



The Corporation of the  
Town of Fort Erie

## Park Naming Application Form

Please thoroughly review the Town of Fort Erie Park Naming Policy,  
prior to completing this application.

Application for:  PARK NAMING  PARK RENAMING

### Applicant's Information

Name (Individual or Organization): Bertie Historical Society

Mailing Address:

po box 10  
ridgeway

Telephone Number: 905-894-4406 E-mail: sdel1@becon.org

### Information About the Park and Proposed Name

Current Park Name (if applicable): No official name. Known as Lakeshore Parkette.

Proposed Name: Snake Hill Parkette

Location of Park: Lakeshore Road at foot of Albert Street.

**If the proposed name relates to the commemoration of an individual who is alive, please provide the individual's contact information below**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

**If the proposed name relates to the commemoration of an individual who is deceased, please provide the contact information of the individual's next of kin or legal representative below**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

Please be advised that the information contained in this application will be made public, by way of public consultation and a Report to Council. Personal information, including mailing address, telephone number and email address, will not be made public, but may be provided to Council in a confidential manner.

## Applicable Criteria

The Town of Fort Erie has three accepted categories of names for Town Parks: 1) Geographic, 2) Historic or Cultural and 3) Prominent Individuals or Organizations. Please indicate the category and sub-category that apply to your proposed park name:

**GEOGRAPHIC:**

- a neighbourhood, community or subdivision
- an adjacent street
- a noteworthy physical, environmental, ecological or scenic feature, quality or characteristic
- proximity to a recognizable facility or area

**HISTORIC OR CULTURAL:**

- a local, provincial or national historical or heritage event
- a reference that is of cultural importance or significance

**PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS:**

- individuals or families having a historical connection to the site (eg. previous land owner/donor)
- individuals or organizations having made a significant contribution to the local community or Town
- individuals or organizations having made an outstanding contribution provincially, nationally, or internationally

## Applicable Principles: Indicate all that apply

- Name is unique; name duplication and similar sounding names have been avoided
- Name has a unique origin and does not recognize an individual, organization, or historic or geographic feature that has already been recognized through the naming of another Town park
- Name portrays a strong positive image of the Town, gives a sense of place, continuity and belonging, and celebrates the distinguishing characteristics and uniqueness of the Town
- The rationale associated with the selection of a particular name is understandable and justifiable to Town residents
- The name does/is not:
  - political in nature;
  - discriminatory or derogatory of race, colour, ethnic origin, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion, creed, disability or other social factors;
  - result in inappropriate abbreviations or acronyms;
  - unduly detract from the character or integrity of the community or the aesthetic quality of the property
  - impair the ability of First Responders to respond to emergencies
- The park has not been named or renamed in the previous twenty (20) years

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## **Rationale for Naming/Renaming (please attach additional pages and documents as needed)**

Please describe the rationale for the proposed name and attach background information related to the chosen criterion, which substantiates all claims made (include copies of newspaper articles, certificates, awards, service records, pictures, maps, excerpts from books or articles, historical documents, research articles, any other supporting documents, etc.). If this is a request to replace an existing park name, please provide a valid justification for doing so, as further outlined in the Park Naming Policy.

1. A high sand dune named Snake Hill existed at this location until the late 1800's. It was directly above this park where Lakeshore Road is now and extended for several blocks.
2. The area to the west of Snake Hill was known as Snake Hill Grove, in the period after the War of 1812 until the 1880's, and was used as a picnic area.
3. During the War of 1812, The Park area was occupied by the United States Army in the summer of 1814, as part of the grounds of Fort Erie (British military post). They fortified the area with a battery of 6 cannons on top of the sand dune, named Towson's Battery, and regiments of troops on the ground.
3. On the night of August 14-15, 1814, the battery on top of Snake Hill was attacked by about 1500 British troops as part of a 3 pronged assault on the Fort in order to recapture the position. There was a major battle here. One group approached through the water, having rounded an abbatis, and landed on the beach at the bottom of this Park. Many British soldiers were killed or wounded in the attack on Snake Hill.

### **Park Location Information Attached:**

Town Report CDS-94-2015 - Appendix 4.

### **Supporting Historical Information Attached:**

#### **MAPS**

1. Siege and Defense of Fort Erie - by Lt. David Douglas, US Engineers - 1814 - showing Towson's Battery (on top of Snake Hill).
2. Military Reserve of Fort Erie - by Walpole, British Engineers - April 19, 1819 - Showing Snake Hill.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE - Buffalo Courier - May 12, 1863 - Snake Hill Grove picnic.

#### **HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS**

British Report of Battle of Snake Hill - Lt. Col. Victor Fischer - Ref. - Ernest Cruikshank - The Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier in 1814 (part I).

American Report of Battle of Snake Hill - Lt. Col. E.D. Wood - Ref. - Ernest Cruikshank - The Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier in 1814 (part II).

#### **BOOKS**

June E. Chipp - Tragedy at Snake Hill: The War of 1812 in Fort Erie.

Donald E. Graves - And All Their Glory Past

Richard Feltoe - The Ashes of War

## Supporting Information / Document Checklist

Please indicate which of the following documents or supporting information have been provided:

- Newspaper articles
- Certificates, awards or service records
- Research articles or documents
- Historical documents
- Pictures or maps
- Excerpts from books or articles
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

If naming or renaming after an individual or organization please include the following documents and supporting information:

- Background information and/or biographical information demonstrating that the proposed name is of significance to the community and/or the Town and is directly linked to the park
- A letter addressed to the Town from the individual or organization being honoured, or in the event that the individual is deceased or the organization no longer exists, from their next of kin or legal representative, or past members of the organization, granting permission to name the park.

Applicant's Signature:



Date: *July 20, 2023*

***This signature confirms that the applicant has reviewed the Park Naming Policy***

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**Please return your completed application form to the Town of Fort Erie  
ATTN: Planning and Development Services Department  
Manager, Community Planning  
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6**

*If you have questions or require more information, please contact  
Signe Hansen, Manager of Community Planning  
[shansen@forterie.ca](mailto:shansen@forterie.ca) or 905-871-1600 ext. 2506*



**Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - Beattie Lands S/S Lakeshore Road  
Buildable Area following Land Swap**

**Lands under Private Ownership**



- 1 - Remain in INI Corporation ownership (4,683.49 sq m)
- 2 - Transfer to INI Corporation (1,353.52 sq m)
- 3 - Remain in INI Corporation ownership (1,433.62 sq m)



Total area before land swap - 9,499.97 sq m  
Total area after land swap - 7,470.63 sq m

**Lands under Town ownership**

- 4 - Transfer to Town, land above shorewall (507.37 sq m)
- 5 - Transfer to Town, land below shorewall (2,875.49 sq m)
- 6 - Remain in Town ownership, land below shorewall (684.94 sq m)

Total area before land swap - 2,038.46 sq m  
Total after land swap - 4,067.80 sq m

 Transfer to INI corporation from Town of Fort Erie  
 Land to remain under INI Corporation ownership

 Transfer to Town of Fort Erie from INI Corporation  
 Land to remain under Town ownership

volunteered his services as a temporary assistant in the Engineer Department and conducted the centre column to the attack, in which he received two dangerous wounds. To Major Philot, commanding Royal Artillery, and Capt. Sabine, who commanded the battery as well as the field guns, and to the officers and men of that valuable branch of the service, serving under them, I am to express my entire approbation of their skill and exertions. Lieut. Charlton of the Royal Artillery entered the fort with the centre column, fired several rounds upon the enemy from his own guns, and was wounded by the explosion. The ability and exertions of Lieut. Philpot of the Royal Engineers and the officers and men of that department claim my best acknowledgements. To Lieut.-Col. Tucker, who commanded the reserve, and to Lieut.-Col. Pearson, Inspecting Field Officer, and Lieut.-Col. Battersby of the Glengarry Light Infantry, and Capt. Walker of the Incorporated Militia, I am greatly indebted for their active and unremitting attention to the security of the outposts. To the Deputy-Adjt.-Gen. and Deputy-Quartermaster-Gen. Lieut.-Col. Harvey and Lieut.-Col. Myers, and to the officers of their departments respectively, as well as to Capt. Foster, my military secretary, and the officers of my general staff, I am under the greatest obligations for the assistance they afforded me. My acknowledgements are due to Capt. D'Alton of the 90th Regt., Brigade Major to the Right Division, and to Lieut.-Col. Nichol, Quartermaster-General of Militia; the exertions of Dep.-Commissary-Gen. Turquand and the officers of that department, for the supply of the troops; and the care and attention of Staff Surgeon O'Malley and the medical officers with the division to the sick and wounded, also claim my thanks.

**Lt.-Col. Fischer to Col. Harvey.**

CAMP BEFORE FORT ERIE, Aug. 15th, 1814.

SIR,—I have the honor to report to you for the information of Lieut.-Gen. Drummond, that in compliance with the orders I received the brigade under my command, consisting of the 8th and De Watteville's Regiment, the light companies of the 89th and 100th, with a detachment of artillery, attacked this morning at two o'clock the enemy's position at Snake Hill, and to my great concern failed in the attempt. The flank companies of the King's Regiment were formed under the orders of Major Evans of the King's Regiment for the purpose of turning the position between Snake Hill and the lake, which was found impenetrable, and was prevented from supporting Major De Villatte of De Watteville's and Captain Powell of the Quartermaster-General's Department, who actually

with a few men had turned the enemy's battery. The column of support, consisting of the remainder of De Watteville's and the King's Regiment forming the reserve, in marching too near the lake found themselves entangled between the rocks and the water, and by the retreat of the flank companies, were thrown into such confusion as to render it impossible to give them any kind of formation during the darkness of the night, at which time they were exposed to a most galling fire of the enemy's battery and the numerous parties in the *abbatis*, and I am perfectly convinced that the great number of missing are men killed or severely wounded at that time when it was impossible to give them any assistance. After daybreak the troops formed and retired to camp. I enclose a return of the casualties.

I have, &c.,

J. FISCHER.

**Killed, Wounded and Missing of the Right Division at Fort on the Morning of 15th August, 1814.**

Killed—2 lieut.-colonels, 1 captain, 1 lieut., 1 sergeant, 1 drummer, 51 rank and file.

Wounded—1 dep.-assist.-quartermaster-general, 1 major, 8 captains, 11 lieuts., 2 ensigns, 1 master, 12 seamen, 20 sergeants, 3 drummers, 250 rank and file.

Missing—1 dept.-assist.-quartermaster-general, 1 captain, 3 lieuts., 2 ensigns, 1 midshipman, 1 adjutant, 7 seamen, 41 sergeants, 3 drummers, 479 rank and file. Of the number returned missing the greater part are supposed to have been killed by the explosion of a magazine.

Officers killed, wounded and missing:

Killed—1st or Royal Scots, Capt. Torrens; 8th Regt., Lieut. Noel; 103d, Col. Scott; 104th, Lieut.-Col. Drummond.

Wounded—General Staff, Capt. Powell, Navy Captain Dobbs, Lieut. Stevenson, Mr. Harris, master; Royal Scots, Captain Rowan, Lieut. Vaughan; 8th Regt., Lieut. Young; 41st Flank Companies, Capts. Glew and Bullock, Lt. Hailes, Ensign Townshend; 89th Regt., Capt. Barney; 100th, Volunteer Frazer; 103d, Major Smelt, Capts. Gardner and Colclough, Lieuts. Fallon, Charlton, Cuppage, Meagher, Burrows and Hazen, Ensign Nash; 104th Flank Companies, Capt. Leonard, Lieut. McLaughlan.

Missing—General Staff, Capt. Elliott, Royal Navy; Mr. Hyde, midshipman; 41st Flank Companies, Lieut. Gardner, Ensign Hall; 100th Light Co., Ensign Murray; 103d Regt., Capt. Irwin, Lieut. Kaye, Ensign Henry, Lieut. and Adjut. Pettit.

During the absence of the Brigadier the command of the brigade will devolve on Colonel Swift. He being, however, now on the opposite side of the river and in a bad state of health, Lt.-Col. Willeox, the next senior officer of the brigade, will take command until his arrival. Gen'l. Porter entrusts the command to either of these gentlemen with great confidence, and is confident that their orders will be promptly obeyed.

Brigade-Major Fraser will accompany General Porter, and during his absence Adjutant Dobbin will perform the duties of his office.

The high character which the volunteers have established throughout the country by their orderly and gallant conduct, he trusts will be maintained during his absence.

Maj. Wood will command the Pennsylvania and Major Matteson the New York Volunteers.

*(From MSS. of Hon. P. A. Porter.)*

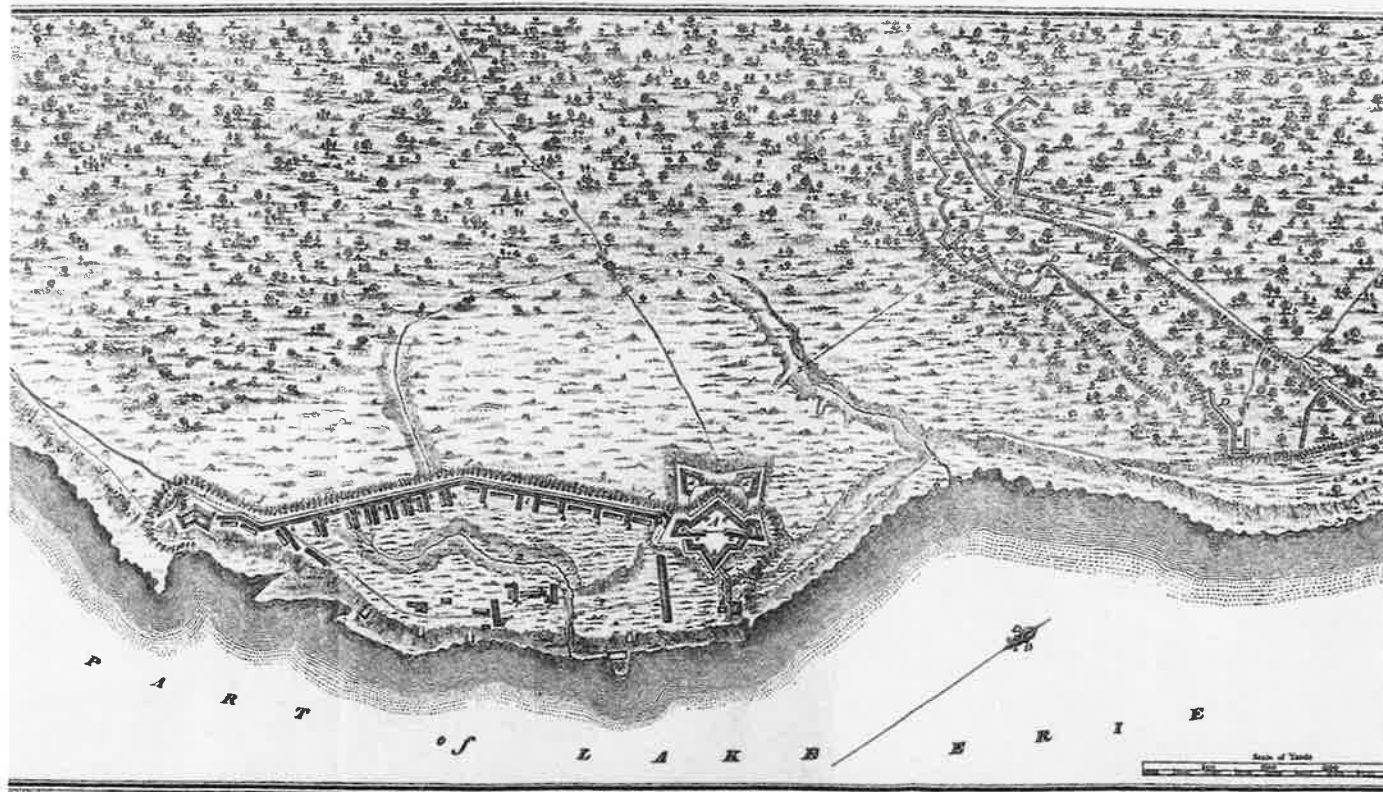
**Lieutenant-Colonel E. D. Wood, U. S. Engineers, to General Ripley.**

FORT ERIE, August 15th, 1814.

SIR.—In obedience to your instructions, I have the honor to report the gallant conduct of my command during the attack which took place on the night of the 14th instant.

I cannot do greater justice to the troops which I had the honor to command on that occasion than to state that the 21st Infantry, together with a small detachment of the 11th under Captain Chum, in all about three hundred men, aided by the skill and activity of that distinguished officer, Captain Towson of the Artillery, who commanded the battery on Snake Hill, met and repulsed five impetuous charges given by Colonel Fisher at the head of fourteen hundred British regulars. These troops were formed in columns of attack, and stormed without flints in their muskets. Our lines were completely manned, and everything ready to receive the enemy when he approached. And perhaps a more signal example of firmness and steady valor was seldom, if ever, given by the veterans of Europe. Finding himself repulsed at all points with great slaughter, Colonel Fisher saw fit to retire with his shattered columns at dawn of day.

For the happy result which crowned our arms at this particular point I am under great obligations to Captains Marston and Ropes, the former of whom commanded on the left, and the latter commanded the corps of reserves which repulsed the enemy at the edge



### SIEGE AND DEFENCE OF FORT ERIE

Erie

Porter's volunteers encamped  
to arrived September tenth.  
h works  
one built by British.

b Ravelin.  
c c Blockhouses built by British.  
d d Bastions constructed by Brown's  
forces.  
e e Redoubt constructed by Brown's  
forces to replace line of pickets.

fff Entrenchments.  
g Douglass's battery.  
h h Camp traverses.  
k Fontaine's battery.  
l Biddle's battery.

m Towson's battery.  
n Main traverse.  
o Magazine traverse.  
p Hospital traverse.  
q Grand parade traverse.

r Brown's headquarters  
s Drain.  
t Road from Chippawa up the lake.  
u Buck's Road.  
v Route taken by Porter's forces in  
sortie.

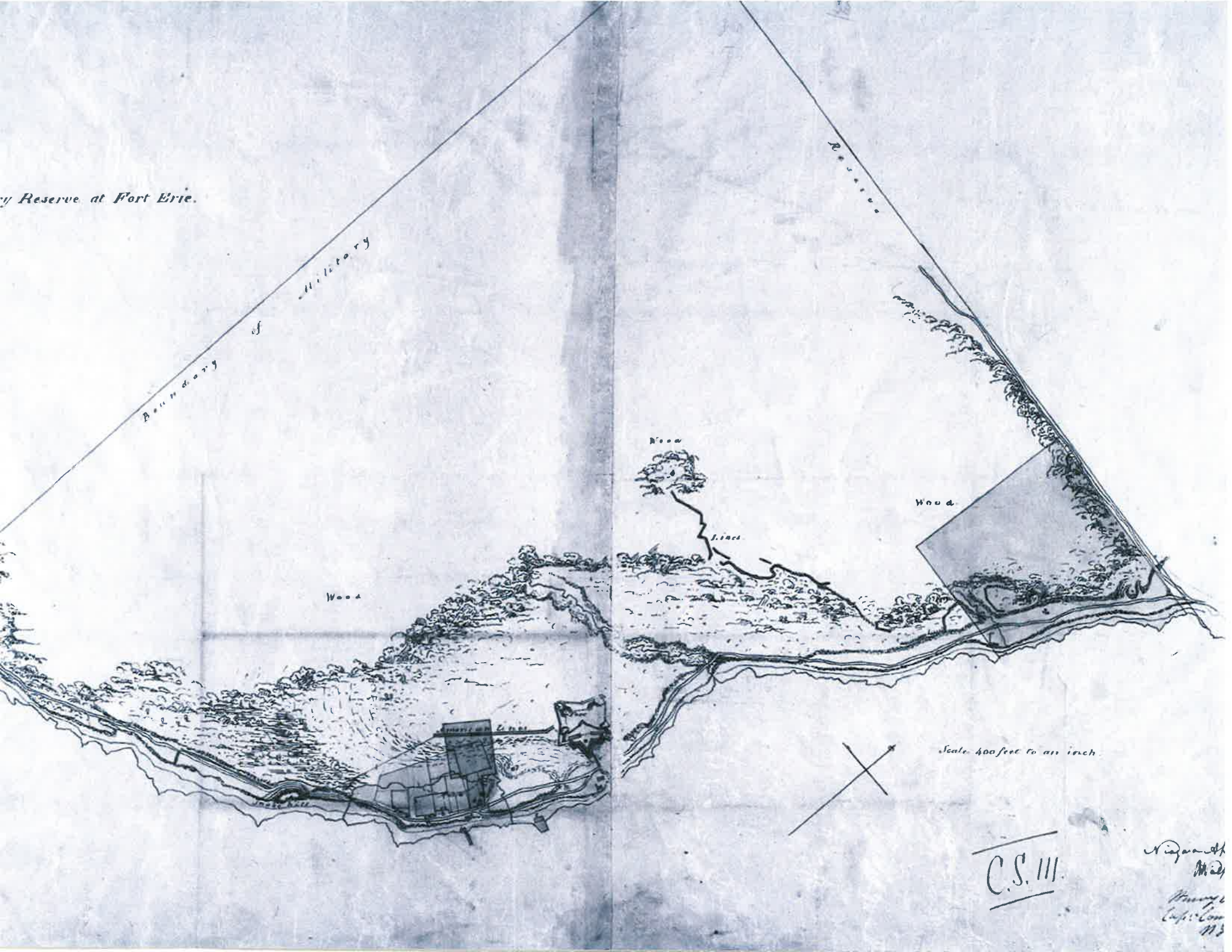
w Route of right column  
x Ravine.  
y y Blockhouses.  
z z Roads to British Ca  
1,2,3 British first, second  
batteries.

(This plan is a copy of one made by the United States engineer corps.)

cricketshark



Reserve at Fort Erie.



Boundary of Military Reserve

Reserve

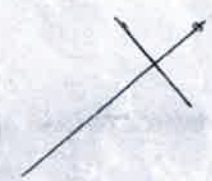
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Road

Road

Wood

Scale 400 feet to an inch



C.S. III.

Niagara  
M.D.  
Wm. C.  
Capt. Com.  
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buffalo courier

may 12, 1863

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**THE FIRST OF THE SEASON.**—We learn from the Catholic *Sentinel* that preparations are being made by the Catholic Ladies at Fort Erie for a Pic Nic at Snake Hill Grove (near the old fort) on Monday, May 25, for the benefit of the Catholic School of that place. Music and various amusements will be had.

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