

separation of Counties that were joined together; and the establishing of separate Courts, etc., in the Counties so separating, which was rendered necessary in consequence of the increase in population, etc.

For the following minute, correct, and interesting topographical sketch of the several townships that compose the County of Brant, we are indebted to Lewis Burwell, Esq.

BURFORD was originally surveyed in the early part of 1798, part by the late Deputy Surveyor, Stegman, and part by the late Deputy Surveyor, A. Jones.—The settlement of Burford began at an early day, under the superintendence of the late Thomas Hornor, Esquire, along the south side of Dundas Street, in the first concession, and in the sixth and seventh concessions in the east part of the township. The first settlers in the sixth and seventh concessions were a party of emigrants from the State of New York, followers of Jemima Wilkinson, a pretended phrophetess; but their religious enthusiasm soon died out, and they became as other men.

Burford is the most westerly township of the County of Brant, and is bounded on the north by Dundas Street (commonly called the Governor's Road;) on the west by the township of Oxford; on the south by the township of Windham; on the east by the townships of Brantford and Oakland. The principal roads are the old London Road, leading through the township direct from Brantford to Oxford, a little north of the centre of the township; one branch of which leads south-westerly to Norwich, from a point a little east of the centre of the township; the other branch leads from about number nineteen northerly, to Woodstock. Hornor's Creek enters Burford from the north, near the west quarter of the township, runs southerly through the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth concessions; it then turns easterly and leaves Burford near the line between the fifth and sixth concessions, but in the fifth concession, and enters the township of Brantford. There are numerous mill privileges along the route of this creek. A creek known as Big Creek rises in Oxford, and enters Burford at the south-west quarter of the west line of the township, and after running diagonally across that part of the township in a south-easterly direction, it passes into Windham, at about the south-west quarter of the south line. There are some valuable mill privileges on this creek. There are other smaller streams in various parts of the township, which are tributaries to the principal streams.

The concessions number from the north, and the lots number from the east. The east part of the township, from the front of the sixth concession, is plains land, of a good quality of sandy soil, embracing, perhaps, nearly a fourth-part of the township; the rest of the township is timbered land, and in some parts well supplied with pine timber. The soil in the timbered lands is a rich sandy loam, and capable of a high state of cultivation. The township is now pretty well settled with industrious and respectable inhabitants.

The villages of Claremont, Burford, and Sydenham are situated along the old London Road, and the village of New Durham is on the Norwich Branch of the said road.