

WILLIAM APPLGARTH

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William Applegarth was not a U. E. Loyalist. He came from Standrop, Durham, England in 1791 and received the Crown Grant for the land in East Flamboro, known as "Oaklands". The first grist mill in the neighborhood was built by him in 1809, when sea salmon was plentiful at the Credit, and in his own mill stream. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1812. A second mill had the same fate. It was again rebuilt, and the old mill, with the quaint over-shot wheel, still to be seen from the car window, is the third mill built by William Applegarth.

His wife was Martha Cooley, U.E.Loyalist, whose sister Mary (Polly) was the wife of Richard Hatt. John Applegarth, and his brother Joshua, followed William, their brother, to Canada in 1801 and John formed one of Capt. Samuel Hatt's company at Detroit in 1812. He opened the first store in the town of Hamilton after the war. In the thirties William Applegarth was a regular attendant of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton.

In 1804 there were 45 Justices of the Peace in the Niagara District and Richard Beasley, Richard Hatt, William Applegarth and John Green were of the members.

(U. C. Almanac) Burlington Heights was covered with Oak trees which were converted into block houses and breast works. Spectator 17 July, 1885. John Ryckman Jr. also records the execution for treason of eight men on the West side of the road, now Dundurn St. doubtless those mentioned by Kingsford (History of Canada VIII - 471.)



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A Land Board was chosen to settle boundary disputes between the squatters and settlers and to investigate the qualifications of applicants for land grants, to ascertain their value or aptitude as Canadian citizens. Wm. Applegarth proved to be one of the finest types of Christian industrialists. No worthy applicant was turned away in need from his door. He gave the land for the first school house in 1831 on the site of God's Acre, where he sleeps in the family plot. There also are his wife, their daughter Sarah and her husband, Alex W. Brown, who made Brown's Wharf,



Brown's Wharf