

land Landing on the way, in the same old log house as on the former journey, reaching Orillia by schooner at 10 o'clock at night. Mr. Gill's letters at this time were mailed to Penetanguishene, that being the nearest postoffice, and then brought to him by the soldiers of the Commissary department. During this period he built the mills at Marchmont, and in 1841 built a grist mill nearly all of wood for Mr. Copeland at Penetanguishene on the same stream near the original saw mill, built by himself. His last work for government was the building of the Wek-wam-i-kon Indian home at Manitoulin in 1839 under the supervision of Capt. Anderson, Indian Agent. Mr. Gill settled at Coldwater, where he died in 1846."

The solitary house mentioned above, Mr. Gill's temporary home, was a rustic log hut, the pioneer in that region, situated on the banks of the stream not far from the mill and near the site where Mr. Copeland subsequently built his residence, the first brick building in Tiny and which, in turn, was replaced by the present palatial residence, though not on the same site. It would be interesting to know who was the owner of the pioneer ox-cart which carried Mr. Gill's family and goods to their home. It must have been owned on that side of the harbor, for Roberts Street was yet an impenetrable swamp, and it would be a miraculous feat to drive an ox-cart through the primitive trail round the brow of the hill. The outfit may have been the property of one Beausoleil, an early voyageur, whose name belongs to Beausoleil Island, who settled later on the mainland and who was spoken of previously as having been for many years the owner of an ox and cart. The brick for the Copeland residence, built in the latter end of the 40's, were burned by the late Henry Hark of Tiny, who came here from Toronto and was the first plasterer and bricklayer engaged by the government authorities and brought to the garrison, for which he burned several of the earliest brickkilns. Mr. Hark was an expert mechanic and rapid workman. He delighted in relating an amusing story of a contest with a brother mechanic in Toronto named Fox. The latter, knowing Mr. Hark's ability for speed, completed several yards of plastering, then challenged Mr. Hark for a race. The latter, nothing loth and full of pluck, accepted the challenge and, notwithstanding his opponent had several yards the advantage, when night came Mr. Hark had beaten the "sly Fox" at his "cunning game." Mr. Hark died in 1897, aged 90 years.

Stephen Jeffery had the first brick-yard within the town limits on the vacant space between Maria and Harriet Sts.,