

John Collins, November 10, 1791, that both his father and brother had died in the previous month. A letter, dated at Quebec February, 1791, from John Collins, "congratulates Augustus Jones, Esq., on his appointment to our department," and "gives him instructions for the business to be done in the district." Surveyor Collins wrote that he had long since asked Mr. Frey for a plan of the district with the proprietors' names written on each plot, and he requests Mr. Jones now to furnish them. The receipt of these plans is acknowledged by Mr. Collins, January 23, 1792.

It seems that, although the reservation was nominally held for military purposes, it was understood that Col. Butler and some other favoured person of the Rangers should eventually possess the land, and doubtless there was a minute of the executive council to that effect. Had such not been the case Col. Butler and others would not have located themselves in different parts of the reserve. This view is supported by a minute on the original map (1787). Except the reserve of Navy Hall and Butler's barracks, the other part of the military reservation had "been located to Col. Butler and his rangers." The present military reserve seems to have been surveyed by Frey, according to a footnote on the map, "by order of Major Campbell, June, 1787."

Looking at the map of Niagara township it will be seen that the land north of the east and west line (the old "military reservation") is laid out into lots which almost defy description. Indeed it is impossible to conceive on what principle the division was made. The extraordinary shape of the lots is shown in the enlarged map before you, taken from the original in the Crown Land Department. It may, however, be supposed that Col. Butler and others of his band located themselves as inclination led them, and, from year to year, made improvements according to circumstances and convenience; and, when the time came to have a survey, each one and all had the land so divided as to give to each one the benefit of his labor and improvements, and continue the advantages he had enjoyed. The survey of the military reservation was made in 1794, but the Town of Newark was surveyed in 1793.

The following are "Field notes of the boundary line of the Town of Newark, surveyed the 22nd of November, 1793, by Lewis Grant, D.P.S."

"Begin at a white oak tree with a broad arrow on two sides, at three chains distance from the River Niagara, and running west 77 chains to a beech tree marked on two sides with a broad arrow, and then run north (nearly) two miles 75 links to the banks of Lake Ontario; three chains 50 links to the east of the inlet of the One Mile Pond, with a white oak post on the top of the bank."