

CAPT. JOHN POWELL::: page 68: Welland County Historical Society
Settlement of Township Of Bertie.

John Powell was a farmer and a blacksmith in the Mohawk Valley, when the Revolutionary agitation began, and accompanied Col. Guy Johnston to Oswego and Montreal in the summer of 1775 as a volunteer in the Indian Department, in which he served until 24 June 1784, having been promoted to the rank of capt. He was retired on half pay and was entitled to 3,000 acres. He had been appointed a justice of the peace and a judge of the court of common pleas, and a commissioner of roads. He built a house on the Niagara River near Frenchman's Creek, where he resided for many years, but seems to have died before 23 April 1807, as his name does not appear on a list of half pay officers of that date.

He married Jane Moore a prisoner taken by the Indians, at Cherry Valley, 11th., of Nov. 1778, who was ransomed by order of Col. Butler. His name and that of his wife and three children, was entered on the provision list at Niagara in 1785. His petition 19th., of June 1795, stated that he had drawn 1600, acres, and applied for 1400, acres, and a certain portion for his family, which is numerous. This was read in council 29th., of July 1795, and the Clerk was instructed to inquire the number of his family. A note was made on the 5th., of Nov. that Mr. Powell had given the name of his children, Mary aged eleven, and William aged ten, as being entitled to family lands being born before 1789. The petition was read again, 12th., of May 1796, and an order was made for the Grant of the remainder of his military lands, and 150 acres as family lands.

Capt. John Powell::: lot seven in the 1st, with broken front on Lake Erie: lot seven in the second, lot eleven and twelve in the third concession from Lake Erie: the north part of lot nine in the first: lots five and six opposite Grand Island: lots eight and nine in the second: lots six and seven in the fourth: lots ten and eleven in the fifth: lots eleven and twelve in the sixth: lot thirteen in the seventh: the east part of lot four in the ninth: lot nine, ten, eleven and twelve in the tenth: lots four, six, seven and eight in the twelfth: lots two, three, four and five, fifteen and sixteen in the thirteenth: and lots three and six in the fourteenth concession from the Niagara River.

WILLIAM POWELL::: son of Capt John Powell.

William Powell

b. 1785

d. 1851

marr. Rebecca RISELAY 1793-1856.

bur. St. John's Churchyard : Ridgemount
(dau. of Christian Riseley)

During the war of 1812 William Powell was Capt. of the 3rd.
Lincoln Militia. page 11, & 18. Memorials of Fort Erie and early
Navigation on Lake Erie.

His property was just SOUTH of Frenchmans Creek. In 1832 he sold
his land to Rev. John Anderson the first minister of St. Pauls
Anglican Church, Fort Erie.

" That certain parcel and tract of land and premises
situated and being in the Township of Bertie in the County of
Lincoln in the District of Niagara and the Province of Upper
Canada, composed of the middle part of lot # 9 in the 1st. con;
on the Niagara River:: and the north east part of lot # 8 in the
second concession containing by admeasurement eighty acres by
the same more or less, which said parcels and tracts of land are
butted or bounded or may be otherwise known as the following,
that is to say the middle part of lot # 9 in the first concession,
at a stake at a chain from the Niagara River thence west forty-
eight chains to a stake : thence south seven chains fifteen links:
thence east fifty four chains ten links to within one chain of
the Niagara River : thence northerly seven chains fifteen links
to the place of the beginning , containing thirty six acres, two
Rood and twenty three purchase, be the same more or less.

Also the north part of lot # 8 in the second concession
commencing at the north east angle of said lot, thence west fifty
five chains two links: thence south seven chains , eighty seven
links: thence east fifty five chains, ten links: thence northerly
seven chains eighty seven links, to the place of the beginning
containing forty three acres, one rood an seventeen purchases:
be the same more or less.

Capt. Wm. & Rebecca had no children of their own, however adopted

Emma Rebecca

b. Apr. 13, 1830.