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The Life and Times of Joseph Gould.

By W. H. Higgins. Toronto, C. Blackett Robinson. 300 pages, Cloth \$1.50. Half Morocco, 2.50.

The biography of a statesman is a chapter in a nation's history; and the story of a long and useful life is, of necessity, something more than a mere narrative of personal endeavour and achievement. Joseph Gould was born in a log cabin in the Township of Uxbridge on the 29th of December, 1808. He died in the Town of Uxbridge on the 29th of June, 1886. He lived exactly seventy-eight years and six months. During the time of this long period he lived continually in his native township. At the time of his birth there were only about a dozen settlers in Uxbridge, scattered miles apart; to the north was an unbroken and unsurveyed forest without a single white settler, and in the south, in the front townships of Whitby and Pickering, there were only a few straggling settlements along the lake shore. Such was eighty years ago, what is now the prosperous County of Ontario. The Province was still in its infancy. The seat of Government was a dirty little village where now is the great City of Toronto. Slaves were still bought and sold but their further introduction into the Province was not permitted. There were not so many papers in all of Canada, from the Detroit River to the Atlantic Ocean, as there are in the County of Ontario to-day. What enormous changes have taken place in the material, social, commercial and political condition of the country since then. Mr. Gould witnessed all these changes and took no small part in assisting to bring them about. It was his intention to write a short history of his own life and times, having reference to Canada's progress in general, and of the town and township of Uxbridge in particular; but old age and illness prevented the carrying out of this design. The work which the veteran contemplated and had actually commenced, Mr. Higgins has most satisfactorily completed. He has produced not only a faithful biography of a worthy man, who, from his youth upward, through an unusual long life, took an active, intelligent and unceasing interest in public affairs, but also a full and authentic history of the county in which he was born and in which he lived and laboured. For this task Mr. Higgins was very specially qualified. His thirty years residence at Whitby and his connection with the "Chronicle" during that time, made him thoroughly acquainted with the county and brought him into intimate personal relations with its leading men. The knowledge thus acquired and the stores of local legends and personal reminiscences thus accumulated, he has used with such judgment that his pages are never dull, but always interesting and sometimes amusing. The county history proper takes up many interesting chapters, while each municipality is separately noticed. The names and services of old settlers are faithfully recorded, the settlement, extent, population and progress of each Township described and, whenever possible, the information respecting valuations, population, &c., is taken from returns made for the present year. The account of the settlement of Thorah and adjoining township is particularly full and interesting, and it is only by the perusal of books such as the one we are now reviewing that our younger people can become familiar with all their fathers braved and suffered to make the country what it now is. The volume has a beautiful steel portrait of Mr. Gould, and in print, paper and binding is everything that can be desired. We may add that the Publisher would be glad to correspond with some active person willing to canvass for the work. Address, 5 Jordan St., Toronto.

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