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.....For six years at Fort Frances, Ontario. In 1928 I married Miss Florence Blair, of Douglas, Manitoba, and over the years we have raised two sons, Grant Chief Geologist with International Nickel Company at Thompson, Manitoba, ~~Barx~~ John Barrie Fletcher, our son who is a Chemical Engineer in Calgary, Alta, and Ruth our daughter is teaching school in Winnipeg. We ~~max~~ have thirteen grand-children.

Over the years I have had four books published, "Pioneers O Pioneers" in 1952, "The Trails of the Pioneers" in 1955, "The Last of the Pioneers" 1958 and "The Flaming Dance" in 1970. (One chapter in this book tells of the famous devastating forest fire that swept through the Municipality of Dance, ten miles north of the Rainy River, taking eighteen lives in 1938). That's why I called it, "The Flaming Dance".

When I spoke of the beginning of my ministry, I should have made mention of the fact that it was just after my ordination in Grace Church, Winnipeg, in 1925, that my father, John Hambley told me the following, He said "I have not told you until now, George, that it was more these prayers of your mother, more than anything else, that guided you into the Ministry of the Church. She was grieved when the first lad George Henry died, and her prayer was like that of the mother of Samuel, even Hannah, in the Bible, that if God would give her another son, he would be dedicated to the Ministry of the Church". And so it has turned out.

I have just briefly mentioned my sister Laura, who was a Missionary in China for forty years, and on her return she bought this house in which we now live and on her death in 1951 she gave the house to me, and my wife and I have appreciated very much, my sister's foresight as well as her generosity.

In regard to your letter, Irene, I hope I have given you the facts that you need. I would like to say that I know all about those folks who lived in the Purple Hill district, and where they went to, etc, but I only know what my Father used to tell me about the Coates, and the Spinks, and the Byers, and I remember he spoke of the Mahaffy family, and the Gibsons. All I know of these is that there are the several families of these names at Roland, and also at Reherne, but beyond that I'm afraid that I can't help you very much.

Would you mind giving me the address of the Women's Institute or the Secretary of it, who handle the "Tweedsmuir History Fund". I have heard of the good work that it is doing, but would like to know how to get in touch with the, . Please let me know how you get along with your history.

Sincerely Yours, --

