

The Noxon family is decended from Andrew Noxon of Ayshire, Scotland. A decendant James, the son of James and Mary Noxon was the Canadian Pioneer. Born in 1765, when twenty-three years of age he married Lanor DeLong and came to Canada. They first settled on Hay Bay but later bought two hundred acres of land in Sophiasburgh.

His son Dorland settled on what is now lots sixty-nine and seventy in the fourth concession of Hillier. At that time they had to clear an ox path to get to their home. They soon had a cabin built and as time went on he began to wish for a cobbler and he said if the Good Lord would just send him a shoemaker to make up the skins he had tanned, so he wrote to a friend in Ireland, one John Musgrove who came out to this country bringing his shoe making kit with him.

Mr. Noxon had a cabin ready for him when he arrived where he lived for some time, later settling in Picton to carry on his trade. He brought with him a few handfuls of flax which the settlers first planted around their cabins for the pretty blue flowers but later grew for making flax.

Then Mr. Noxon said if the Good Lord would just send him a weaver to make materials to clothe his growing family, so he wrote again to a man named Herrington who brought with him all materials for setting up a loom and for spinning except the wood. His first loom was made from black cherry wood. Another cabin was waiting for them when they arrived but they settled afterwards farther east on Christian Street.

Dorland Noxon had eight children, six sons and two daughters. His second son James Dorland bought lot sixty-one, first concession west of green point in Sophiasburgh, from John Bishop dividing it into two one hundred acre farms. The eastern half next to what is now Highway 14 being taken over by the fourth son Marshall B. Noxon.

His youngest daughter Sarah Elizabeth (Libbie) married Arnold Foster and settled in Tallowell, the rest of the family left the county.

Two of his grandsons James and Samuel were the founders of the Noxon Manufacturing Company of Ingersol. His grandson Harold Noxon still owns and occupies the half of lot sixty-one on Christian street He also owns part of the original Noxon farm in Hillier.

Mr. James Noxon died in 1842 at age seventy-eight years, he had lived to see the settlement which he had founded grow into a prosperous community.

The farms on Christian Street still owned and operated by the descendents of the first settlers are the Arthur Morden farm, Basil Ainsworth, and Stanley Werden all the other farms have changed hands, some of them several times.