

To His Excellency Sir John Colborne, Lieutenant Governor  
of Upper Canada &c. &c. 145

The humble petition of William Clarke of the  
Townplot of Blandford Farmer

Your petitioner most humbly sheweth that in the  
year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen he  
emigrated from the South of England and on his arrival  
in this Country he located on the above Townplot of Blandford  
under the impression that by devoting his time to clearing and  
cultivating the land he would be enabled in a few years to pur-  
-chase the lot and meet the payments by instalments. That at  
the early period when he sought a resting place in Blandford  
it did not become known to him that this land was reserved  
by the Government nor intended as the site for a future Village

That your petitioner built and made a large improvement  
thereon and resided on it from the period of his first arrival  
in the Country to the present time. Your petitioner has toiled  
with the most unremitting devotion to further his imp-  
-rovements and raise a family of seven children which it is  
pleased providence to afflict with various sicknesses and  
diseases. That notwithstanding the great privations he  
suffered and recent years of losing his little all, he  
declined troubling your Excellency for remuneration  
nor would he now have ventured with this humble appeal  
but emboldened by the recent act of your Excellency's clemency  
towards Widow Hallock residing on the Townplot and in  
similar circumstances as your petitioner. Heaving that  
through the recommendation of your Excellency she ob-  
-tained your Town lots of half an acre each in remuneration  
thereof. Your petitioner encouraged by this recent act  
of benevolence now submit for the consideration of your  
Excellency a statement of his case to the consideration of which

<sup>petitioner</sup>  
Your most humbly implorers your Excellency's notice  
And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

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William Clarke

We whose names are annexed Certify that we know the petitioner  
William Clarke and his family who have resided on the  
Townplot of Blandford for many years and bear testi-  
mony as to the petition submitted to his Excellency  
being a true statement and the general tenor of his  
conduct being good

- John Hatch J.P.
- George Coleman
- Wm. Bishop
- Nicholas Bartlett
- Walter Jones
- William Piers
- James Carey
- John Hall
- John Bhetan
- Alfred Jarratt
- Robert Alan
- G. W. H. Whit
- L. H. Perry

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No 1 West of Delator Street

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Comptroller of Crown Land Office  
Toronto 25<sup>th</sup> April 1836  
The Petition has not arrived this date but upon  
reference to the Plan it is explained the intended  
applies for No 1 Part of Peter's tract and is 1 part  
of Peter's tract. For this lot we are advised  
that this receiving a deed but the authority of our  
Order in Council is required.  
The Petitioner

By Council 19<sup>th</sup> May 1836.

Recommendations made by  
the Act.

1836

McLure

Amount of land fee

17 May 1836

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14 March 1836

Referred to the  
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to report hereon  
for the information  
of the Council

By the Council  
Wm Clarke

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