

On September 1st, 1793, instructions had been issued by the Government at York (now Toronto) to Deputy Surveyor John Stegmann to survey certain townships, which, at that time, were lettered "A", "B", "C" and "D", etc., in the northern portions of the Counties of Leeds and Grenville as they then existed, there being at the time no County of Carleton. Township "D" subsequently came to be called the Township of Nepean. There is an undated plan of this Township in the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines at Toronto by this Surveyor. Apparently, however, the Township was originally surveyed either during the winter of 1793, or the Spring of 1794. There is a legend that Mr. Stegmann was drowned in the Rideau River while making the survey.

In 1807 Randall made an exploring trip accompanied by Indians from Kingston up the Cataraqui River, through the maze of lakes in the interior and down the then turbulent and rapid Rideau River to the banks of the Ottawa. Randall had a keen eye to the future, and this trip was probably made with a view to locating land which might some day become valuable.

On his way down the Rideau he was attracted by the water power at the end of Long Island (called the Long Island Falls near the mouth of the River Jock), and he subsequently acquired four hundred and fifty acres of land there. This power was effaced when Colonel By built dams for the canal twenty years later.

Upon arriving at the Chaudiere Falls on the Ottawa, he readily perceived their value. The land abutting on the Falls in the Township of Nepean had been subdivided into lots Nos. 39 and 40 in Broken Concession "A" and corresponding lots lay immediately south of these, known as Lots Nos. 39 and 40 in Concession 1. Lot No. 40 in Concession 1, and Lot No. 40 in Concession "A" with which this article deals, comprised that portion of the present City of Ottawa, which may be roughly described as bounded on the east by Bronson Avenue, on the south by Carling Avenue, on the west by Booth Street and Bridge Street, and on the north by the Ottawa River.

Returning to Cornwall, Mr. Randall wrote to the legal firm of Boulton & Boulton at York, instructing them to apply on his behalf for the land abutting on the Chaudiere Falls, and for