

band died and she was left almost destitute. She returned to Scotland, taught a ladies' boarding school in Edinburgh remarkable for the wonderful results both as regards a superior education and religious life, came to New York where she was the founder of a Widow's Society, an Orphan's Asylum, did much for the Bible and Missionary Societies and also much benevolent work among female converts and in hospitals and Sunday Schools, died in 1814 aged 72 having lived a life of usefulness and devotion, her loss being spoken of by magistrates and charitable institutions. Her letters are most spiritual and she seems to have possessed what may be called sanctified common sense. She is interesting to us as giving the only fragment of domestic life in the history of Fort Niagara which had for so many years been a coveted possession by two great nations as the ministers and statesmen of France and England aided by their armies had exerted all their powers of diplomacy and military skill to obtain possession.

The fort was originally built, not on the edge of the bluff, but at least a hundred feet away from both river and lake and it is said that an orchard of peach trees stood where now the water rolls.

The use of the name Niagara is often very confusing as frequently in early documents the word Niagara is used for Fort Niagara, just as now the word Niagara is often used when Niagara Falls is meant. Little Niagara then meant the upper end of the portage from Lewiston to Fort Schlosser. The doing away with the names Manchester, Clifton, Suspension Bridge, Drummondville and the substitution of Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls South, Niagara Falls Centre, Niagara Falls, N. Y., makes at the present time confusion worse confounded.

The Masonic body record the fact that at Fort Niagara the first lodge was held in this vicinity by the King's 8th Regiment which was stationed here from 1773 to 1784. Certificates of membership in this lodge are held by descendants of Henry Nelles, H. W. Nelles in 1780 and Daniel Servos in 1784. Buttons of the King's 8th are still found at Niagara, Fort Niagara and Lundy's Lane where they fought on that dreadful night for possession of the hill on which the Presbyterian church stands, nor did the struggle end till midnight.

Another event connected with the Fort is the duel which took place there between Mr. Dickson and Mr. Weekes mentioned in the Oracle for Oct. 11th, 1806, resulting in the death of Mr. Weekes, Barrister and M. P. for York, etc. At the funeral were present Ralfe Clench, J. Swayzie, Robt. Nelles, Dr. West, Surgeon at Fort Niagara, Dr. Thomas 41st Regiment, Dr. Muirhead Niagara.