

Notes - Exhibit Number Eleven

1. The attestation or certification from which the photostat copy was made was, in itself, marked as a copy.
2. The copy is dated November 12, 1877. It apparently was executed at Wingham which is some 50 miles or so north of London and Woodstock, Ontario. It is understood that it was in the Woodstock area where the parents of James Isbester settled when they first arrived in Canada from the Orkney Islands.
3. Since the attestation was apparently executed at Wingham the Isbester family must have moved to Wingham from Woodstock at some time prior to November 12, 1877.
4. At the time that this attestation was made James Isbester would have been 39 years old.
5. While I was attending the Technical and Commercial High School at Port Arthur, Ontario, in the mid 1930's I had an elderly teacher by the name of Maude L. Brock for whom I had a very high regard. Miss Brock came from Wingham and I can remember her telling me that she could remember, when she was a little girl, that there was a family by the name of Isbester living in Wingham.
6. The purpose for which this attestation was prepared is not known. James Isbester had been married in the year 1875 and the Isbester's first child was born in 1877. Possibly, because of these responsibilities James Isbester felt the need for Life Insurance and this attestation was intended to serve as some sort of Birth Certificate to be used in acquiring such life insurance.