

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RUSSELL?

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE HISTORY OF RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

Shortly after the year 1800, two men set foot in the south-west corner of what is now Russell Township with the purpose of clearing the land and erecting a home. The two men were James Purvis and John McLaren. The name 'Purvis' has disappeared from our list of names, but there are many descendants with the McLaren name, who still enjoy living within the township.

After the war of 1812 many loyal British subjects crossed the St. Lawrence River seeking new tracts of land and many of them found their

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way to the banks of the Castor River. A group of these people settled in the area where the concession road #3 crosses the county road, approximately one mile east of the present village of Russell. One name that was prevalent among the settlers was the name of 'Loucks'. For this reason the settlement was named 'Luxemburg'.

(More to follow in future editions.)

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In time and as one comes to benefit from experience, one learns that things will turn out neither as well as one hoped nor as badly as one feared.

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