

## ORIGIN OF BLOOMSBURG

The Kitchen family came from Columbia County, Pennsylvania, near a place called Bloomsburg, located at the junction of Fishing Creek and the Susquehanna River.

They came to Norfolk in 1810, and the father settled near the present Townsend village of Bloomsburg.

William Kitchen was eleven years old when the family came to Canada, and when his father was drafted in 1814 he offered himself as a substitute. He was only fifteen then, but tall and muscular for his age, and was readily accepted. At the close of the war he was awarded a pension for his services, and also drew land at the Rond Eau.

Lavinia, eldest daughter of John Heath was born in 1801, and in her 17th year married William Kitchen. After he married, he first settled on this land, but after performing the settling duties he returned to Townsend, where he purchased 200 acres adjoining his father's, and founded the village which bears the name of his Pennsylvania birthplace.

The old hotel, which he built and kept for so many years, is still standing, and is now owned by Mr. Douglas Saltzberry.

During the second quarter of the century, no man was better known than "Billy" Kitchen, and probably no man in the county accumulated property faster than he during that period.