

## **DORLAND FAMILY**

by Philip Smart

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In 1662 Jan Gerretse Dorlandt first took land at Brooklyn, New York, near the present Brooklyn Bridge. He soon bought part of Flatbush, when it was a corn or wheat field. Of Jan Gerretse's children, my ancestor Elias was the most prolific. He moved to Hempstead, nearby. His son John Dorland (1689-1790) married Mary Bedell, of Huguenot extraction. Their son Samuel Dorland (1721-1809) married Anna Esmond (1726-1801) and produced eleven children. Samuel prospered as a miller, under the British regime, in the village of Beekman, NY.

Gilbert, eldest son of Samuel, came to Adolphustown, but soon returned to Beekman, leaving his daughter Elizabeth, to marry James Noxon (?-1842). Three sons and three daughters did continue to live in Adolphustown. My ancestor, Philip Dorland (1754-1814) drew a lot on Hay Bay, the other half of the lot was drawn beside Paul Trumpour; both a stone's throw from Hay Bay Methodist (now United) Church. Philip Dorland was one of 90 men of 250 persons to arrive in the Peter VanAlstine fleet of bateaux. The bateaux were kept for use rather than be returned to Pointe-Claire.

Philip Dorland became first town Clerk, at the first township meeting ever held in Upper Canada. The first motion recorded was to confine cattle and pigs behind fences within Adolphustown. The second motion was to appoint an inspector of fences.

Sixteen members were elected to represent their territory in the Governor Simcoe Parliament at Navy Hall, which is at the present Niagara-on-the-Lake. Being Quaker, Philip would not take the Oath on the Bible that Governor Simcoe expected, and so was denied his seat. The Lennox & Addington Historical Society has on microfilm Philip's three-and-a-half page letter that he wrote that September evening, to justify his conscience. He rode home on horseback, 250 miles.

Philip Dorland married Elizabeth Bedell (1765-1801), a daughter of Isaac Bedell and Sarah Palmer, originally from Long Island.