

from "The Wilderness." Immense willows still stand in the low ground of this picturesque spot, a tall Balm of Gilead also and many sycamores. Here Capt. Geale used to tell he remembered seeing the whole enclosure filled with Indians as Col. Claus was the Deputy Superintendent of Indians as Daniel Claus the son-in-law of Sir William Johnson had also held this position. In the map of the town in 1813 given in Lossing's War of 1812, the place is marked Claus property.

In the Gleaner Newspaper published at Niagara from 1817 to 1837 the name of W. D. Miller is frequently found, as in 1828 W. D. Miller advertises the Sunday School Union, and in 1830 he has received a number of S. S. books from the Depository at Montreal to be sold at prime cost, and in another issue a reward of £25 is offered for the discovery of the robber who has stolen £300 from the store of W. D. Miller, showing that an extensive business was carried on. The obituary notice in a Niagara paper, written probably by his pastor, the late Rev. Chas. Campbell, gives some interesting particulars.

"Died at Niagara Feb. 18th, 1859, aged 73, William Duff Miller, Inspector and Dep. Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, a resident of the frontier about 57 years and of the town upwards of 50 years. The office of Deputy Clerk he filled for over 30 years with great care and skill. Royalty and Loyalty were his guiding stars, to his church (the Auld Kirk) he has been a pillar for many years. Conciliatory and urbane in manner consistent in conduct, a pious member of the community, an efficient public officer both in a civil and military capacity, a firm friend, his memory will not soon fade. He delighted to relate the Great Napoleon's visit to Egypt, his warm reception by the British forces and his sudden departure. The deceased leaves a large family brought up to strict business habits, engaged in active and lucrative pursuits with distinction and honor."

In the old record book of St. Andrew's Church dating from 1794 the deceased is thus in stately periods recorded. "Who for the long period of half a century had been a most valuable member taking on all occasions a deep interest and acting a faithful part in the temporal and spiritual affairs of the church, being one of that little company of excellent men (himself the last survivor) that during a lengthened probation of trial and suffering arising chiefly from the want of regular ministerial services managed and kept together the Presbyterian congregation of Niagara when in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, their laudable efforts were at last rewarded by the Church of Scotland's ordaining and inducting a minister to the pastorate; the deceased the following year on the completion of the ecclesiastical organization of the congregation to church