



## GEORGINA

### Arad Smalley- Unpopular Pioneer

Arad Smalley was born around 1791 in Vermont, U.S.A. to William and Susan Smalley. Within the first decade of the 19th century the Smalley's settled at Cook's Bay on Lake Simcoe, specifically at today's Davy Point, previously called Howard's Point, and Smalley's Wharf, before that.

This wharf at the Smalley lakefront became a jumping off point, where newcomers to the area first set foot in the township.

In 1835 Arad inherited the lands south of present-day Church Street (200 acres in all) upon the death of his father. Arad had previously purchased 50 acres north of Church Street, on Cook's Bay.

Arad was influential in the township. He held several positions including Town Clerk, Surveyor of Highways, Coroner, Justice of the Peace and Colonel in the local militia. However, this didn't ensure his popularity.

Arad was called a *spy* by his brother-in-law, William Johnson, when (in 1836) Arad reported Johnson's *political delinquencies* to the Lieutenant Governor. Johnson was a Reformer, and not considered loyal to the British Crown. For his efforts, Arad was referred to as *a strictly honest and worthy man*.

Arad was also responsible for Frederick Sprague being put *under bond* for speaking against Government Officials- he had said Arad looked like a Yankee outhouse! Arad also came up during an 1848 debate in the Legislative Assembly. When referencing election Returning Officers, William Henry Boulton stated that Arad was *a person just as incapable of deciding on such a question as any man you could imagine*.

Both admired and hated, he cannot be forgotten, as having held so many government positions his signature is everywhere.



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