

Church stands but someone exchanged farms with him for the 100 acres where Adam Darling lives, so on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1855 he moved his family of four sons to Bruce and on the following October 3<sup>rd</sup> Mother was born, the first girl to be born in the community, and she was always very proud to tell folks her cradle was a sap trough.

I once read –“A pioneer is one who pushes into new regions with courage and faith in God.” It must have taken a great deal of both. One man could only clear from three to four acres a year.

Most of us have read “The Queen’s Bush” which gives in detail many of the hardships our Grandparents had to bear, especially before the railroad was built, and they did not have even the bare necessities of life but were happy building a home for themselves and their families, never even dreaming their grandchildren would have such luxuries as we have today.

Not only were these pioneers in a new country, away from their old homes and friends, but also separated from a place of public worship, but God never forgets his people, for on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 1859 Rev. Mr. Ross and Rev. Wm. Forrest came in and held a service at Grandfather Darling’s home as it was always considered the largest log house in the neighbourhood. At this service a number of parents presented their children for baptism.

Mrs. McIntosh invited the Rev. Mr. McKay, then preaching in Balaclava, to hold a service in their home on a weekday afternoon August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1859 and after the service a meeting was held to discuss the advisability of starting a church in the neighbourhood. Another service was held in the same home September 19<sup>th</sup>, one on October 18<sup>th</sup> and one on