

THE LITTLE COTTAGE HOTEL:: NIGARA BLVD. FORT ERIE:: circa: Middle 1800"s.

The little Cottage Hotel was built in the mid. 1800's on the west side of the river road in the heart of the village opposite the Ferry landing. It was as it's name apply's hardly more than a cottage. It had rooms to the south, and the north side held a small eating place, and room for a village barber. The large window at the front provided a good view of the Ferry boats. There was a front verandah, that in the summer was completely covered with morning glories. Also there was a portion in front where the customers could leave their horses. It had a board sidewalk and also a picket fence.

When Sam & Ed. Ramey moved to the area, Sam purchased this Hotel from Mr. Spain , just at the turn of the century. Ed. owned a place of business in Welland and also operated the Queens in Ridgeway. He operated it for only a short time, moved to Buffalo : liquor merchant F. Erie: Left for Toronto. Ed took over from his brother, and in 1904 decided to build a much bigger place.

This was the end for the little cottage Hotel. It was however moved back on the property, and became the kitchen for the new place of business:::  
The King Edward, built by Ed Ramey and opened in 1905.