

THE LITTLE COTTAGE HOTEL:: NIGARA BLVD. FORT ERIE:: circa: Middle 1800"s.

The little Cottage Hotel was built in the mid. 1800's on the west side of the river road in the heart of the village opposite the Ferry landing. It was as it's name apply's hardly more than a cottage. It had rooms to the south, and the north side held a small eating place, and room for a village barber. The large window at the front provided a good view of the Ferry boats. There was a front verandah, that in the summer was completely covered with morning glories. Also there was a portion in front where the customers could leave their horses. It had a board sidewalk and also a picket fence.

When Sam & Ed. Ramey moved to the area, Sam purchased this Hotel from Mr. Spain, just at the turn of the century. Ed. owned a place of business in Welland and also operated the Queens in Ridgeway. He operated it for only a short time, and left for Buffalo where he went into the hotel business. Ed took over from his brother, and in 1904 decided to build a much bigger place.

This was the end for th little cottage Hotel. It was however moved back on the property, and became the kitchen for the new place of business:::
The King Edward, built by Ed Ramey and opened in 1905.

Edwin Lorne Ramey died July 1945 at 85 years of age. he lived at 15 Princes St. on the N.E. cr. of Waterloo. he was born in Port Colborne and came to Fort Erie in 1904. In his hometown he worked in a Liquor, and he later ran "the Mansion House" in Welland.

In Fort Erie he purchased the Cottage Hotel on the west side of the river road, opposite the Ferry landing. He got it from his brother, who had succeeded Mr. Spain. A year later he built the King Edward on the same sight. It was a large three story building with an open veranda running across the front. The little Cottage Hotel was moved back from the street and became the kitchen for the new establishment.

He was survived by his widow and predeceased by his two brothers.