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THE STORY OF EARLY DURHAM

As told by the great grandson of the Founder of Durham,
Dr. J. F. Grant

Prior to the year 1837, what we are now proud to call the town of Durham, was an unsurveyed wilderness, the nearest settlement being the village of Fergus and the northern surveyed township being the township of Garafraxa. In that year however the Government ordered a road to be surveyed from Garafraxa township to the Georgian Bay. This road on account of its starting point was called the Garafraxa Road. As soon as the road was surveyed the Government proceeded to layout free grants on each side to induce settlement.

The first man to settle in what is now the town of Durham was the late Archibald Hunter who located there in 1842. As the manner in which he was led to settle here may be interesting it will probably be worth while relating.

Emigrating to America from Scotland in 1841, he spent one year in the New York State. Hearing however of free homesteads to be obtained in Canada and no doubt impelled by the love he had for the old flag, he with a party of four others decided to make a home for themselves in the Queen's County.

The party consisted of Mr. Hunter and son, Wm., a Mr. Jamieson and son, and a man by the name of Pullen.

The party proceeded first of all to Oakville where one of the surveyors thereof as government agent, Mr. Jackson at once took a most active part in the development of the village of the newly surveyed country here and to his efforts in its behalf would advise them to locate, he told them that if they followed the survey until they came to the Big Saugenee River then cross the river and go up hill and take the farms immediately north of what was laid out for a town, they would in his opinion be as good farms as were to be had between there and the Lake.

Leaving Oakville they proceeded to Fergus walking the entire distance from Fergus up. They passed here and there small clearings with their little log shanties. The nearest one to what is now Durham was a few miles to the south at what is now McClintock's Corners. Here Mr. Vollett, grandfather of our late town clerk, had located.

Reaching the Saugenee River they crossed and reached the top of the hill about where the English Church now stands. Here they found a deserted Indian wigwam and passed the night therein. In the morning there was some difference of opinion as to whether they should go on further or not, when Mr. Hunter settled it stating, "Well men, you can do as you like in the matter but I go no further. I'll take this farm for myself and the one across the road for my son." The farm chosen by Mr. Hunter was the one later owned and occupied by his grandson, Mr. A. S. Hunter, now owned by Mr. Clifford Young, while the Review Office stands on the S. E. corner of that chosen for his son, William. Mr. Jamieson took the Lauder farm, his son what is now the Wm. Lawson farm, while Pollen chose what is known as the Wilcoxon farm, but tiring of pioneer life he soon left his claim which was taken up by the late Alex Hunter.

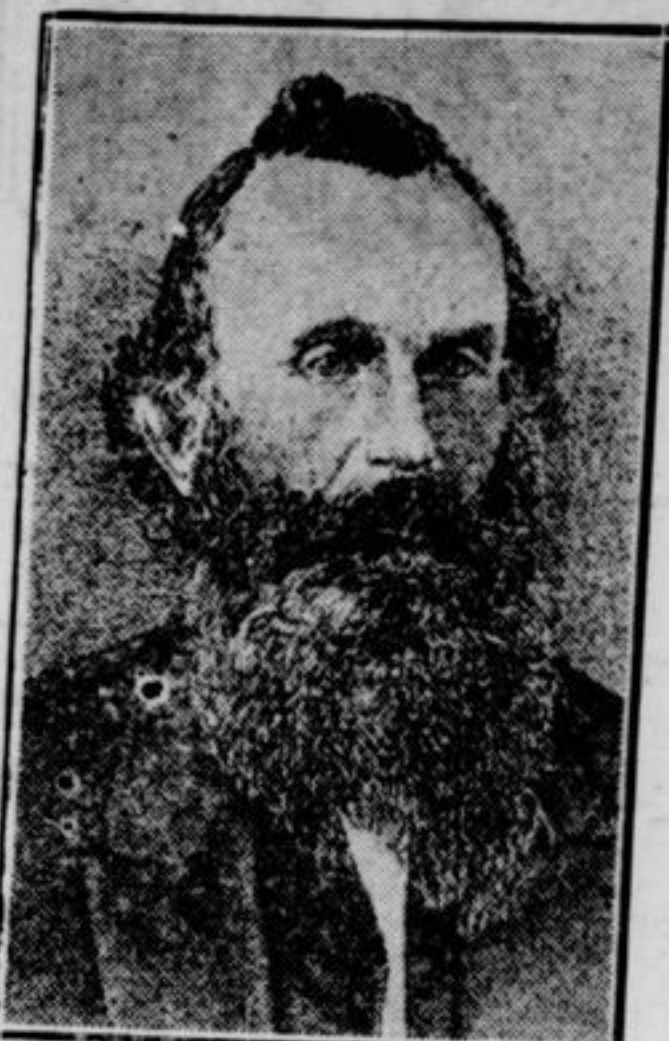
The first log shanty to be erected in what is now the town, was built by Mr. Hunter and stood a little to the north of where Mr. Telford's house (which is now Misses Scarfa's) now stands. Mr. Hunter passed the winter here and the following year went back for his family.

He immediately commenced the chopping and clearing process and as settlers began to move northward past his door to locate on the free grants on the Garafraxa Road between there and Sydenham, (now O. Sound) he opened his house to the public which proved a great advantage to settlers and prospectors, there being no other inn between Mt. Forest and Owen Sound. The entertainment here offered was of course a rather primitive character but an historical writer in the Meaford Monitor discussing the feat-

large received an impetus which soon raised it to the dignity of quite a centre. About the year 1848 the first frame house was built for the accommodation of the Land Office and this house still stands. It was later occupied as a residence by Mr. Robt. Scott, and at present by Mr. Arthur Greenwood. The second frame house to be built is also standing, being built by the late Geo. Matthews who lived in it until his death some years ago. About this year also, the Edge Mills were erected which provided a great boon to the settlers for miles around, who previously had to go to Fergus with their grist, then to Owen Sound and latterly to Rocky Saugenee, where Mr. Dunsmoor, father of the late Mr. John Dunsmoor, town had started a mill. By this time also the village could boast of at least three stores, Scott's, McNab's and Stewart's. In 1854-1855 the Hunter Hotel, was erected by Mr. Hunter. The south part was built in 1854, while the northern part was built the following year, the lower portion of the northern part being used as a store.

The medical profession was first represented by Dr. Wood then by Dr. Moore and in 1858 by the late Dr. Gun. The village kept advancing steadily and having no trade rival of any considerable note, it continued to gather speed with every stride onward until about 1860 when it appeared to have reached its temporary meridian and enjoyed a considerable season of masterly inactivity. Meanwhile the Post Office in the village with an utter disregard for convenience on the part of the department officials continued to be known by the name of Bentinck, a not inappropriate name in its first bestowal, on account of its location on the Bentinck side of the Garafraxa Road, but which should by all means have been changed to correspond with the name of the village when the latter had grown to the size of a significant trade mart.

When the Railway fever began to stimulate the pulse of North Western Ontario communities, the village of Durham did not escape the epi-



THE LATE H. J. MIDDAGH
Prominent early Citizen of Durham.

demie, though it very ingloriously escaped a participation in the benefits which many of its sister villages reaped from the business of that period.

A brief reference to the circumstances which led to the isolation of Durham from the railway world will be sufficient. It was the old story of strife between directly adjacent localities which being too freely indulged in redounded to the permanent injury of the participants in leaving many of them without the boon over which they respectively wrangled and which the most commonplace harmony and prudence could have secured.

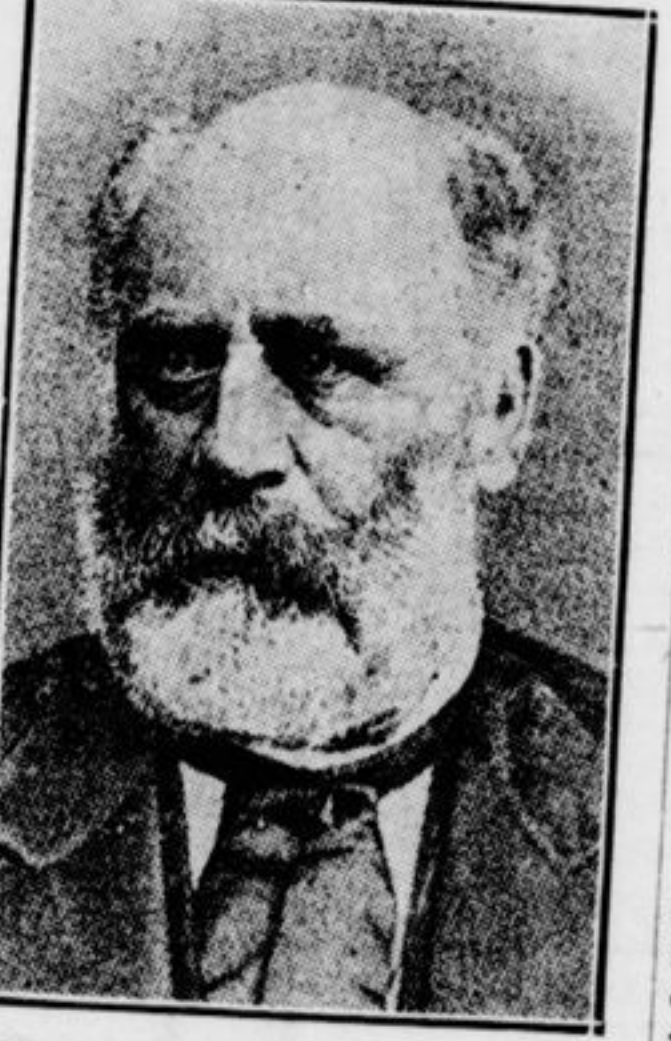
When the Toronto Grey & Bruce Road was in contemplation, overtures were made by its managers to the people of Durham and vicinity with a view to obtaining such local support as would warrant the construction of the road to that point. An attempt was made by some of the most enterprising and progressive men of that section to secure the passage of bonus by laws to aid the project and insure the extension northwards from Mt. Forest to O. Sound or some point in the Co. of Bruce. Each locality however wanted the railway in its own midst and it was found utterly impossible to harmonize the differences hence the progressive scheme collapsed and the people were left to reflect upon the lost opportunity of railway connection.

In 1872 the village became incorporated as a town. The initial meeting of the now incorporated town was held in Dalglish's hall. The first Mayor elected to preside over its destinies was Alex Cochrane and Archibald McLellan was elected reeve. The first council consisted of the following gentlemen:

East Ward: H. J. Middaugh; W. R. Bomough; A. C. McKenzie. West Ward: George Russe; Donald McKenzie; John H. Smith.

The above were elected by acclamation and a poll being demanded in the north ward the following were elected: Henry Parker; William Anderson; John Cameron.

Having learned wisdom from experience, the next opportunity of obtaining railway communication was eagerly seized upon. When the Wellington Grey and Bruce project was set on foot the town gave a bonus of \$22,500. This line to Palmerston was finished in 1880.



THE LATE GEORGE JACKSON
Crown Lands Agent, who named the town.

Historic Hunter Farm Sold in 1921

IN HUNTER NAME SINCE 1848 WHEN DEED WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CROWN

In February 1921, an historic piece of real estate changed hands when Archibald Hunter sold his 100 acres of land (less seven or eight acres) to Thos. Young of Hampden. Both of these gentlemen have since passed away.

Away back in 1842, two brothers, Archibald and Alex. Hunter came into the wilderness where Durham now stands. Both were sometimes despondent, but they were made of stern stuff and stuck with the struggle to clear the land. Archie selected the corner lot on which the British Hotel was afterwards built. Alex went a little north to what is now the Crutchley farm.

"Baldie," as he was sometimes called, or Archibald, was the father of four boys, William, the father of the three sons in town,—Archie, (deceased); James P., and John (deceased)—died young. The first named grew up with the grandfather and later took over the farm, he in turn later sold to Thos. Young.

The home was built 50 years or more ago by Chas. Watson, Chas. Moffat and one Brown of Holstein, and finished up by the late Robert Watson. James H. Hunter was the first to occupy it and in it the veteran pioneer died.

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