

3289 St. Paul Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont.
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Dear Mr. McDermott:

Further to your letter of October 10th, I have now found the location of Charlottenburg. It was originally known as Township No. 2 and is located between Lancaster and Cornwall on the St. Lawrence River. Townships were numbered 1 to 8 and were known as the Royal Townships. In the book "United Empire Loyalists, Pioneers of Upper Canada" they were described as follows:

No. 1	Lancaster	settled by Catholic Highlanders
2	Charlottenbyrg	" Scottish Presbyterians
3	Cornwall	" German Calvinists
4	Osnabruck	" German Lutherans
5	Williamsburg	Anglicans
6	Matilda	
7	Edwardsburg	settled by Major Jessups Corps
8	Augusta	"
9	Elizabethtown	"

These townships were on the north side of the river and comprise the present counties of Glengarry, Stormont, Dundas, Grenville and part of Leeds. These lands were allotted to Sir John Johnsons Royal Yorkers to be divided at his request among prospective settlers according to race and religion.

I wonder whether Hugh Alexander ever occupied the land in the Charlottenburg area. The following is quoted from the book above referred too. "Some of the settlers who drew land never actually saw it. They sold it, sometimes for a quart of rum, or gave it away because it was located in a "remote" area somewhere in the third or fourth concession which covered with dense trackless forest."

Another point which I have not been able to fathom is contained in the Declaration of Sussanh Alexander, relic of Hugh Alexander dated Jan. 20, 1824, which contains the following: "except one wagon load of them, which she was induced and enabled, with a view of preserving them from plunder, to send to Buffalo, in charge of her father-in-law. Would this not be the father of Hugh Alexander?"

In the Declaration of Benjamin Willson, clerk for Mr. Alexander, he states that Mrs. Alexander sent too James Thompson, for safety, several large trunks of wearing apparel, which waa also plundered. I have obtained a listing of property taken from James Thompson, Whirpool, which includes a variety of clothing, etc. which I presume may have been those sent by Mrs. Alexander.

I also have the following receipts and statements given to Mr. James Thompson:

April 27th, 1814 - received from James Thompson Ten Pounds New York Currency on account of Mr. Stephen Brown. signed Hugh Alexander
Jan. 1, 1815 Statement James Thompson to H. & E. Alexander. Account paid Jan. 27th, 1816. H. & E. Alexander. balance after credits was 1 pound New York Currency.
Nov. 25, 1815. Statement from June 20, 1815 to Nov. 25th, 1815 account of James Thompson to Hugh Alexander.

The more information I obtain the more complicated the Alexander family becomes. I will endeavour to obtain a copy of the Will of Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Alexander which should show some light on their family.

Nov. 1776


From the records of the McMicking family it is learned that Janet Cooper, sister of the McMickings, Thomas and James Cooper, her sons, Thomas McMicking and John McMicking and Hugh Alexander, who was born among them, were taken prisoners by the Seneca Indians, and, after a period of several years, were brought by the Indians to Fort Niagara probably in 1781. The men joined Col. Johnston's Forresters and remained with them for about two years when they were granted land in the Township of Mount Dorechester, later as the Township of Stamford. The McMicking farm was on the west side of the Niagara River about where the Hydro forebay is at the present time.

A list of farmer-settlers in 1783 gives the family as follows: Thomas 33, Jane 66, Jane Cooper 43, Thomas Coper 14, James Cooper 11 and Harvay Alexander 3.

I have not been able to connect Elizabeth Fisher unless there was some dispute between Hugh Alexander and her in relation to the land grant in the Township of Charlottenburg.

Last evening I was in contact with the present owners of the Whirlpool House on Portage Road. This building was erected by Adam Rorback after arriving from New Jersey in 1799. They have some history from the past which I will see shortly. According to the map which I sent you dated 1817 the Alexander store may have been at this location. Should I find anything further I will forward you the information.

Sincerely,


Lorne Robinson.