

Nugent's Tavern

The most probable location of Charles Nugent's tavern - and likely his place of abode - is marked on the accompanying map on Eagleson Line (lot 13 of concession 10, Hope Township), taken from Belden's 1878 Historical Atlas of Northumberland & Durham Counties. Today there is a modern brick home on the site, with no sign of the former building.

Charles James Nugent, third child of at least nine of Irish-born parents William and Sarah (nee Hedrick), was born 26 March 1839 at Port Hope, Upper Canada. He married Esther Mae Willey, Port Hope-born daughter of Robert and Jane (nee Rider), 02 January 1861 at Port Hope. They produced at least a dozen children.

The property was believed to have been sold to John Wright between 1867, when Robert Best died, and 1870, when they were living in Waterville, Kansas, USA. By 1910, they had moved to Fruita, Colorado. Charles died 27 April 1929 at Fruita and is buried in the town's Elmwood Cemetery with Esther (died 07 August 1932) and three of their children. His parents are buried in Gardiner's Cemetery north of Millbrook, Ontario.

