

ring into which the dampened clay and straw, chopped fine with the axe, were thrown and on which a yoke of oxen were driven round to mix them. They transplanted apple trees in 1820 brought from old Fort Ste. Marie on the Wye River, left there by the Jesuits. Hannah Wilson, a daughter of the former shipwright, married J. McLean Ross, an accountant in the Commissary department of the garrison; Mrs. Ross died on the old homestead in 1907 at the age of 75 years, highly respected by all in that vicinity. At her death several of the apple trees were still bearing fruit, though over 85 years old, and at this writing (1912) remains of the old adobe dwelling are still visible. The remains of Robert Jeffs, Sr., his wife, and son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, occupy nameless graves near the old Military road on Lot No. 101, Tiny, now owned by Wm. Smith; also those of Sergeant Crawford, an early settler. With Mr. Wilson was associated an assistant shipwright named Robert Johnstone.

The year 1818 was an eventful one for the new post, which, in addition to the removal of the works from Nottawasaga here, was marked by many new activities. A hospital, guard-house and doctor's residence, all primitive log buildings, were erected and a Surgeon appointed. The first Surgeon of the garrison was Dr. Todd who, after an arduous service of about eleven years sleeps beneath one of the nameless mounds on Magazine Island. He always maintained that he would go like the snuffing out of a candle, suiting the action to the word, and such was his end. This year also marks the advent of the first "canteen" or caravansary, which ultimately developed into the "Masonic Arms," a double log structure situated on the pinnacle of the hill facing Magazine Island. It was erected by Thos. Johnstone, a silk mercer of London, whose wife claimed descent from the Earls of Darnley and who moved in the charmed circles of Belgravia. They enjoyed the distinction of being married in Westminster Abbey and having a quaint silver tea pot presented to them at the same time by a friend, forthwith leaving for Canada, arriving at Fort Gwillim (Holland Landing) in 1813. Mr. Johnstone was among the first to reach Penetanguishene Bay with the Military pioneers, returning in a short time to Holland Landing and Vespra where they took up land. Obtaining a "concession" at the new garrison from the authorities, for canteen purposes, they returned to the establishment, once again, to conduct the new enterprise. The "Masonic Arms" became a noted caravansary in its day, entertaining many