

This house was kept by Mr. Thomas Ingersol, who was probably the first white resident in Toronto Township. After Mr. Ingersol's death the house was kept by his son, Charles Ingersol, for some years. Charles Ingersol afterwards moved to the West and founded the Town of Ingersol, and the Government House and Ferry were kept by Geo. Cutter.

Mr. Smith says the Home District, in Seventeen Hundred and Ninety Nine, contained only Two Hundred and Twenty-four inhabitants, and it is not likely that any of those, unless probably the Ingersol family and the Indians were in the Township of Toronto.

The "old Survey" of Toronto was Surveyed in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six by Mr. Wilmot, Deputy Surveyor, one mile on each side of the River Credit—or Mazenabekasepa—as the Indians called it, was marked out and reserved for the use of the Indians, with special privileges respecting the fishery, no person being allowed to catch fish in the river without the consent of the Indians. They subsequently sold out all their lands and privileges in this Township and removed to the Saugeen River.

The real settlement of Toronto may be said to have commenced in 1807, after the Survey had been completed, and increased moderately, until the war of 1812 broke out, which gave a considerable check to its progress. When the war was over, however, it revived, and in 1819-20 the rear part of the Township was surveyed and pretty well settled, and the Township of Chinguaousy, Caledon, the Gore of Toronto and Albion were surveyed and settled by degrees. A considerable part of the new Survey of Toronto was settled in 1819 by a Colony of Irish from the city of New York, who wished to live under the British Government, and an arrangement was made with the Government by their agents Messrs. John Beatty and Joseph Graham, by which a part of the Township was set apart for them, and they moved on immediately.

The following is a statement of the lands granted by Government in the old Survey of Toronto, with the names of the parties, prior to 1820.

1ST CONCESSION, NORTH OF DUNDAS STREET.

Lot,	
1	John Vanzante
2	Abraham Cook
3	Absalom Wilcox
4	Lynes Peck
5	David House
6	Abraham Marekle
7	John Mahar
8	John Jones
9	John Schiller