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History of the George Field's Farm, on the River Road, Lot 15, Niagara Township.

In the year 1785 George Field, a U.E. Loyalist, came from the state of New Jersey, then a British colony, and settled on Lot 15, River Road, township of Niagara. He built a house in the village of Queenston, where he lived and carried on a blacksmith shop and wagon making business. He did not work himself at the trade but employed men to do the work while he would oversee the business. He placed his sons Gilbert, Nathan and Daniel on the farm which they succeeded in clearing up and cultivated successfully, earning a livelihood for the large family. About the year 1795 the father and sons built the brick house now standing on the said farm, opposite Mrs. George Durand's residence, River Road, which is part of the original Field farm.

During the War of 1812-14 there was a battery placed on what was then called Field's Point, just about where the Durand house now stands, and on the morning of the day of the Battle of Queenston, the Americans placed a battery on the opposite side of the river, opened fire and tried to silence the battery on Field's Point. While doing so they sent a cannon-ball through the roof of the brick house, (the Field house) which had at that time a very steep roof. When they repaired the house some years afterwards, they made the roof very much lower, as it is at the present time. While the Field family were taking breakfast on that morning, the Americans sent two more shots through the brick work of the house which caused the family to beat a hasty retreat and find shelter in some other quarter. The present owner and occupant of the house and farm, Mr. George Field,