

Ferry Service Ended in 1950

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On Labor Day, 1950 the shrill whistle of the Orleans and the deeper tones of the City of Toledo whistle echoed across the Niagara River for the last time writing "Finis" to more than a century and a half of ferry shunting between Fort Erie and Buffalo.

Up to nine boats plied the Niagara at one time from this operation that started in 1796. Car ferries carrying up to 30 cars, (The Toledo) shunted and chugged across the river carrying both people and goods.

Many residents preferred the boat trip to the Peace Bridge for a quiet evening. The five minute bridge trip after the late 20's when the bridge was constructed soon cancelled out the 17 minute jaunt by ferry.



GEORGE HARRIS(blind George)
dies Jan 27, 1961 aged 77 yrs.
George was blind for 40yrs., and
for a number of years ran a news
stand in the Elliot building by
the Ferry landing. His first wife
Carolyn died in 1918. He had four
sisters Mrs. Fannie Green: Mrs. Jessie
Thompson: Mrs. Lawrence (Annie) HARDISON
Mrs. William Horning: Three bros.:
James & Frederick of Buffalo and Richard
of Toronto. Mr. Harris remarried in later
years. He was buried in Niagara Falls.

GEORGE HARRIS. b. 1884 d. Jan 27. 1961

born in Fort Erie he operated a Confectionery and
Newspaper store at the Ferry landing for twenty
years.