

George Adams who was a magistrate and a lieutenant in the First Regiment of Lincoln Militia had been dangerously wounded in the battle on the 27th May and taken to his home in the small village at the bridge over the Twelve Mile Creek, which had lately received the name of Saint Catharines. When General Vincent advanced to that place his headquarters were established in his house, probably the best available building. His claim for compensation shows that this fact did not save him from the insistent demands of a force living on the resources of the country they were engaged in defending. "Statement of Losses sustained by George Adams of the Township of Grantham by His Majesty's Troops and Indians in the year 1813 commanded by General Vincent.

"49 sheep killed and carried away by the Troops and Indians under the Command of General Vincent in July 1813 when on the advance from Stoney Creek at 15/each = £35.11.0

"37 fat Hogs taken from my Distillery at 20/each = £37.0.0

"one Horse Wagon taken by Doctor Thomas for the use of the Hospital (never returned) on the Retreat in October = £15.0.0

"a Receipt given by Mr. Ingham of the King's or 8th Regt., for thirteen days of my team which I afterwards lost and never received Payment for at 15/ = £9.15.0

total line) £98.5.0

After the second retreat of the army in October, 1813, his known loyalty and the fact that he was an officer in the militia and a magistrate was considered a sufficient pretext for raiding his house and carrying him away as a prisoner of war. In a second raid his distillery was destroyed.

"Statement of damages sustained by a Party of the American Army under the Command of General Porter and Colo. Hopkins to Geo. Adams of the Township of Grantham in the month of October of 1813."

- two Dispatch Horses which had just come off Duty From Major General Vincent taken by General Porter upon the 11th October, 1813.
£50.0.0

- two Saddles and Bridle Ditto £10.0.0.

- a Large Distillery with three Copper Stills, &c., Burned and Destroyed by a Party of the American Army under Command of Col. Hopkins on the Night of the 19th, October, 1813 - £250.0.0. "This Distillery was situate in the village of Saint Catharines in the Township of Grantham and was occupied as a bake house for the use of his Majesty's troops from the time of Genl. Vincent's advance from Stoney Creek until the Retreat from the Cross Roads in October."

(total line) Halifax Cy £310.0.0.

Source: Page 80 and 81 of Records of Niagara: a collection of contemporary letters and documents, January to July 1813, published by the Niagara Historical Society 1939, which can be found on www.ourroots.ca.

Notes: George Adam's residence was approximately where the former Hotel Dieu Hospital is located on Ontario Street. Also, Alex Ormston says that Thomas Adams' Inn at Ontario Street and St. Paul Street was burnt by the Americans as well.