

ALEXANDER AITKEN

Became a Land Surveyor for Ontario in 1789, and was the son of David Aitken, a Land Surveyor, who resided in Berwick-on-the-Tweed, which is between England and Scotland, being, we have been told, no man's land.

He had three sisters, named: Susanna, Mary and Janet, the latter had become the wife of Adam Smith, of Berryhill, in the County of Northumberland, England.

David Aitken, the father of Alexander, died in 1809, leaving the three daughters named.

Alexander Aitken, the subject of this sketch, died in Kingston, on January 1st, 1800, and was buried in St. George's Cemetery there. He was a bachelor. He was a Church Warden and Vestry man and pew holder of that Church, and with them, and associated with the Minister, made request to be granted Kingston Mills, and five hundred acres adjoining them. But that was refused.

He was the Deputy Surveyor for the District of Mecklenburg, and as such, had much to do with placing settlers upon their lands.

He reported that sixty-five persons had entered the district between October, 1789, and October, 1790.

He resided at Kingston Mills before Kingston was established. He owned a dwelling on lot "A", according to the first survey of Kingston, which was made by him. He owned a third share of a brewery on lot "C", Kingston, and numerous township lots throughout the Kingston District, viz.: lots 20-21, 31 and 32 and 30, containing 600 acres, in the first concession lakeside, in the Township of Ameliasburg; also lots 27-28-29, in sixth concession, Kingston Township, containing 500 acres; also lot "C", on the east side of Cataraqui River, concession one, Pittsburg, containing 100 acres, also west half four, concession one, and east half four, concession two, in Leeds, 200 acres.

He was continually employed on Government surveys. He surveyed a part of the Township of Huntingdon, in Hastings County, and also Yonge Street, which now is in Toronto.

His picture will be published when found, but that is doubtful.