

## Historical Research

Oh, what a debt of gratitude  
We owe our pioneers,  
Then treat them, friends, with due respect  
In their declining years.  
But most of them have gone to rest,  
As many of you know,  
Who ventured out to Canada,  
So many years ago.

Through the poet's services there has been kept alive in our hearts a deep regard for those who have blazed through the dense forests the path of civilization and prepared the way for a happier condition of life. He has made the work of the early settler outstanding, his name to be honored, and his memory to be revered. He has shown us also the deep debt of gratitude we are under to those who have endured the rigorous life of the pioneer, and who now sleep in many a forgotten spot.

I have tried to recall historical events in our own community and have found them very interesting.

The four townships surrounding Belmore were placed on the market in 1854 – a great many of the pioneers came in that year to secure a home in the bush, and having got their title for one or two hundred acres, put a log shanty, did some settlement duties that fall, then returned to their homes and made preparations for moving to the Queen's Bush the following spring.

Grandpa Darling, now forty-five years old, took up where Will Darling lives and the land where Formosa