

GEORGE FREDERIC MONTILLON:: 96 NIAGARA BLVD. FORT ERIE.

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b. 1852. U.S.A. d. 1941.
bur. St. John's Ridge.

marr; Abbie Marie Davis

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George F. Montillon was a furnace liner in Buffalo N.Y.,
working for the Lackawanna Steel.

Abbie Davis was a school teacher before marriage.

Both were accomplished singers and sang with the Buffalo Philharmonic Choir.

Children of George and Abbie Montillon:::

Elsie

b.

d.

married John Brenton Fitzgibbon./1910.

children: John: Morris: George: Mary: Robert.

George Herbert b. 1890

d.

1965

ST. JOHN'S Ridgemount.

married Clara Muriel Diehl b.1880 U.S.A. d. 1943.

ST. JOHN'S Ridgemount.

George H. graduated in Law Buffalo N.Y. was singer.

Clara Diehl Montillon graduated at Cornell University
in organ and music. Lived at # 96 F.E. till
1940. Home sold and they moved to N.Y. city.
No children.

Eugene B.

d.

attended Cornell University. was a singer.

marr. Muriel Clara Briggs. B. USA::: d.

Eugene Montillon moved to Ithaca N.Y. and
became a landscape architect. No children.

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Mrs. George F. Montillon

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George Frederick Montillon, in his 90th. year, died at Fort Erie, Ontario on Sunday, March 30th. He leaves his widow, Abbie Davis Montillon, two sons and one daughter, Herbert G. Montillon of Buffalo, N.Y., Mrs. Elsie E. Fitzgibbon of Fort Erie, Ont. and Eugene D. Montillon of Ithaca, and several grand-children. Burial, on Tuesday, ^{April 1st} was in the church-yard of St. John's Anglican Church, Bertie Township, Ont.

No. 96. (old No.) niagara Blvd. west side.

This very large stone and frame home was built by the Thomas family in the 1890's. They had moved to Fort Erie from Buffalo in 1863. For a time they lived in a large brick home in what later became Bridgeburg. They moved to this property and began constructing their new home....

In 1900 the home was taken over by George Montillon and Abbie (Davis). They had a small cottage on the south side of Garrison Rd. that they had built in 1893., and their chief residence in Buffalo N.Y. As the home at 96 had been recently destroyed by fire they began to remodel their new homestead. The home consisted on the ground floor, a living room with fireplace, a library off the living room a side dining room, and a summer kitchen. Upstairs were seven bedrooms and one bathroom. Many years later a bathroom was added to the ground floor. The home also boasted a heating system with furnace that came from Fort George Niagara on the Lake shortly after the first world war.

To the back of the house was a coach house & stable, a two story building. Eugene Montillon a professor at Cornell University remodelled the old stable, where they kept their old horse "Old Bess" It was made into a cottage but burnt to the ground in the 1960's. long after the family had left. It boasted its own large chimney, and after the fire that was all that remained to mark its place. At one time Herbert Montillon was living in the old coach house. The home had spacious grounds, with a large lawn fronting the river side and a garden and fruit trees to the back.

Elsie Montillon married John B. Fitzgibbon, and at the time of her marriage moved to No. 80 Niagara St. Some distance north. They had five children: John: Morris: George: Mary and Bob. After the death of her husband Elsie moved back to no. 96 with her daughter Mary. Mary taught school at Douglas for many years, later joining the service. She proceeded overseas during the second world war. After it's close she moved to Toronto. She is presently living in Dorset Ont. (1994) When she was well into her 90's the wife of Dr. Menke lived in the back apt. of this old home.

The house stood empty for a number of years, and in 1950 was purchased by Paul Myers who turned it into five apartments. It was sold again, but returned to Paul in 1960. In 1970 the home was purchased by Tony Marinaccio, and he demolished it for the site of his new home.