

Family Sketch of some of the Pioneers

John Bremner, born at Sterling, Scotland, came with his parents at ten years of age, to the Perth section of Canada, in 1821. He came to Admaston in 1833. He died in Admaston in 1883. Mr. Bremner married a sister of Arch. Patterson, also a pioneer. Their family were:- Mrs. John Ferguson, wife of J. Ferguson, M.P. for South Renfrew; Mrs. Robert Craig; George; (John L. and Arch. Bremner) twins.

John L. Bremner sold the homestead to James Reid, present owner, and retired to Renfrew. Two sons, Ferguson and Michael Bremner were killed in World War I. Mrs. John Ward, Renfrew, is the sole survivor in this family, and her daughter, Alma Ward, the only living member in her family.

John Campbell, born near Glasgow, Scotland, came to Lanark County, Canada in 1821. Residing there until 1833 when he with his two sons, Peter and John, took up land in what later became Admaston township.

Peter Campbell married Mary Campbell (no relation). Their family of three sons, John P. (father of Duncan, present owner), Donald and Peter, and three daughters, Mrs. S. Reid, Mrs. Joseph Reid, and Miss Anne. This branch of the Campbell family is the only family descended from the first pioneer settlers of this district remaining on the original holdings. The children of James Campbell (son of Duncan) are the sixth generation of Campbell's living on property acquired by the first John Campbell.

The sons of John Campbell (the second John), namely, Duncan, James, John J. and Peter J., later sold their farms all adjoining and all left the community to reside in Renfrew, with the exception of John J. who died in Admaston.

George Cardiff, born in Wales, came to this pioneer settlement from Lanark County about the year 1834. He took up an extensive block of land which he later portioned out to his brother John, who had the farm presently owned by Mr. Sam Walker. Richard Cardiff had the farm now owned by Peter Pender (son-in-law) of Richard; William Cardiff had the farm now owned by O.D. Enright. George retained the farm now owned by Wm. Box, which was known as the Cardiff homestead, also the 100 acre farm north of the Box farm and the farm now owned by John Farquharson. This 100 acre farm referred to above is the only part of that extensive property still belonging to a Cardiff. It is part of the Geo. F. Cardiff property. Geo. F. was a grandson of the first Geo. Cardiff.

None of the descendants of the pioneer George Cardiff remain in this community. The last to sell his farm was Wm. J. Cardiff, who sold the "Cardiff homestead" to Wm. Box. Descendants of Thomas Cardiff, cousins of George, own a farm on the third concession of Admaston. That branch of the Cardiff name settled on the farm recently purchased from Wm. G. Cardiff by Jas. Donohue.

The farm now owned by Mrs. Roy Cardiff adjoins the former Thomas Cardiff homestead.

The children of Flora Pender and Jas. Campbell, descendants of the pioneer Cardiff and Campbell families, are the sixth generation of Campbells living on property acquired by the first Campbell settlers.

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