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HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP, CENSUS AND ASSESSMENT RECORDS, 1803-1850

REPORT TO Tripp Files

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SUBJECT

Tripp census and assessment records in Ontario.

PROBLEM

The objective of this report is to identify TRIPP households in Haldimand Township, Newcastle District, Upper Canada from early census and assessment records.

BACKGROUND

Haldimand Township is one of nine townships located in Northumberland County, Ontario. Northumberland County is one of the original 19 counties from 1792 when the Province of Upper Canada was formed.



Map of Canada showing the location of Northumberland County



Map of Northumberland County showing the location of Haldimand Township.

Source: Ontario GenWeb, <http://www.geneofun.on.ca/ongenweb/>, accessed 05 Jan 09

From 1802 to 1849, Northumberland County was part of the Newcastle District. Among their various duties, District officials were responsible property assessment, taxation, and census enumerations. Surviving records from this period are now at the Archives of Ontario (<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca>) in Toronto. The following records have been microfilmed and available through Interlibrary Loan:

Newcastle District Census and Assessment Rolls, 1803-1850, Haldimand Township (ref. code F 1800-20), Archives of Ontario microfilm MS 16, reels 4-5.

Census: 1803-1810; 1812-1825; 1839-1841; 1848; 1850
Census and Assessment: 1826-1838
Assessment: 1808-1825; 1839-1847

The purpose of the assessment rolls is to annually collect information about a resident's personal and real property in order to determine the amount of tax due. The information collected varied over time but included a description of real property, building type, acres under cultivation, number and type of livestock, and number and ages of people living on the property.

A few notes regarding the lists. Missing and unreadable pages are noted. The original books do not contain page numbers so a list number (no. 1 is first on the list) is used to identify where the individual is found on the list. The original order of visitation is unknown; several lists were alphabetized and noted in brackets []. The assessed tax appears in the originals but it was not transcribed.

Early house assessment was based on the type of construction – “round logs,” or “squared logs” but by 1826 “framed, under 2 story” and “framed 2 story” were added. Only the exceptions to “round log” construction are noted in brackets [].

The census and assessments were taken separately except for 1826-1839 as noted above. The separate census and assessment lists overlap for several years.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUING RESEARCH

1. Plot TRIPP assessment data on a Haldimand Township map to show visually where they lived.
2. Correlate the census and assessment data with TRIPP grantor and grantee land transactions.
3. Identify an approximate lot and concession for TRIPP households only appearing in the census lists. Do this by re-creating the neighborhood through the census visitation order and correlating it to the comparable assessment list.

FINDINGS (ITEMIZED)

Table 1: HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP CENSUS RECORDS, 1803-1810; 1812-1825

Year	Name	Line	Males			Females			Total	Comments
			> 60	16-60	< 16	> 60	16-60	< 16		
1803	Jabes Tripp	14	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	
	David Tripp	16	-	3	3	-	1	3	10	
	Daniel Tripp	17	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	
1804	Jabes Tripp	36	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	
	David Tripp	45	-	2	3	-	1	3	9	
1805	David Tripp	27	-	4	3	-	1	3	11	
	Daniel Tripp	28	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	
1806	David Tripp	1	-	3	3	1	1	3	11	
	Daniel Tripp	7	-	1	1	-	1	1	4	
	Charles Tripp	47	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	
	Ezra Woodworth	67	-	1	2	-	1	2	5	[6 total]
1807	David Tripp	5	-	3	3	-	1	3	10	
	Daniel Tripp	10	-	1	2	-	1	2	6	
	Charles Tripp	81	-	1	1	-	-	1	3	
1808	David Tripp	23	-	2	3	-	2	1	8	
	Charles Tripp	24	-	2	1	-	1	-	3	[4 total]
1809	David Tripp	58	-	1	2	1	3	1	8	
	Daniel Tripp	69	-	1	3	1	2	2	9	
1810	David Tripp	9	-	1	3	1	3	2	10	
1811	** not on microfilm **									
1812	NIL									
1813	NIL									
1814	NIL									[20-30 names are obliterated from original]
1815	Widdow Tripp	16	-	2	1	-	2	1	6	
1816	Asenith Tripp	82	-	2	1	-	2	1	6	
	Charles Tripp	83	-	1	4	-	1	1	7	
1817	NIL									
1818	?thash? Tripp	128	-	1	4	-	1	1	7	[prob. Asenith Tripp]
1819	NIL									
1820	NIL									
1821	NIL									
1822	NIL									
1823	NIL									
1824	Harvey Tripp	9		2	-		-	-	2	[census format change]
1825	Harvey Tripp	127		1	-		1	-	2	

Table 2: HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT RECORDS, 1808-1825

Year	Name	Concession	Lot	Acres	Cultivated	Assessment					List no.	Valuation, £-s	Comments
						horses	oxen	cows	Young Cattle	swine			
1808	Daniel Tripp	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	12	6-0	
	David Tripp	-	-	200	40	-	2	4	-	-	58	91-0	
	Charles Tripp	-	-	40	12	1	-	-	-	-	81	37-10	
1809	David Tripp	-	-	200	50	1	2	4	-	1	51	107-10	
1810	David Tripp	-	-	200	45	2	-	3	-	7	41	103-0	
1811	David Tripp	-	-	205?	40	1	-	2	-	-	1	14?/16-0	
1812	NIL												
1813	NIL												
1814	NIL												
1815	Charles Trip?	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 ?		33	13-0	
	Lucena Trip	-	-	200	30	2	-	2	-	x	41	86-0	
1816	Widow Tripp	-	-	200	40	2	-	2	-	-	116	84-0	house of squared logs.
1817	NIL												
1818	NIL												
1819	NIL												[poor condition of originals make 80% names illegible]
1820	NIL												[Lot and concession number recording begins 1820.]
1821	NIL												
1822	NIL												
1823	NIL												
1824	Harvey Tripp	A	18	-	1	-	-	-	-			0-0	
1825	Harvey Tripp	A	18C	-	1	-	-	1	-			0-0	[C=center of lot?]

Table 3: HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP CENSUS AND ASSESSMENT RECORDS, 1826-1838

Year	Name	Concession	Lot	Acres	Cultivated	Assessment					List no.	Census					Comments
						horses	oxen	cows	Young Cattle	swine		Male		Female		Total	
												> 16	< 16	> 16	< 16		
1826	Harvey Tripp	A	18	- NW	1	-	2	2	-		50	2	2	1	-	5	1 framed 2 story house.
1827	Harvey Tripp	A	18	- M	1	-	-	-	-		185	1	2	1	-	4	[M= middle of lot?]
1828	Harvey Tripp	A	19	- M	1	-	-	-	-		-	2	2	1	1	6	
1829	Harvey Tripp	A	18	6 N	1	2	-	-	-		-	3	2	1	1	7	1 framed house < 2 story; 1 framed 2 story house.
1830	Harvey Trip	1	16	50 S	25	-	-	-	-		-	1	2	1	1	5	1 horse for hire.
1831	NIL																
1832	NIL																
1833	NIL																
1834	NIL																
1835	NIL																[Missing sections Q-V and parts of P & W/]
1836	NIL																
1837	NIL																1 page only, not alphabetized.
1838	NIL																

Table 4: HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP CENSUS RECORDS, 1839-1841; 1848; 1850

Year	Name	Line	Males		Females		Total	Comments
			> 16	< 16	> 60	< 16		
1839	Harvey Tripp		1	2	1	2	7	[6 total]; Methodist.
1840	Harvey Tripp		4	3	1	2	7	[10 total] Methodist Christian.
1841	Harvey Tripp		1	3	1	2	7	[Henry Tripp?] Methodist. [census has a column for age but not used, list alphabetized]
1848	David Tripp	1 married male 21-30; 1 married female 14-45; 2 males < 5; 1 male born in year preceding census.; occupation farmer. Concession 2, Lot 26. page 129, line 22, no. 17. proprietor (col. 12) and non-proprietor (col. 13) responses are blank. Agricultural census lists 1 neat cattle.						
1850	NIL							

Table 5: HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT RECORDS, 1839-1847

Year	Name	Concession	Lot	Acres	Cultivated	Assessment					Valuation, \$-s	List no.	Comments
						horses	oxen	cows	Young Cattle	swine			
1839	Harvey Tripp	4	15N	75	-	-	-	1	-	-	18-0	-	[6 total]; Methodist.
1840	Harvey Tripp	4	15N	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	15-0	-	[10 total] Methodist Christian.
1841	Harvey Tripp	4	15N	75	2	-	-	1	-	-	19-12	-	[Henry Tripp?] Methodist. Has column for age but not used.
1842	Harvey Tripp	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	210-0	-	1 mare?
1843	Harvey Tripp	4	15N	75	2	-	-	2	-	-	221-0	-	1 mare?; 8 days working on roads.
1844	Harvey Tripp	4	15N	75	3	2	-	1	-	-	36-8	-	
	Daniel Tripp	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3-0	-	
1845	Daniel Tripp	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	11-0	-	
	Harvey Tripp	4	15N	75	5	-	-	-	-	-	19-0	-	
1846	Donald Tripp	5 7	4 16	50 NW/4 40 SE	25 -	-	-	2	1	-	49-0	-	
	Harvey Tripp	4	15	50 N/4	5	-	-	1	-	-	17-0	-	
1847	Donald Tripp	5 7	4 16	50 NW/4 40 SE pt.	25 40	-	-	2	1	-	49-0	-	
	Harvey Tripp	4	15	50 N/4	5	-	-	1	-	-	17-0	-	