

OAKLAND is nearly a right-angled triangle, with its longest side adjoining the township of Brantford on the north. It is bounded by Burford on the west, and on the township of Townsend on the south. Oakland was originally surveyed by the late Deputy Surveyor, Thomas Walsh, in about the year 1796 or 1797, as an appendage to the township of Townsend, and called Townsend Gore. It was afterwards attached to Burford, and called Burford Gore. It obtained the name of Oakland on being made a component part of the County of Brant. It is watered by Malcolm's Creek and its tributaries, running from east to west. South of Malcolm's Creek and at the east angle of the township, the land is heavy timbered with pine, oak, maple, and other hard wood—soil loamy and strong. The rest of the township is oak plains, good sandy soil, with gravelly and clay sub-soil in various places. It is a good township for the growth of wheat as well as other grain, and is now pretty well settled. ROADS.—A gravelled road from Mount Pleasant in Brantford to Oakland village—a road known as Cockshutt's gravelled road—runs across the east end; also, a fine stage road along the west side of the township, besides other roads. The village of Scotland is situated between the second and third concessions, at the west side of the township; also, the village of Oakland, on lots number six and seven in the second and third concessions.

During the late war with the United States, in October, 1814, a raiding party of 1,100 mounted riflemen, under the command of General McArthur, encamped, one Saturday night, on the high lands, on the north side of Malcolm's Creek, at the village of Oakland; and, early on Sunday morning they attacked a party of between three or four hundred raw militia, who had marched on the high lands south of the creek, and drove them pell-mell through the woods—killing one man and wounding some three or four others—then passing on through Townsend, they burnt the Waterford Mills, and made their exit out of the Province by the route of the Long Point country and Talbot Road west. They were careful to burn Malcolm's Mills before they left the place.

TOWNSHIP OF BRANTFORD.—This township is also composed of a part of the Six Nations Indian tract on the Grand River. The lands of which it is composed remained in the occupation and possession of the Six Nations Indians, (excepting some portions thereof, which had been leased by the late Joseph Brant, as agent for the Six Nations Indians, to various settlers) until the year 1830, when the Town plot of Brantford was surrendered for sale and settlement, as also a part of the North part of the township, after which various surrenders were made for settlement, until the whole of the territory, comprising this township, as well as the Township of Onondaga, was surrendered for sale and settlement.

This Township is bounded on the north by the township of South Dumfries; on the east by the township of Ancaster in the county of Wentworth; on the west by the township of Burford; on the south-west by the township of Oakland, and on the south-east by the townships of Tuscarora and Onondaga.

The Grand River, in its various meanderings, runs through the centre of this township on its course towards Lake Erie. It is watered in the east part by Hynd's Creek, Fairchild's Creek, and their tributaries; and on the West side of