

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CHIPPAWA

ceeded by the Rev. W. Delarosa, now in the Barbadoes, and he, in turn, by the present incumbent, Rev. Canon Scudamore, M.A., a scholarly Christian gentleman, who has won a very warm place in the affection of his people by the modesty, kindness and sincerity upon which true love and friendship are built.

The Founders of the Church

This historical sketch would be incomplete without more than passing reference to a few of those men who took a large share in the early life of Trinity church.

The Hon. Col. Clark, whose remains lie side by side with those of his wife in the churchyard, was a member of the Family Compact. They were worshippers in Trinity church, and it was by him that the poplar trees were planted about the churchyard. He lived at Clark Hill, afterwards the residence of Thomas C. Street, but now occupied by Dr. Grant. Mrs. Clark belonged to an Indian family by the name of Ker, related to the Brants. She was a remarkably handsome woman. Husband and wife died about 1835.

Samuel Street first clerked for Col. Clark at Queenston, where they kept a general store, afterwards removing to Bridgewater, where they engaged in general trading and milling. Grist came to them from all parts of the Niagara Peninsula, and because of the condition of the roadways, not a little of it was brought on horseback.

Streets' mill, the site of Mr. Street's saw mill, was at the rapids at the present site of the Toronto-Niagara Power Company's power house. The logs sawn here were rafted through the Chippawa creek and by means of crib down the rapids to the mill. This saw mill, which was a large factor in the early commerce of the district, was run by water power, and affords probably the first instance of the utilization of the energy of Niagara.

Thomas Cummings was of U. E. Loyalist stock and settled in Chippawa, which he founded in 1773. He lived in a frame building painted red at the mouth of the Chippawa creek in a pine grove. This is the grounds now occupied by the residence known as Willoughby Hall. The present building was erected by his only son, Jas. Cummings, who had three sons: Thomas, James and Robert. James married Caroline Street, a daughter of Samuel Street. By his second wife, who was Sophia Macklem, he had only one son, Willoughby, and three daughters: Mrs. Brent, wife of Rev. Canon Brent, Mrs. Richard Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Dr. Brown. A son