

taking of the "Havannah" in 1762, after which he retired. On the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, he with his wife and son Robert, and their negro servant, Dorinda, (mother of John Baker), left the Province of New York and came to Canada. They were accompanied by Mrs. Gray's nephew, Jacob Farrand, and her neices, Catherine and Johanna Farrand. The captain was appointed major of the first battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York, commanded by Sir John Johnson. Jacob Farrand was appointed lieutenant in the same corps. Catherine Farrand married John Valentine the adjutant, and Johanna Farrand married Joseph Anderson, a lieutenant, of the regiment. On the disbanding of the corps in 1784, Major Gray settled on the lands granted to him—lots D, C, B, and half of E, in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th concessions of the township of Cornwall. He built a house on the front near the creek still called after him, "Gray's Creek." He died in 1795 and his wife died in 1800. Their only child was Robert Isaac Dey Gray. He was the first Registrar of the Surrogate Court of the Eastern District, and held the office from 1793 till 1800. He was also the first Solicitor-General of Upper Canada; he was appointed in 1797 and held the office until his death in November, 1804. In the beginning of that year a man named Cozens had killed an Indian, whose brother, failing to find Cozens, killed one John Sharpe in revenge. Lieutenant-Governor Hunter ordered the trial of the Indian to be held at Presque Isle, near Brighton. The Government schooner "Speedy," Captain Paxton, was ordered to take the Court party from York to the place of trial. It was late in the autumn, the weather was stormy, the "Speedy," never a strong craft, was unseaworthy, hull, spars and sails were out of order, and the captain remonstrated strongly against venturing out at that season of the year; but the Lieutenant-Governor was peremptory, and the vessel sailed, having on board besides her captain and crew: Judge Cochrane, Solicitor-General Gray, Angus Macdonell, the Indian prisoner, two interpreters, several witnesses, Mr. Herch-