

Differing with the army officials as to pay, he gave up this employment, thus separating from his son, after which he joined the Light Horse Cavalry and went to France. After a time he grew tired of army life and started to join his family in Michigan. On his way home he reached Cleveland and became sick. During his stay there he wrote to his family, informing them of his condition, and sending one of his trunks in advance, with the intention of following it as soon as he recovered health, but he never reached home. It was supposed that he had met with foul play, for his trunks were of considerable value. Diligent search was afterwards made for him by the family but no record nor trace was ever found. His wife had died of cancer, some time before.*

The fourth son, William, settled upon a farm in Innisfil and there passed his life, which closed about 1875.

When the first steamer on Lake Simcoe, the *Sir John Colborne*, reached the head of Kempenfeldt Bay in 1832 on her first trip, Mr. Warnica Sr. rode from his home in Innisfil upon an old white horse to see the new boat. The white horse as well as the new boat were conspicuous objects in the annals of the neighborhood.

He belonged to the Lutheran Church, the established religion of his native Denmark. There was a church of that denomination in Markham, where he had lived for a few years; which through disuse came to be filled in 1829 by an Austrian missionary in connection with the Church of England, Rev. V. P. Mayerhoffer. This missionary would occasionally travel to Innisfil and preach in the loft of Warnica's Inn, baptizing the children of the neighborhood.

On several occasions they were visited by Sir John Colborne, who became Governor of Upper Canada in January, 1829. The first of these visits was made by Colborne in company with Francis Phelps, of Holland Landing, with the latter of whom Warnica was acquainted, but not with the Governor. In the morning when leaving and paying for their lodgings it was made known to the host that he had sheltered the Governor of Upper Canada over night, and thereupon he would on no account take pay from so distinguished a guest. He accepted, however, pay for Phelps' lodging, because, as he said, Phelps always charged him at Holland Landing. Notwithstanding his refusal, the Governor left with him a doubloon—a coin which he prized, but the value of which he did not know for some time afterwards. Old Mr. Warnica became intimately acquainted with Colborne during the latter's term of office, and their correspondence was frequent. Colborne always stayed at their place on his journeys to and from the military post at Penetanguishene; and on one of these trips took the old gentleman with him for the sake of his company, as both spake the same mother tongue. Sir John once promised to him a good bush farm in the Township of Innisfil for each of his sons, but he cared so little for either his sons or the land to take the trouble of a journey to the seat of government at York for the King's deeds of the farms, and so the promise lapsed. Land, too, was of little value then.

*These facts of his tragic end were learned by a letter from one of his daughters about 1880.