

FREEBURY::: ST. PAUL'S FORT ERIE

JOHN FREEBURY b. 1831 d. Mar. 18, 1883. 52 yrs.
wife: JANE FREEBURY b. 1833 d. Apr. 23, 1891. 58 yrs.

son: William Freebury b. 1862 d. 1892.
wife: Sophia

child. of Wm. & Sophia.

Charles b. 1886. d. 1888.
Viola b. 1889. d. 1891.

JOSEPH FREEBURY b. 1865 d. 1905. sons of
George Freebury b. 1857 d. 1925. John & Jane.
ADA Freebury b, 1874. d.

This family burried in ST. pauls Cemetery Fort Erie.
all remembered on one large upright marker.

Rev. John Anderson:::

Rev. John Anderson: b. 1805. d. July 3rd. 1849.
 marr; Helen Yule of Chambley Quebec.
 bur: St. Paul's Cemetery.

The Rev. John Anderson came to Fort Erie in 1828 when it was called Waterloo; to replace the Rev. Robert Addison of Niagara on the Lake. He came on a six months trial; and was the first resident minister, The congregation wished him to stay on; and on the 6th. of May 1836 he was inducted the 1st Rector of Waterloo(St. Paul's) and remained for twenty years.

THE GRANGE::: THE OLD ANDERSON HOME
FORT ERIE::: # 1. Burns Place.

The land of which this old home stands was deeded to William Powell in 1796. Feb. 10. 1832 Wm. Powell and Rebecca his wife sold to John Anderson the middle pt. 36.2. 23. acres for \$ 1600. There is some question as to the date of this old home.

The Anderson family lived first in the old Stanton home on the N.E. Cr. of the Niagara Blvd. and Bertie St. (from records of relative Winifred Willis St. Catharines) In the records of St. Paul's Church it mentions that many were lost at the time of the fire at the home of Rev. John Anderson.

Ref. Records of W. Willis: re. Buffalo Mar. 31st. 1836. " A list of 18 names and contributions::: " Deeply sympathizing with Rev. John Anderson in his late misfortune: led by William Shelton, Buffalo clergyman.

Quote from Emily Anderson's obituary:::

The Grange Farm::: con.1, lot 9. Bertie Township Welland County.

" As described in 1886, for insurance purposes:::

A building, two story wood house: 30 by 40 ft. with kitchen attached at the rear, 22X 24 ft. and 20 by 20 ft. A long tree lined driveway lead to the house at one time."

Helen (Yule) Anderson lived here in the 1860's and descendants do not recall it being out of the family till sold when Mrs. C. Ritchie and her neices Helen J. and Emily moved to 18 Eastborne Ave. Toronto.

above inf. from the records of W. Willis
great- granddaughter of Rev. John Anderson.

In July of 1922 when Frank Bardol bought the estate from the executors of Wm. Anderson it stated that the home was built some 90 years ago, or 1832. This would compare with the date William Powell and wife sold the land to John Anderson. This was called the middle part of the property: 36.2.23 acres.

No doubt after the fire in 1836 the house was greatly restored. Again in 1846 John Anderson was sold the north part of the property by the executor John Rusell.

Sometime after the Anderson family a Mr. Carson rented the old homestead. In the late 20's after the opening of the Peace Bridge the land surrounding the house was to become the Rio Vista subdivision under the management of Charles Franklin of Fort Erie. At the same time a 19 hole Golf Course "The Rio Vista" was planned to attract more Buffalo people to the area. The Anderson home was to become the Clubhouse. Unfortunately with the coming of the depression none of these plans materialized, except the Golf Course which was completed to 9 holes.

Mr. Charles Franklin moved into the front of the Anderson house at this time, and the Oswald family occupied the back. Mr. Franklin ran outings at the home for his many business friends from Buffalo. The home then went to Harry Oaks and the Welland Securities, who bought a great deal of the land bordering the Niagara River.

Death notice of W. A. Anderson Feb. 26, 1912. ::

" born in the old Stanton house. N.W. cr. of Bertie & Niagara St. July 22nd. 1831.

A few months after his birth his family moved back to the old homestead, below what is now Bridgeburg." Birth: July 22 1831.

" a list belonging to Winefred Willis, now in possession of John Burtniak of Brock University, gives the names of a number of people sending donations and sympathy in his recent loss, dated 1836.

The land was purchased from Wm. Powell & wife Rebecca March 1st. 1832.

John received 80 acres, the middle part with other lands.

He no doubt got help from his wife's family, for Apr. 7, 1837 Wm. Yule held a mortgage on the farm and Grange. The Yules of Chambly Quebec had a great deal of money, and their was still being managed in 1900,.

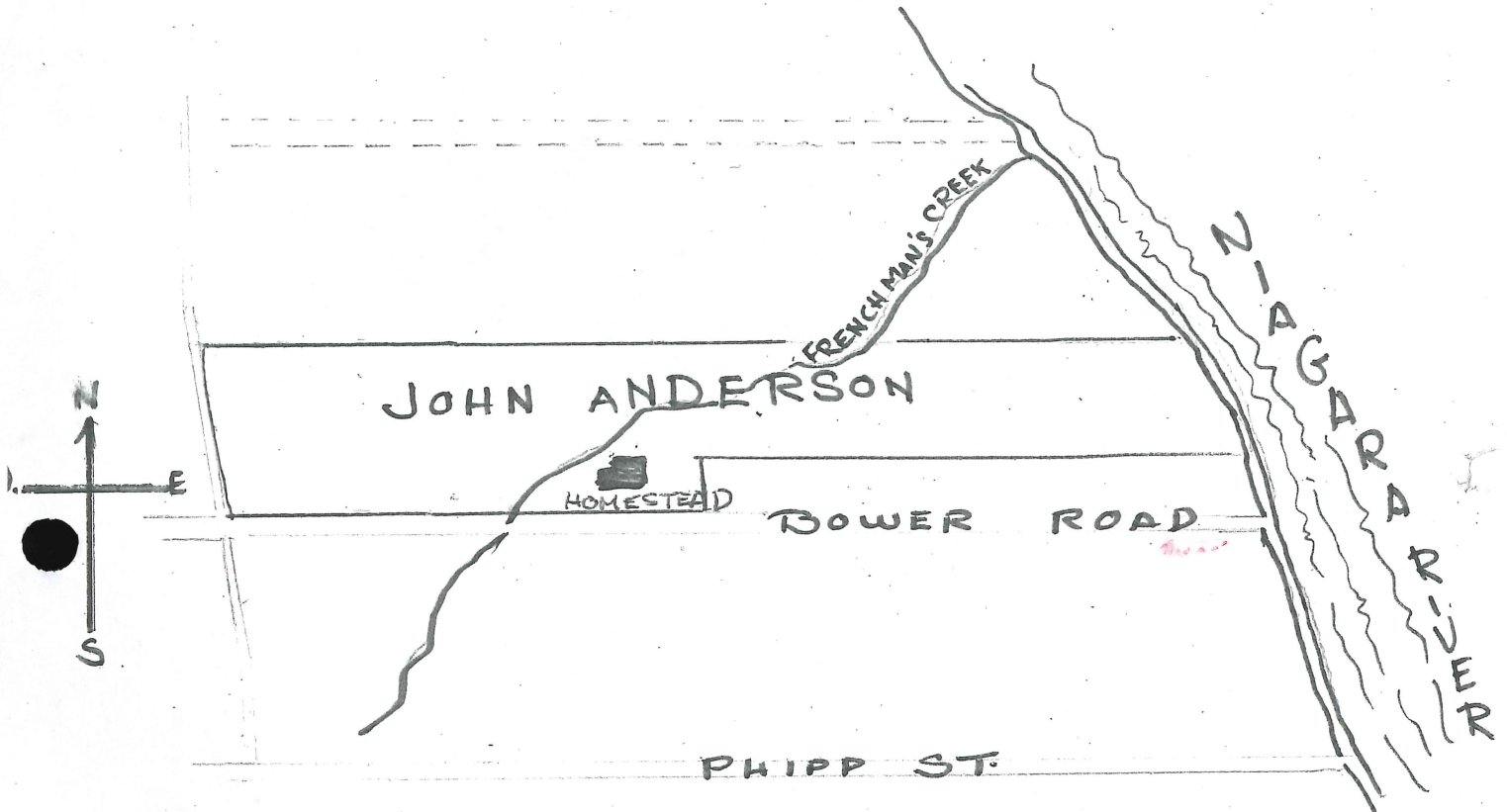
From the dates above it is safe to say the house was built in 1832 and reconstructed after the tragedy (the fire) in 1836.

JOHN ANDERSON:::: 30acres. N/part of lot 9, 1st. con. N.R.

This tract of land was deeded from the Crown to Wm. Powell 1796.

Feb. 10th. 1832 it went from William Powell-Rev. John Anderson .
middle pt. Fire 1836.

Jan. 5th., 1849 John Anderson willed his land and the home thereon
to his wife Hellen and children. Exrs. of will : John Yule,
Helen , Alexander Dpuglas and Horatio Smith Anderson.



BOWEN ROAD:: 1800's. originally called Ferry Rd.

At the foot of this St. was the lower Ferry Landing. The boats were no larger then row boats. To the north before coming to Frenchman"s Creek stood a grain elevator: blacksmith shop: shoe Shop : 2 hotels: a dance hall and a customs house; a dock and a shingle mill operated by Stockdale & tait.

The dock where the Fennians landed was directly at the foot of Bowen(the site of Williams dock inlate 20's).

On the S.W. cr. stood the Ferry house and tavern of Freeberry(Freeberry's Landing. In the 1860's this tavern was run by Joseph Stevens.he also owned the dock and shingle mill for anumber of years.From J. Stevens the taver went to Joe Lanigan.

About the year 1851 and 1852 the late James Haggart started a Ferry between Freebury's landing at the foot of Bowen Rd. to Hertel Ave. at Black Rock on the American side. His fine little side wheeler steamer the "Cygnet", under her captain Dick Taylor, was placed on the route, but only operated during the summer months.

After a trail of two possibly three seasons, the service was discontinued; possibly for want of sufficient patronage. Another gentleman by the name of James Haggart, who at the time was Capt. of the Fort Erie Ferry boat, and afterwards conductor of the Dummy over the International Bridge; said he ran the Ferry for one season

Clustered around the foot of Bowen Rd. at the time was a grain warehouse, blacksmith shop, shoe shop, dance hall, and two hotels. One of the hotels was kept by a man named Freebury, and following him Joseph Stevens, and the last was Joseph Lanigan, who had a licence 1875. A considerable business was done in ferrying people and goods over the river, in small boats and yawls. There was a custom's office stationed there, and on the dock was a Customs house, and also the shingle mill of Messrs. Stockdale and Tait. It was at this dock that the Fenians landed on a fine morning of June 1866. The shingle mill was not burned, but was torn down after the raids. (O'Neil of course did not damage the hotels) All the buildings have disappeared, however remains of the old dock can still be seen.

It was at this point that the old Western Union Telegraph Company installed their first submarine telegraph cable. It was abandoned when the International Bridge was completed, and the cable ran over it."

Shortly after the Fenian raids Joseph Stevens left the Hotel, and purchased a farm on the Gilmore road lot 5 con. 5 the west half.