

The Henry Trout farm;;; Waterloo;;

The Trout family came from the U.S.A. and were living in the village in the early 1800's. their farm was situated on the river road , by the foot of Catherine St. Bertie lot no. 3. south side of Catherine st.

: from the Hindge of the Golden Arc." The Henry Trout Hotel was taken over by both the American forces & the British during the war of 1812. It was a prime location on the Canadian Terminus of the Ferry from Black Rock to the Canadian Shore."

This property came into the hands of Benjamin Hardison, and in his will he left this property to John Warren Sr. & wife Susan. Benjamin was married to Mary Jane Warren. John Warren Sr. left this land to his son John Jr, and he lived in the centre of lot # close to the river road. The Ferry was moved to this site 1825. . It became known as the lower Ferry. John Jr. Married Charlotte Stanton. After the death of her husband she married Kenneth MC.Kenzie and she was given the Ferry lease and operated it for some time.

In 1817 Henry Trout and his wife Rachel aquired part of lot 3, and emmediately turned it over to Hugh Gilmore. He was one of the earliest Ferrymen in the village. His business did not flourish and he returned to the States.

Henry George Trout the grandfather of WM. Trout Adjutant in the 3rd. Lincoln Regt. had a farm & hotel on the river bank opposite Black Rock (The old Stone) and a line of stagecoaches; using the farm to raise produce for the Hotel & to maintain the horses and coaches. William was born 1801. The Hotel was a convient rendezvous for the tro~~ops~~ and travellers. It appears that Henry Trout was content to run the hotel and the stagecoach business, and had nothing to do with the Black Rock Ferry, except derive profits from it's business.

In 1826 John Warren ext. of Benjamin Hardison sold to George Lewis 1/2 acre of lot 3. John Jr. & his wife Charlotte Stanton, had moved the Ferry landing to this spot the site of theie home, when they aquired the Ferry lease. On his death she married Kenneth Mc. Kenzie. In 1832 the lease went to Lewis :Mc. Kenzie and Haggart of the U.S.A. who operated the Water Witch, a horse propelled boat. Kerby aquired the lease in 1840, and he made it quite clear that he would be moving the landing to the old site by the foot of Bertie. After much discussion with goernment employees, it was decided best to have both the upper and lower ferry landings available for crossings. Lweis and his partners were operating the ferry "Waterloo" in 1841.