

George Rainsford & his wife Anna came to the village in 1836.

They applied for a lot on the Military reserve: the strip of land running along the river. Margaret Rainsford purchased village lot #4 from Thomas Cook in 1835.

William Rainsford son of George and Anna claims that he purchased the claim of Wm. Smith to village lot #1: 1/4 acre, between the lots of S. Hoyt & Alexander Douglas. In his petitions he mentions that he had erected upon these lands a home a store and a work shop. He was a merchant and Postmaster in the village and he and his wife Elizabeth had six children.

Also from his letters it states that W.A. Thompson (thomson) a large land owner who had came over from Buffalo and had started the railroad in town, decided to take over a large part of the village lands for his farm. This included the lot of W. Rainsford and all his dwellings situated upon it. Beginning in 1851 a concerned effort was made through the government channels by William and his friends to stop the plans of Mr. Thompson.

He prevailed for the lands were in turn passed on to his son Wm. Jr. and eventually to Henrietta rainsford, who on her death willed her estate to Miss MacDonald.

RAINSFORD:::: FORT ERIE ONT.

George Rainsford b. 1813. d. Feb. 23, 1852. 39 yrs.
marr; Anne b. 1794. d. Oct. 7, 1836. 42yrs.
bur: St. Paul's Cemetery.

John Rainsford b.
wagon maker. marr:
bur:

James Rainsford b.
marr;
bur:

William Rainsford b. 1797. d. Apr. 23, 1860.
marr: Elizabeth (1780- Oct. 18, 1844.)
bur. St. Paul's Cemetery.

Children of William & Elizabeth Rainsford:::

William Jr. b. 1831. d. Nov. 6, 1906.
marr;
bur:

Thomas b. 1828. d. May 13, 1860. 32 yrs.
marr:
bur:

Margaret b. 1834. d. July 2, 1854. : 20yrs.
marr: no
bur: St. Paul's Cemetery

Elizabeth b. Oct. 7, 1835. d.
marr:
bur:

Anne b. 1837. d. Apr. 30, 1892: 58 yrs.
marr:
bur: St. Paul's Cemetery.

Henrietta b. July 29, 1839. d. June 25, 1927: 88yrs.
never marr:
bur: St. Paul's Cemetery.

R.C. Rainsford marr; Kattie Akin: June 22, 1882.

1796. Crown to Henry Windecker

etc. etc.

B. & S. James Hardison to Richard Thompson.

Oct. 2

1827

1856 James Richard Thompson to Wm Rainsford. *SR*

Sept. 3 William Rainsford to William Rainsford Jr. & Thomas Rainsford.

1858 $\frac{1}{4}$ acre also $\frac{1}{10}$ acre: adjoining lands of Alex. Douglas.

etc. etc.

Oct. 10 Henrietta Rainsford to William F. Wilson.

1908.

Dec. 6 Wm. F. Wilson & wife to Francis C. Rung & wife & Edward T. Rung

1920

Grant.

Grant. Francis C. Rung & wife & Edward T Rung to John Charles

Mar. 7,

1924.

Grant Lorenzo Clark Raymond, executors for Henrietta Rainsford to

Nov. 10 Emma S. Mc. Donald.

1927.

WM. RAINSFORD::: village lot # 1. west side of Niagara St.
 or Township lot #2 con. 1. N.R.

1856" James Richard Thompson to Wm. Rainsford Sr.

Sept. 3, 1858. Wm. Rainsford Sr. to Wm. Rainsford Jr.:::

Lands known as village lot # 1., in the 1st. Con. lot 2. N.R. Bertie; which said village lot is bounded and known as

follows::: commencing at the N.E. cr. of said village lot
 at the distance of one chain from the N.R. and fifty links
 from the lands of Alexander Douglas: thence south two and a
 half degrees west: 1 c. & 25 links: thence west two chains
 more or less: thence north one and one half degrees, i c. 25L:
 thence east two chains more or less to the place of the be-
 ginning which said described land contains by admeasurement
 one fourth part of one acre be the same more or less.

The second or other said two parcels of land is more part-
 icularily known and described as being composed of part of
 said tns. lot # 2. con 1. containing by admeasurement one
 tenth of one acre, be the same more or less: as follows:::
 that is to say commencing at the N.E. corner of said lot
 of land at a distance of one chain from the N.R., afore-
 said, adjoining the lands of Alexander Douglas, at a post now
 standing: thence south two and a half degrees, west fifty
 five links: to the village lot No. 1: thence west two chains:
 thence north two and one half degrees, east fifty links to
 the lands of Alexander Douglas aforesaid: thence east two chains
 to the place of the beginning.

