

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
OF
❖ SAMUEL RIDOUT, ❖

DEPUTY SURVEYOR

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SAMUEL RIDOUT was born in the Town of Hancock, Maryland, on the 7th of September, 1778, and there received his education as land surveyor. In 1798 he came to Toronto, and held several appointments under Government. He was Deputy Clerk of the Crown in 1800, and chief clerk in the office of his father, Thomas Ridout, Surveyor-General from about 1802 until the year 1829. He was appointed Sheriff of the Home District in 1815, and held that office until the year 1827, when he was appointed Registrar of the County of York. He retained the office of Registrar until his death, which occurred in 1855.

He was appointed a Deputy Land Surveyor at an early date; was captain in the militia, and served in the War of 1812, at the close of which he was assigned the duty of conveying prisoners of war to Quebec. He was also appointed, in 1816, agent for the officers of the Land Granting Department, and in this connection received a pension from the year 1824. He owned and occupied for some time a farm on Yonge Street, now known as Summer Hill; also, park lot No. 4, now in the city, where he resided at the time of his death. He was twice married; two sons and one daughter survived him.