Railway, from Paris to Fort Erie; now the Buffalo and Lake Erie Branch of the Grand Trunk. For two years after it went into operation he was its superintendent. His family consisted of two sons, and a daughter. THE SONS ASSISTED HIM GREATLY WHEN HE WAS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF THE Railway.

On a 1858 map of the village, this old homestead and a great deal of the other property in the village is marked as belonging to William Wallace.

III 1851 Wm. Wallace resigned from the Attica & Hornallvine R.R. (USA) to accept position as chief engineer of the Buffalo Brantford & Goderich line. In two years he became Superintendent of the line. He stayed with the line for four years. One of his plans was to have a tunnel under the Niagara to Buffalo. Although it did not come about it led to the building of the International Bridge. Wm. Wallace kept an eye on the Great Southern R.R., which was brought to Canada as the Canadian Southern, and he was to survey the lines.