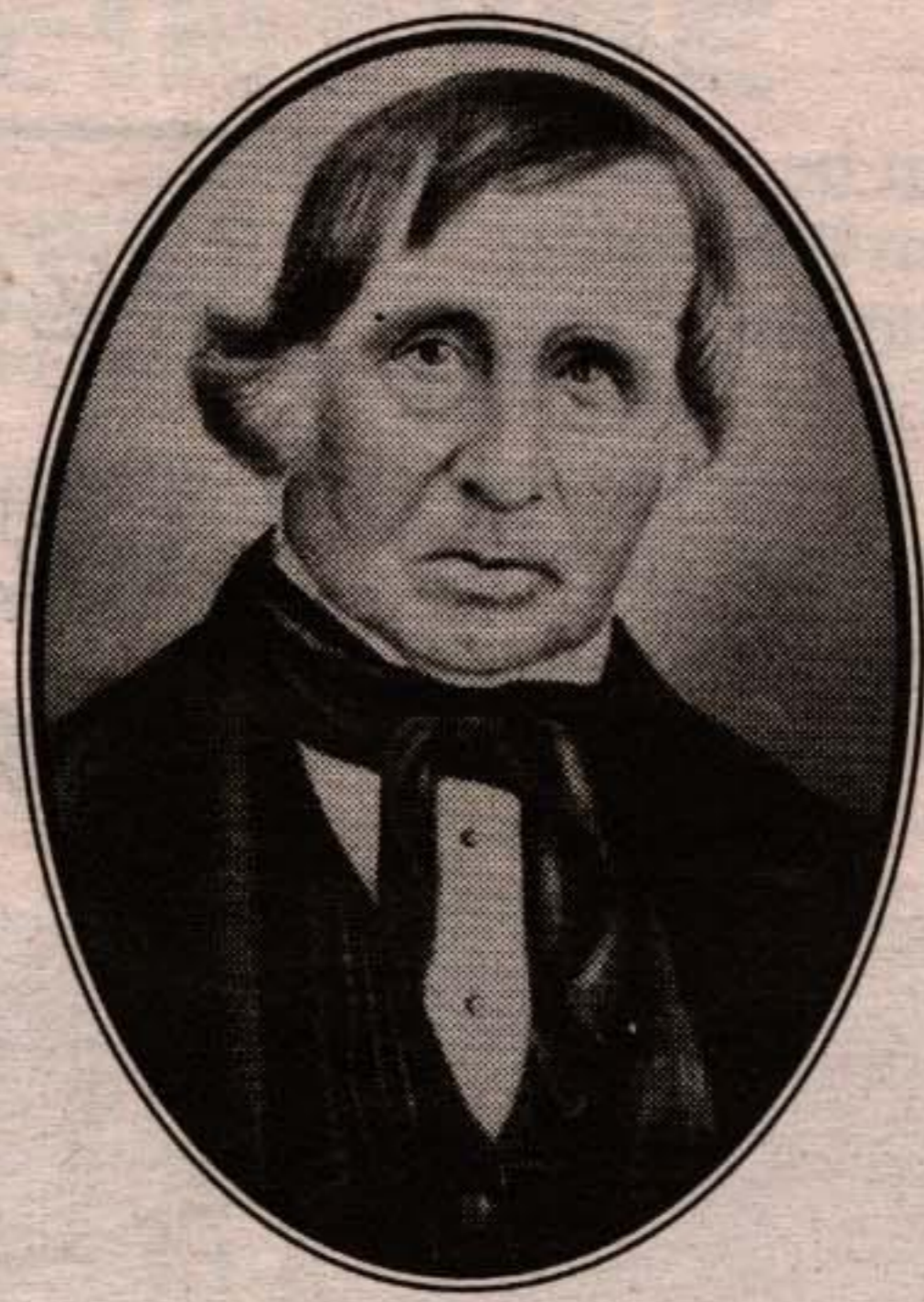


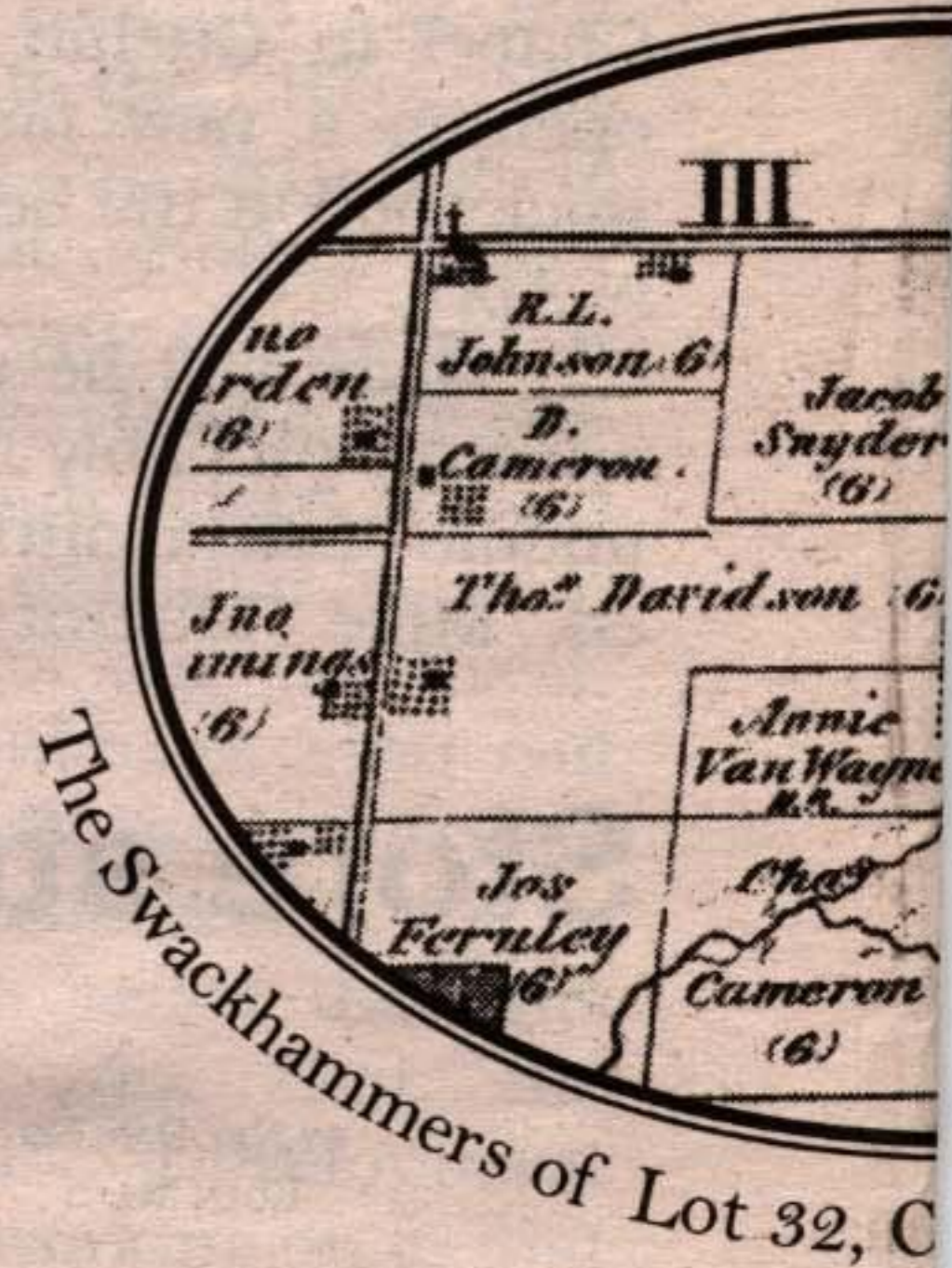
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Jacob Swackhammer



Mary Maria Thompson



Back row - Hiram S., Augusta, William, Ella, Jacob, Austin
 Front row - Rilla, Christopher, Elizabeth - inset, Annetta, Mary

The first Swackhammer family to settle in Esquesing Township

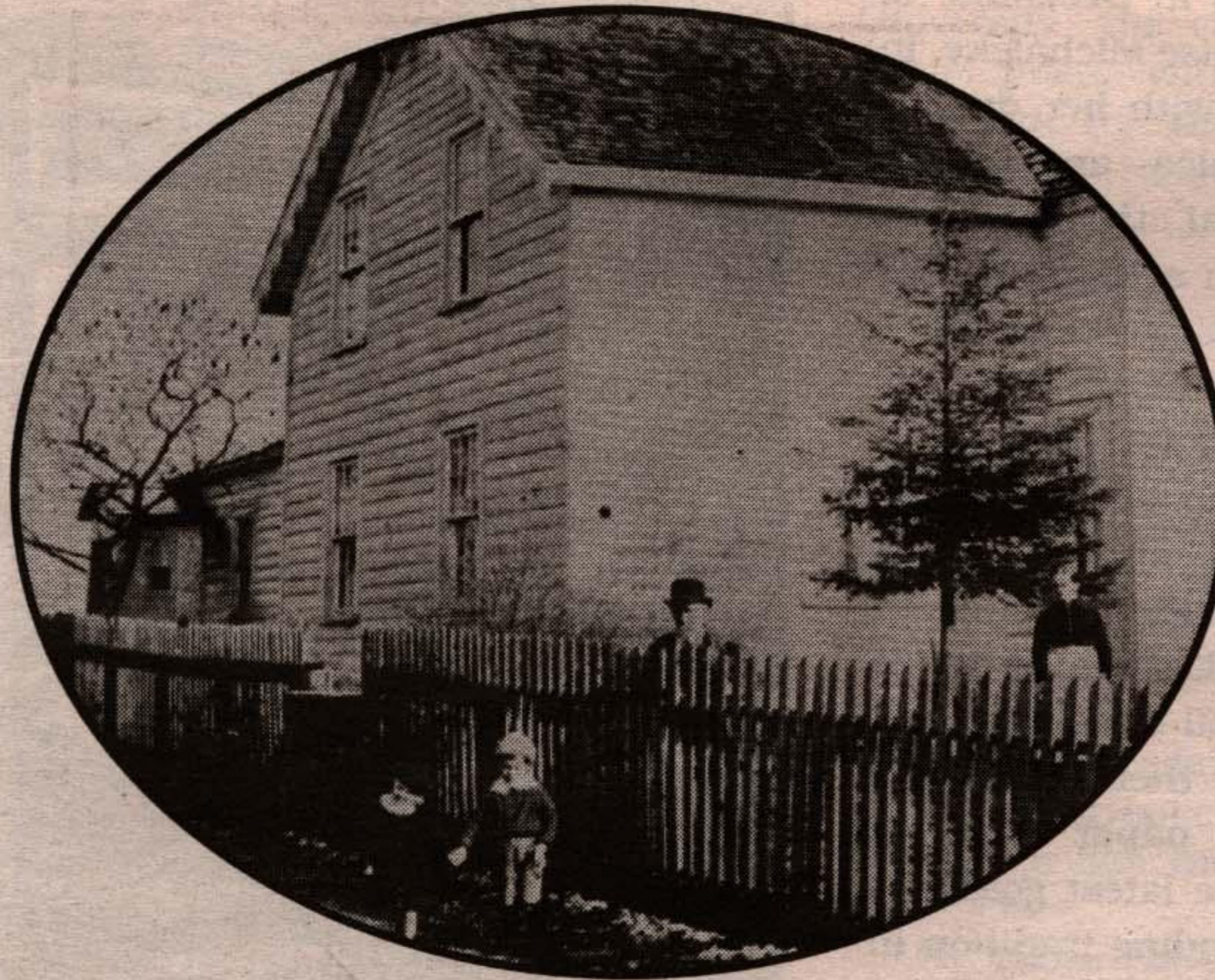
Jacob Swackhammer and his three brothers, John, William and Austin, fled during the War of 1812. They left behind in Grimsby their parents and two sisters who married into the Masales family and migrated to Canada from Long Valley, New Jersey in the late 18th century.

Jacob settled on Lot 32, Concession 4. He donated land on which a school/meeting house in the area. By 1840, the community was established. Jacob donated the wood for the first Congregational church in the area. In many years this church was served by the Reverend Hiram Swackhammer.

Jacob was married twice and had 15 children. His son Christopher continued on the farm which is now near Ospringe. Christopher's family of 11 were active in farm communities of Acton and Esquesing. Christopher Swackhammer, Christopher's youngest son and his wife Elizabeth were the funeral directors in Hillsburgh. Until the late 19th century the funeral home was operated by Wallace and Irene (Aitken) Swackhammer and family.

Swackhammer Family Home Lot 32, Con 4, Esquesing Twp.

Pictured L to R. Clinton Bennett Swackhammer, James Arthur Swackhammer, Christopher & Esther Swackhammer



Swackhammer Wedding

Pictured L to R. Andrew & Jean Aitken, Annie Leslie, Bride and Groom - Evelyn Irene Aitken & Clinton Wallace Swackhammer, Joe Lasby, Elizabeth & Clinton Bennett Swackhammer



SWACKHAMMER

Jacob Swackhammer

m2 Mary Maria Thompson b. 1798

Children: Nancy Ann, Susan Margaret, Sarah Matilda, Emeline Drusilla, Ann, Hiram Denny, Mary Priscilla, Martine

Christopher Swackhammer

m1 Mary Elizabeth Denny b. 1828

Children: Jacob, Mary Maria, Thomas Austin, Hiram Debbert, Emma Augusta, Anetta Jane, Amanda Marillia, William

m2 Esther Stafford

Children: James Arthur Christopher b. 1884, Clinton Bennett b. 1886

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