

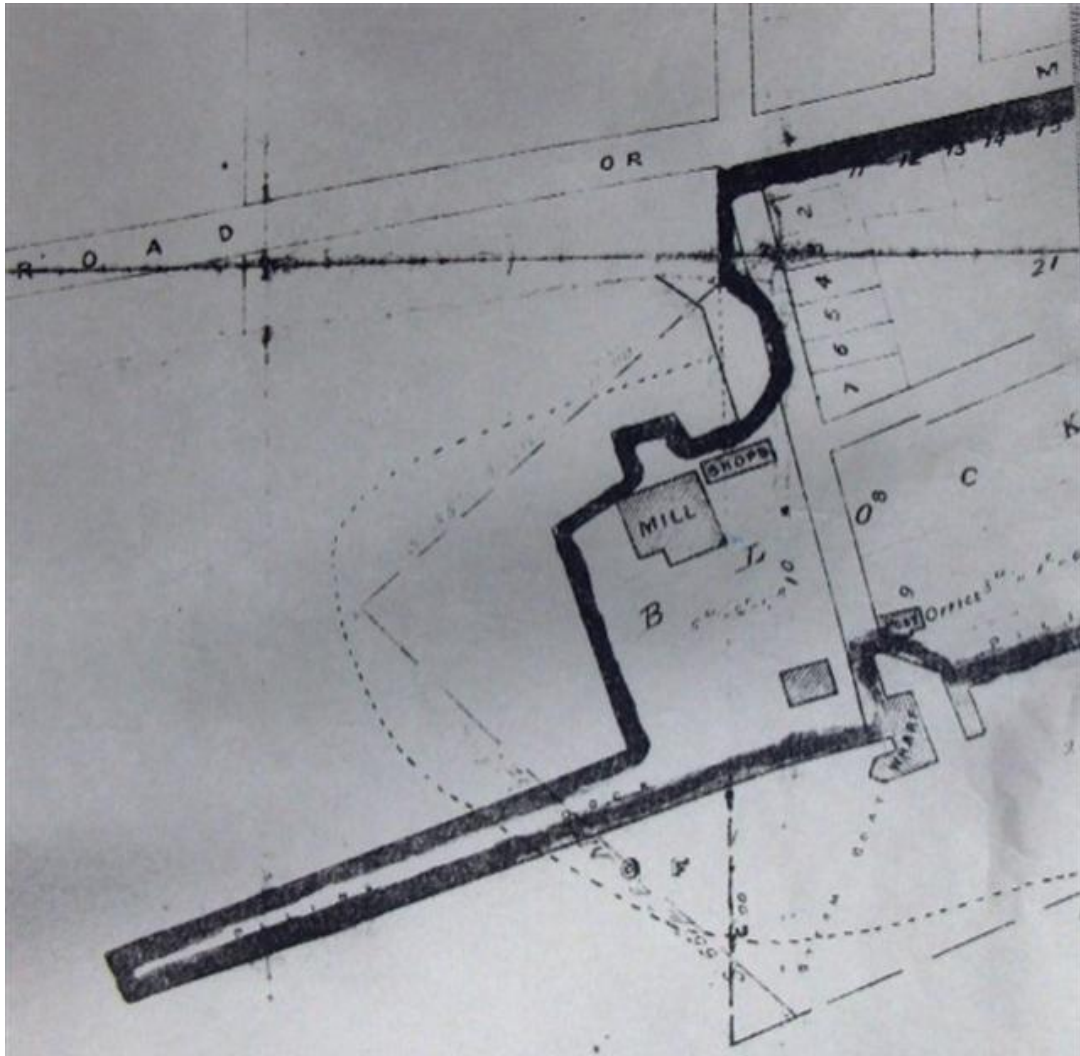
History of Deseronto.

Deseronto's history as a settlement can be traced back to the period just after the American War of Independence when the British Government obtained grants of lands on the north side of Lake Ontario from the Mississauga people.

These lands were then granted to Loyalists who had fought for the British and had been compelled to leave their homes in America.

A large tract of land on the Bay of Quinte was awarded to a group of twenty Mohawk families led by Captain John Deserontyon (ca. 1740-1811).

Deserontyon had a farm at the eastern edge of this land: the area now occupied by the Town of Deseronto.



Deserontyon's daughter married a Scottish fur trader and their son, **John Culbertson**, inherited Deserontyon's property.

Culbertson improved the lands and built a wharf on the waterfront.

In 1836 he applied to the Crown for the right to own these lands and was granted them in 1837.

The village that grew up around the waterfront became known as Culbertson's Wharf.