

# The Town of Wiarton.

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James White, Esq.  
Ottawa.

Sir:- I duly received your Circular letter of the 27th September, and in reply thereto I beg to advise you as follows:-

The name of Wiarton, as well as the names of the surrounding Municipalities are taken from the names of Localities connected and having associations with the family of the Earl of Albermarle. These names were given by the surveyors, who I presume were from those localities in England. I believe Wiarton is taken from the name of a small place in the Isle of Wight. I have not a book of reference to which I could refer you, but no doubt you will have the opportunity at Ottawa, which we have not here, in that respect.

It is rather interesting to notice the occurrence in this neighborhood of names connected with the Albermarle family. The names of the Townships are Keppel, Amabel, Albermarle, Eastnor, Lindsay & St. Edmund, and the Town Plots which were laid out by the surveyors, were named Wiarton, Oliphant, Hardwicke, Adair, & Bury St. Edmund.

I have been told that the Wiarton in the Isle of Wight, is connected with Estate of Lady Somerset, the Temperance and social Reformer in England, who is related to the Albermarle family. You will probably gain some information in that respect by consulting the proper authorities.

I regret to say that I cannot give you more positive information, but I think you will be able to find what you want.

Yours Truly,

*M. J. Ferguson*

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