

at least two hundred others on a petition dated May 28, 1850 for a grist mill in Penetangore (Kincardine town). A copy of this petition was obtained from the Ontario Archives as well as the location ticket # 385 dated September 24, 1850 for lot 26 SDR Kincardine township for Alexander Clark and # 386 for lot 27 SDR for James. One of the five conditions for getting this free land was that 12 acres of land had to be cleared and placed under crop within four years of the date of the ticket as well as meeting the requirement for a house 18 feet by 20. Most of the free land from Kincardine to Walkerton was acquired by people already residing in Ontario as it was on a first come, first served basis with your application for a location ticket to be issued at Toronto. There were various regulations to be carried out so that no two families settled or claimed the same parcel of land. Both Alexander and James had their certification of requirements on the locations ticket completed on September 19, 1853, and received their land grant patent from the Crown on May 20, 1854.

While James remained single, Alexander was married on August 28, 1857 in Kincardine township to Agnes Louise Moffat, born in Scotland circa 1836. They were married by Rev. A. Edwards, minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Penetangore (Kincardine town). I found this information in the Ontario Register at the Saginaw Michigan library. This particular booklet published in 1982 is one of a series of publications dedicated to printing genealogical information on births, marriages, and deaths in Ontario for the time before manatory registration in 1869. Marriages as listed in the Christian Guardian, a Methodist Church publication, are reprinted here and the marriage notice was taken from the September 16, 1857 issue. Old copies of the Christian Guardian are also available at the United Church Archives in Toronto. I have not been able to trace Agnes Moffat's move to Canada. A colour portrait of Rev. Robert Moffat was in the family for over 100 years and was donated to the Southampton Museum, catalogue # A974-13.1. A notation on the picture indicates that he was a missionary in Africa and the grandfather of Mrs. George Clark. As best I can recall, I think my grandmother, Mrs. George Clark, said it was an uncle of Agnes. Correspondence with the British Council of Churches provided me with a portrait made around 1819 and photographs around 1860 and 1883. Their portrait of 1819 and mine look almost identical and I believe it is the same person, Rev. Robert Moffat - born December 21, 1795, died August 9, 1883. He was instrumental in persuading David Livingstone to join him in Southern Africa. Although this minister does not have a daughter Agnes, I feel that Agnes is his neice and will pursue more research in this area. Agnes suffered from deteriorating health and was admitted as a patient to the Ontario Hospital in London on December 8, 1881 and remained there until her death in 1905.

From the 1871 census we find this information about the farms of Alexander and James Clark. They had 200 acres of which 70 acres were improved, 15 acres of pasture, 1 acre of garden, 8 acres of wheat, 1 acre of potatoes and 18 acres of hay. In storage, they had wheat 78 bushels, barley 20, oates 60, peas 60, potatoes 100, turnips 300, flax 1, apples 2, peas 2, maple sugar 23 pounds and 20