

Tisdale, OF CHARLOTTEVILLE, U. S. A.



THE Tisdales were a family of some antiquity, said to have been originally Welsh and subsequently of Co. Lancaster, Eng., one of whom emigrated to America, and settled at Freetown, Mass. His grandson was a shipbuilder in extensive business, whose son

Ephraim Tisdale, b. 10 Feby. 1745, d. 1818, a shipmaster, having adhered to the Crown in the revol-

ution, seems to have been subjected to the treatment usually accorded to Loyalists, and it is recorded of him that in 1775 he fled from home, and went to New York. "During the war, while on a voyage to St. Augustine, Florida, he abandoned his vessel at sea to avoid capture, and gained the shore in safety, and though nearly destitute of money he made an overland journey to New York, a distance by the route he traversed, of 1,500 miles." In 1783 he went to New Brunswick, where he held public appointments, both military and civil; removed to Upper Canada in 1808 (where his son Lot had settled ten years previously), and settled in the township of Charlotteville, near Vittoria. He m. at Fairford, N.Y. 19 May 1767 Ruth Strange, b. 6 April 1748, who had emigrated from Scotland, and had issue, viz. :

1.—Ephraim, b. 7 Feby. 1768, of whom below.