

WILLIAM SMITH::: born 1768 d. Oct. 8th. 1843.

Merchant, postmaster, of Fort Erie: 1829-1830 & 1831.
He was an active Magistrate, and it was from him that the land for
St. Paul's Anglican Church was purchased. He also served as Warden
of Bertie : 1840.

Mrs. Smith was of French origin, and her husband was connected with
some large old fur companies.

HOME OF WM. SMITH::: lot 4 1st. con. N.R.

On an old map early 1800's William Smith's home is marked
just south of the creek by St. Paul's Anglican Church.

This old brick home stood on the hill overlooking the Niagara River
until 1979 when it was removed. It has been known historically as the
home of the Reeve of Fort Erie in the 60's P. Kempson. M.D.

This property went from the Crown to John Warren 1796.

1821: John Warren to Wm. Smith.

1845. Willed to the wife and children of Wm. Smith.

1853. In trust to Peter T. Kempson.

This information points to the Kempson home being also that of
William Smith and family, and not the yellow brick home on Con. &
Smith st. that was not built till::: 1891.

1855: inf. from Richard Radcliffe:::

" Immediately adjoining this (the home of Peter T. Kempson)
was the residence of Mrs. Smith over 80 yrs, and her three daughters.

There is no mention of this house, next to the church on an 1858
map of the village. There was indeed a large two story frame house
that stood on the hill just south of the small stream that runs by
the south side of St. Pauls Church. Perhaps when Peter T. Kempson
got the property, she built a new home for her and her three
spinster daughters. It was a much later style than Peters house
next door.

The Waterloo farm of William Smith extended from the riverfront running west, along the border of the Gilmore farm which was situated on the south side of Gilmore Road. It ran west to Erie St. later called Concession Rd. In 1821 (regt. 1838) Wm. Smith purchased part of lot 4, in the 1st, 2nd, & 3 and part of lot five in the 4th. all in the Township of Bertie containing by admeasurement, 170 acres more or less.

At the time of Fort Erie's Centennial an article came out saying that the yellow brick house on the west side of Concession was the Smith home. If he acquired his property in 1821, which is verified by the regt. records this could not be true; for this house was not built till 1870. It is certain however that his grandson John Shaw lived here, for it was he who sold it to Thomas Bown in 1888. The continuation of Henrietta from the west of Concession, is named Smith Street after the family. (no. 36 Concession St)

The logical place for the Smith home is that on the river front which was known for many years as the Kempson house. It is marked on an early 1800 map as being the Smith home. Also in 1853 this home and the property nearby was left in trust for Peter T. Kempson M.D.

After William's death in 1843 all the property including the Waterloo farm went to his widow Mary Smith during her lifetime, and then it was divided between her children; except for the two older boys David William & George who were previously provided for.

St. Paul's Fort Erie:::

On 23rd. of April 1821 a deed of land fronting on the river road of a width of 87 ft. by 200 ft. in depth, was executed by William Smith merchant: conveying it at a price of 200 pounds sterling to the Trustees of St. Paul's to be used for a site for a Church and Cemetery, and for no other purposes whatsoever,

part of the Smith farm was later sold to a Thomas Hawks.

Village lots 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 on the south side of Henrietta

6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 on the north side of Henrietta

all part of 40 lots owned by the widow Smith.

WILLIAM SMITH::: west side of Niagara Blvd. as marked on
lot 4 con 1. Village Map of Fort Erie As Dr. Kempson's lot.
tns. lot Bertie Book C. page 110 Reg office Welland.

Pat. Aug. 24, 1796 Crown to John Warren 140 acres. lot 4 con 1. N.R.

Lease Sept. 6. 1796. John Warren to Hugh Gilmer: 440 acres Lot 4, con 1

B. & S. Nov. 23. 1816 Hugh Gilmer & wife Isabelle to John Warren
253 acres.

Mortgage held by William Smith.

B. & S. John Warren to William Smith:
Nov. 20, 1838.

170 acres, pt. of #4 . con 1, 2, 3: beginning at the distance of 5chs.
from the north east of lot # 4 Con. 1., and at the distance of 1 ch.
from the Niagara River., thence west to the west end of the said lot
4 con 3, thence south 7 chs. 50 links more or less; thence east to
1 ch. of said river, to the place of the beginning: excepting and re-
serving and allowance for three streets or roads on lot 4 Con 1. ; agree-
able to the plan of the village of Waterloo.

etc. etc.

probate of will William Smith willed all his property to his wife
Reg Feb. 12, 1845 for her use and the education of their children. *Residing*
(2098) John Francis: Ellen Maria: Elizabeth Theresa: Mary
Ann Jane: Henriette Amelia:
Executor brother Charles Smith.

B. & S. Widow Smith and her children to William Alexander
Sept. 9, 1853 Thomson::: in trust for Peter Kempson.
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Aug. 31, 1869 deed of Trust to Peter Tertius Kempson M.D.
later Reeve of Fort Erie.

SMITH:::

WILLIAM SMITH

b.

d.

1843

marr: Mary

1775²

1866.

bur: St. Paul's Cemetery Fort Erie.

Children of William & Mary Smith:::

David William b.

marr;

bur:

George

b.

marr:

bur;

John Francis b.

dentist. Marr; Elizabeth Martha Augusta. Oct. 11, 1850.

bur:

Ellen Maria b.

marr; Wm. Anderson of Buffalo Apr. 7, 1836.

bur:

Elizabeth Theresa b.

never marr;

bur:

Mary Anne Jane b.

never marr:

bur:

Henrietta Amelia b. apt. Mar. 1822: Chippawa. d.

1820

never marr:

bur:

brother Charles Smith of Quebec .

Chippawa: Henrietta Archange Smith: Bur . Oct. 5th. 1820.