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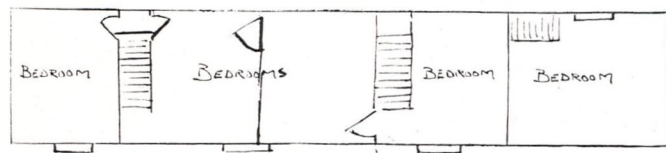
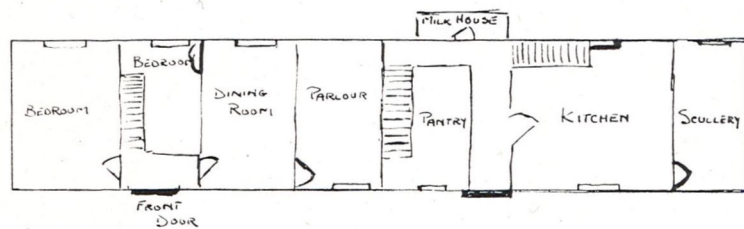
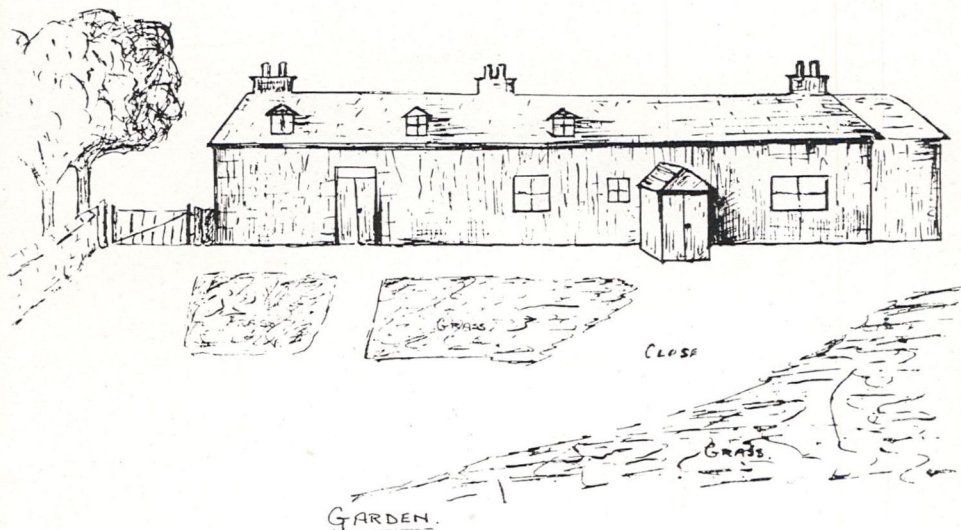
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A sketch of the old home at Maisley, Parish of Keith, Banffshire, in Scotland. This house was occupied by different members of the McWilliam Family for almost a century.

Preface

"About 450 years ago the Maisley McWilliam family came to Scotland from Ireland to take part in some public works being carried on by the King of Scotland."

This statement was made by John McWilliam of Braehead, Scotland in 1880. He was then ninety years of age and well preserved in mind. In 1880 there were many people of the name McWilliam in Banffshire and also in neighboring shires of Aberdeen and Morray.

This Irish McWilliam family settled on the farm of Milton in the Parish of Tarrycroys, and up until 1880 this farm was continuously occupied by direct descendants of the original Irish McWilliams.

The home of the family immediately connected with the people who came to Canada in the years 1846 - 1853 was "Maisley" in the Parish of Keith, Banffshire. The family at "Maisley" consisted of six sons and three daughters. George, the eldest, was the father of the family who emigrated to Canada.

The above information was obtained by III Dr. John McWilliam in 1880.

Introduction

This history of The Maisley McWilliam Family in Canada, published May, 1939, has been compiled as a loving tribute to our ancestors. They ventured into young Canada and endured the loneliness and privations of pioneer life and laid well the foundations on which we are still building.

The original Irish McWilliams lived on the farm of Milton, Parish of Tarrycroys, Scotland, but the branch of the family, whose history is recorded in this book, lived at Boharm in the same Parish. In 1802 this family rented Maisley Farm, Parish of Keith, Banffshire, Scotland, from Lord Fife. George McWilliam, the father of the family who emigrated to Canada, was the eldest child in this family of six sons and two daughters. Maisley Farm was in continuous care of this McWilliam family from 1802 to 1891 and according to an old Scottish custom they bore the name of their farm, hence "The Maisley McWilliams." The last McWilliam to live on Maisley was John. He was a nephew of George McWilliam whose family came to Canada, leaving Maisley in 1891 because Lord Fife had sold his estates. He retired to Stonehaven on the seacoast and named his home "Maisley".

George McWilliam, the father of the Maisley family who came to Canada, was born May 6th, 1784, and was eighteen years of age when his family moved to Maisley. Following his marriage to Jane Loban he worked a small croft, Airdemanock, Parish of Cairnie, Aberdeenshire. When III Dr. David Smith visited Airdemanock in 1905 with his cousins James and George McIntyre of Cairnie, there was no trace of the old home — even the old well had been filled in. The only thing that marked the spot was a scrubby ash tree. The croft had been taken into a larger farm and

was in prospect of being reforested. At Airdemanock the family of four daughters and two sons was born and reared. The Mother, Jane Loban, died as the result of a breast amputation, performed without an anaesthetic, in the kitchen of their home in 1847, one year after the eldest daughter, Margaret Innes had left for Canada.

Of this family of six, all came to Canada excepting Janet, the second daughter. Janet McWilliam married William McIntyre of the Parish of Cairnie, Aberdeenshire. They had eight sons and two daughters. Most of the McIntyre family remained in Scotland, two sons James, aged 89 years, and George, aged 80 years were still living in Cairnie, in January 1939. One son, William, came to Canada and died at Embro, in the spring of 1886, as the result of an accident, while cutting wood. Another son, David, came to Canada as a young man, later going to Chicago, where he still resides. Another son, John, visited Canada in 1907 and several of his family have also visited here, namely, Ian who died in Chicago, George of Jacksonville, Florida, Flora, now married in London, Eng., and Linda, a stewardess on the high seas.

The McWilliam sisters and brothers, who came to Canada, founded God-fearing homes and reared their families in an atmosphere of industry and honesty. To us, in looking back from our larger modern homes, their lives may seem hard and grim. But they were happy in their achievements and in later years would often cheerfully refer to incidents in their pioneer life. Their luxuries were few and their pleasures simple. There was only one "store" doll in the whole family connection and this was owned by Annie Innes. Annie was an only child, in a home blessed with a greater abundance of wealth than that enjoyed by the other families. The other little girl cousins were all born into large families of humble means and must needs be satisfied with home-made dolls, with only an occasional chance to cast envious eyes on the one real doll.

Our pioneer ancestors instilled into the hearts of their children a deep appreciation of the material advantages of

Canada—the land of their adoption—but back of it all lived a great love for Scotland—the land of their birth.

Of the original pioneers none ever returned to the homeland but many little incidents have served to keep us in touch with the Scottish cousins. III Dr. John McWilliam was the first Canadian McWilliam to visit Scotland. In 1880 he went for post-graduate work in the older schools of Glasgow and London and spent some time with the relatives in Scotland. Since that time, several others have gone, III George Smith, III James Smith Jr., III Alex Smith, III Wm. McCorquodale and IV Dr. John McDonald. In 1904 III Dr. David Smith made his first visit, while doing post-graduate work. Following the war, he spent several weeks in Scotland, and in 1932 he and his wife toured the British Isles and visited the cousins. IV Dr. Bert McDonald and his wife have made two visits while he was studying abroad.

James McWilliam of Maisley came to Canada many years ago and spent a summer with his cousin James McWilliam, in Westminster. He did not like Canada, so returned to Scotland. In 1932, two cousins, Harold Sinclair of Aberdeen and his sister, Ada Sinclair Meldrum of Montrose made a short visit here. In 1933 Ada Meldrum and her daughter, Brenda, came to Canada and in 1936 Ada Meldrum and her two daughters, Brenda and Dorothy made us another visit. In 1938, Harold Sinclair and his wife spent a few days here.

When John McIntyre was here in 1907, a bright idea occurred to someone, that we should honor his visit with a gathering of all the Canadian McWilliams. Thus was born the McWilliam Family Picnic. The first, and several succeeding picnics, were held in Embro at the home of James Smith and his daughters Jean, Helen, Annie and Margaret. Of the twelve original pioneers, five were spared to enjoy our first picnic, sixty-one years after the first arrival in Canada. The five were II James Smith, II Jessie Smith McWilliam,

II James McWilliam, II Ann McWilliam Hamilton, and III Annie Innes Rose.

With the exception of the war years 1917-18-19 yearly picnics have been held. It was at the 1925 or 26 picnic that III Kate Hamilton, III Dr. John McWilliam and III Dr. David Smith proposed the preparation of a family tree and history. Later our historical committee was appointed with Dr. David Smith as convenor, and with the co-operation of all the families it has finally completed its task.

The dates and facts, in this book, have been carefully noted and compiled by the following committee.

- No. 81 III David Smith, M.B.
- No. 19 III Jessie McWilliam Sutherland
- No. 4 IV Jessie Smith McWilliam
- No. 5 V Helen Rose Hossack
- No. 32 IV George McWilliam Hart, B.S.A.
- No. 23 IV Helen (Ellie) Burton
- No. 56 IV Alexander Gordon Smith

Key

The plan adopted in these family trees is as follows:

The members of each family are recorded chronologically. When a member had descendants, they are recorded with their descendants, before the next younger sister or brother.

Each member has been given a number in his own branch.

The number in brackets following each member's name is that of his parents.

Roman numerals denote generations.

Abbreviations used are b. for born, d. for died.

The histories are recorded in the order in which the several members came to Canada.

The Pioneers were:

George McWilliam, father of the family.

Margaret McWilliam, her husband David Innes and their daughter Annie Innes.

Helen McWilliam and her husband James Smith.

John McWilliam and his wife Janet (Jessie) Smith.

James McWilliam and his wife Elizabeth Shearer.

Ann McWilliam who later married John Hamilton.

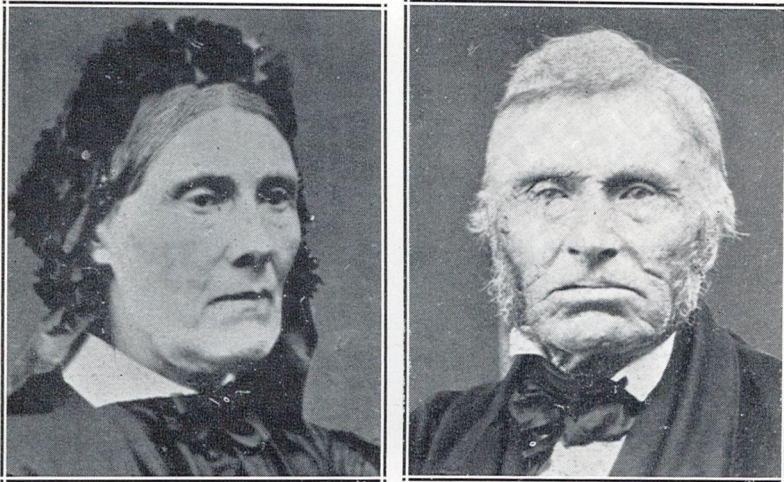
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boats up the St. Lawrence. Many of these boats were open and towed by oxen. Across Lake Ontario they came to Hamilton where they unloaded their belongings and came in wagons and ox-carts the rest of the way. It took thirteen weeks of weary and oftentimes discouraging travel, during which they provided their own food and bedding.

Landing at Hamilton, they met with a Scottish surveyor who had helped survey the townships of Zorra in 1820. He regaled them with stories that pleased the hearts of these sturdy Scots,—tales of thrift and of plenty; visions of fields of grain and of green pastures; of sturdy maples which supplied lumber, fuel and maple syrup for the taking; of the nearness of the school and church. He told of Highlanders and Lowlanders living side by side, working together, and worshipping together in this “bra” land. He gave them the names of many of the settlers in whose homes, he himself had partaken of hospitality like that found nowhere else in the world. He sang the praises of “God’s ain pairt o’Canada,” so strongly and well that they, following his directions, came to Embro, the heart of the thriving township which two years before had been divided into East and West Zorra.

They were directed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ross of Scotia Farm, where they were accorded a true Highland welcome. They remained here for two weeks, each day travelling about in search of a place to settle. They decided on Lot 10, Con. 3, the 91¼ acres belonging to Willard Burdick, whose father, Isaac Burdick had purchased 200 acres from the Crown in June 1825. This, together with further purchases of 11 acres in 1849, and 39 acres in 1861 from Asa Hallock, along with 50 acres bought from George Gordon in 1889 comprised the farm, handed down to its present owner; a great grandson, Innes Rose. The initial deed was drawn on Nov. 14, 1846.

It was from this beginning that this pioneer couple made their first real home. Although David Innes was at this time forty-six years of age, he began to gather about



Margaret McWilliam

David Innes

In 1846 a division of the Innes property in Scotland was made among the sons, and David, the eldest, his wife, the former Margaret McWilliam and their seven year old daughter, Annie, set out for the new land of Canada, where, they had been told Opportunity delivered a bountiful harvest to anyone who grasped her hand. It was to this country that the crofters from the Duke of Sutherland’s estates had come, and tales of their prosperity had resounded throughout the Lowlands as well as the Highlands. This young couple, endowed with the qualities of strength, endurance and achievement, were eager to better their condition. Gathering together their portion of the estate they made ready for the new land. As much as possible was converted into money; but the chests of woollen blankets, the grandfather clock, and many other treasured articles were prepared for the long, tedious trip, which we, in the midst of comforts and conveniences can scarcely visualize.

By sail-boat they came to Montreal, then in smaller

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him cows, and a few sheep, gradually adding to them by frugal saving and hard work until he replaced bush and stump land with fields of golden grain and green pastures dotted with sheep and the red and white of shorthorn cattle. Log and frame buildings were replaced by better ones and primitive implements were discarded for the great "achievements" that took their place.

Their second winter, in the new land, that of 1847-48, was an exceptionally severe one. It is noted that during this winter, the ice on Lake Erie was so thick that the water ceased running over Niagara Falls. This is the only winter on record that this has ever happened.

It was to this home made beautiful and comfortable by the tender yet rugged zeal and perseverance of this pioneer mother, that the brothers and sisters of each, who had stayed on old Scotia's shores, despatched the news across the sea, that they too would come across that vast separating chasm and join the promise and prosperity of the New Land. How they rejoiced and oh what preparations were made for their arrival as one by one they journeyed out! Fond memories of life in this early home are cherished by many who enjoyed it. Miss Jean Smith, the oldest of the clan at the time of writing, remembers the family worship which David Innes regularly conducted around his family altar. His favourite verses were found in Malachi 3: 16, 17. They were read time and time again until they fell as a benediction on those who are left to carry his torch.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often, one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

While life became richer in material blessings, according to Scottish tradition, they followed true progress with

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their deepest affection and interest in the "Old Kirk" in Embro. In the autumn and winter of 1869-70, Evangelists Russell and Carroll were invited by the Session to conduct a series of Evangelistic services, resulting in a difference of opinion of doctrine and a consequent withdrawal of the Evangelists to form Ebenezer Congregational Church on May 15, 1872. David and Margaret Innes were charter members of the new church body. Although they were not young, with an energy and diligence known only to these pioneer folk, they threw themselves with devotion into the erection of a new church building which was dedicated on Dec. 16, 1877.

Seven years after this, David Innes passed to his greater reward, at the age of 83 years in the home he had made. His wife lived until 1907 and enjoyed the association of three of her great grandchildren. Photographs of the four generations show her seated in her rocker, wearing her white "mutch", and with the expression of contentment that comes from a life, rich, peaceful and abounding in faith, hope and love.

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Margaret McWilliam - David Innes

1. I George McWilliam b. May 6, 1784, d. Aug. 10, 1853. He married Jane Loban who died in 1847. They had six children II Margaret, II Janet, II John, II James, II Helen, II Ann.
2. II Margaret McWilliam Innes (1) b. July 4, 1818, d. Feb. 18, 1907. She married David Innes b. Jan. 21, 1801, d. Feb. 10, 1884. They had one child III Annie.
3. III Annie Innes Rose (2) b. July 16, 1839, d. Jan. 23, 1924. She married John G. Rose b. 1837, d. 1924, and spent her life on the Innes homestead, Lot 10, Con. 3, West Zorra. They had two children IV David Innes, IV Margaret Anne.
4. IV David Innes Rose (3) b. Nov. 11, 1861, d. Feb. 20, 1933. He married Lena Featherston on Jan. 30, 1901. He was a farmer, spending his life on the Innes homestead until he retired to Embro village in 1926. They had three children V Helen Maretta, V Innes Featherston, V David Albert.
5. V Helen Maretta Rose Hossack (4) b. Dec. 29, 1901. She received her education at Woodstock Collegiate and London Normal School. She taught school in Embro for two years, marrying James Donald Hossack, Sept. 19, 1923. They reside at Lot 9, Con. 14, East Nissouri and have one daughter VI Janet Rose.
6. VI Janet Rose Hossack (5) b. Oct. 11, 1925, is attending Woodstock Collegiate Institute.
7. V Innes Featherston Rose (4) b. Feb. 5, 1904. Married Margaret Mae Marshall Aug. 18, 1926. They reside on the home farm, Lot 10, Con. 3, West Zorra. They have four daughters VI Eleanore Mae, VI Norma Ilene, VI Mary Elizabeth, VI Dorothy Marlene.

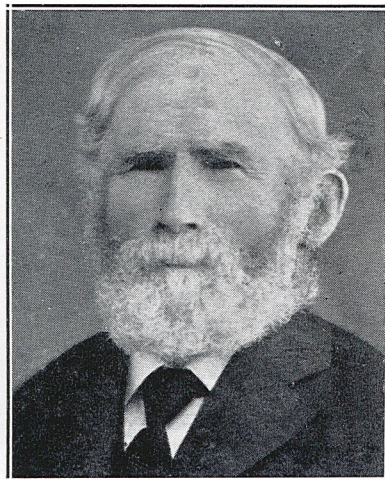
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8. VI Eleanore Mae Rose (7) b. Nov. 21, 1928.
9. VI Norma Ilene Rose (7) b. Oct. 5, 1931.
10. VI Mary Elizabeth Rose (7) b. Feb. 22, 1936.
11. VI Dorothy Marlene Rose (7) b. June 14, 1938.
12. V David Albert Rose (4) b. Jan. 17, 1909. Married Ruby Mae Tomlinson of Swastika, Oct. 23, 1932. Ab, received his education at Woodstock Collegiate, was connected with the Imperial Bank at Woodstock and Cobalt, going from there to the brokerage firm of F. O'Hearn and Co., Cobalt. They have three children, VI Helen Elizabeth, VI Marilyn Grace, VI Carole Jean.
13. VI Helen Elizabeth Rose (12) b. Nov. 15, 1933.
14. VI Marilyn Grace Rose (12) b. April 30, 1935.
15. VI Carole Jean Rose (12) b. Jan. 25, 1938.
16. IV Margaret Anne Rose Sutherland (3) b. Jan. 15, 1876. She married Colin Sutherland, residing at Lot 16, Con. 3, West Zorra until they moved to Embro in 1930. They had one son, V Burns.
17. V Burns Sutherland (16) b. 1896. He married Annie Schofield, Reg. N., of Woodstock. Burns took a course at Woodstock Business College, later taking a position in Toronto, until he came home to take over his father's farm, where he resides. They have one daughter, VI Margaret Jean.
18. VI Margaret Jean Sutherland (17) b. Feb. 4, 1931.

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Helen McWilliam



James Smith

Helen McWilliam and James Smith were married at the home of her sister, Mrs. George McIntyre in Banffshire, Scotland, June 13, 1850. They spent a short honeymoon visiting the brothers and sisters of each. This honeymoon was not spent at a seaside resort in the glamour of grandeur. The transportation was entirely on foot. Mrs. Geddes, the eldest sister of James Smith, told the writer of their coming to visit her in her home, Cotton Hill, Banffshire; they had walked seven miles and, on leaving her, set out on a further journey of eleven miles, to another brother. It should be remembered that at this time even in Scotland there was no railroad, north of Aberdeen.

This modest honeymoon had in it a note of sadness, that neither of them fully realized. They went about visiting their relatives and friends and saying "Good-bye"—a good-bye which was to be forever, for neither of them ever returned to the native heath.

Their last night at home was spent with Mrs. McIntyre, the sister of Mrs. Smith, and on the following morning she walked down the road with them about a mile, to a small bridge. There the final parting took place, and this young couple, full of hope for the future, and with aspirations and expectations to return in a few years to the dear scenes of their youth, set out by horse and cart for Aberdeen, forty miles distant, where they were to set sail for the great unknown land of Canada

They were drawn to Canada and to Ontario, to Oxford, and to Zorra because Mrs. Smith's eldest sister, Mrs. David Innes had settled here four years before.

The making of a home in Scotland, with any prospects of success and to attain any reasonable standard of comfort, at this time, 1850, looked discouraging. This brave young couple, James Smith, of 29 and his 18 year old wife, had the fortitude to face this long, long journey into the wilds of the forests of Canada.

One condition of the passage on the sailing vessels—there were no steamers in those days—was that the passengers must bring with them their own food for the voyage; the water was supplied on the ship. The voyage took thirteen weeks ending at Montreal. During the long voyage, Mrs. Smith was seasick the greater part of the time and suffered very greatly. The water supply on the boat became stale from long storage and there was no where to rest, but to lie on the deck without couch or cushion. This voyage held so many horrors and terrible memories for the young bride, that she always vowed she would never return.

At Montreal they transferred to another sailing vessel with all their worldly possessions, a few small boxes, and money to the extent of \$300.00. This vessel took them to Hamilton, and there they loaded their luggage into a wagon and set out through the forest for the home of Mrs. David Innes, Lot 10, Con. 3, West Zorra, a journey of 70 miles.

The meeting of these sisters has not been recorded,

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but it is small play of the imagination to picture what the sight of a familiar face meant to the young bride, when she met and embraced her sister in her own home. There would be many a "crack" in front of the fireside, about the dear ones left behind in Scotland.

To adjust themselves to this new environment—to fit into this new life—to find their own niche—to map out a plan and path for the future, was now the work of this stalwart young couple, no time could be lost. Ambition was beating hard in their breasts, they must be up and doing; they had deft hands and willing hearts.

The first place where James Smith was employed was at the farm of Remember Thornton, South of Beachville, and for this work he was not paid in money, but received a cow, as pay for his labors.

But that ambition that was whetting them led them early to acquire a home of their own. They bought the north-east quarter of Lot 12, Con. 2, West Zorra. They paid thirty-five pounds, ten shillings for the fifty acres. James Smith received the Crown deed for this parcel of land, and set himself the task of clearing the forest and turning it into arable land. This farm had previously been taken up and there was a small log house and log barn there.

At this juncture the husband brought into play another of his acquired faculties. He had a fairly generous education for those days, at the Fordyce Academy, Banffshire, Scotland. This school was quite noted in his day and still is. A man by the name of Smith had it endowed with Bursaries which were to be given to children of the name of "Smith" who showed special aptitude and industry in their work. James had been given this bursary and was destined for a higher education, but had to interrupt this work because his eldest brother was not managing things well at home, and his Mother needed him. However, the education which he had, proved a real asset to him in Canada, for he went to Woodstock and tried the examination for school teacher; he passed this and got his certificate.

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He then was appointed teacher of the old log school north of Brooksdale, which was seven miles from his home. Here he taught for three years, three strenuous years. In the summer months he walked seven miles to his school, through the woods, taught school and walked back at night. Further, he worked his farm mornings and evenings, and in those days they had only a half holiday on Saturdays and two weeks in the summer.

These were very trying times too on the young Mother. In the summer, the husband would cut with the scythe, long into the moonlight nights, and the next day, she would bind this. In the long winter months she lived in their small log home with her wee children, and was dependent largely on the neighbours for protection.

As a young bride in Canada her life was saddened for it is recorded that she was not happy in this wild country and did not like it at all and did not feel that she could stay and yet facing her was the awful realization that she must—that she could not face again that voyage across the deep. This, with the thought that she had said good-bye forever, to all that was dear to her childhood, made life seem dull for the present and dark ahead. These feelings however, were sweetly tempered by the fact that her husband had liked Canada from the first, and as she had been the moving spirit in coming here, she used to tell in later years how thankful she was that it was she, and not her husband who found life so difficult. As the years went by, conditions began to improve. The advent of children in the home, cast her mind's eye forward instead of backward.

In 1853 John McWilliam and his wife, (Jessie Smith), arrived in Canada. In the fall of 1853 the younger brother James and his wife, (Betty Shearer), came and settled on a farm in Westminster, south of London. Accompanying them was his Father, George McWilliam, and the youngest sister Ann, afterwards Mrs. John Hamilton.

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What a reunion this must have been. Here was the whole family of McWilliams except Janet, Mrs. McIntyre, who was married in Scotland and their Mother who had died in 1847, and in addition the two members of the Smith family—James and Jessie. How interesting it would be to us now if we could but listen in on the occasion of their first visit together, here in this unbroken forest that must have looked so forbidding to their untrained hands. Their minds must have cast backward to all that they had left so dear in the old land, and yet to their young hopeful, and courageous hearts the vision was forward.—What of the future? In effect they had burned their bridges behind them, the wish to succeed, buttressed by the absolute necessity of succeeding, made their tasks take on a different hue and each branch of the family began at once, literally, to hue out for itself, a home in this bleak unknown country.

We must now after this short respite, when welcomes were being said, proceed to trace further the interesting life of this young couple James and Helen Smith, who had trusted their all in the firm confidence, well bolstered up by a very strong religious faith, that they could and would succeed. The early life of this young couple in Zorra was very strenuous and many instances of this were related to the family as they grew up. One of these told how in their earlier years when the husband was teaching school, they had bought a cow on the 6th line of Zorra, six miles distant and brought her home. In a day or two the cow was missing, and as the husband was teaching, the wife left her young family with the neighbours and trudged through the almost solid forest—the long six miles. Her labor was rewarded by finding the cow where it had been bought and she returned with it in triumph.

This young mother was very busy and knew nothing of leisure. Her Father bought her a small spinning-wheel and in the early days she spun with this wheel, all the yarn that made the entire clothing including the blankets, socks and mittens for the family. The wool was spun and sent to

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the weaver to be made into cloth, but the stockings and socks and mittens were all knitted by her own hands. Later as the family grew larger, a large spinning-wheel was procured and the eldest daughter, Jean, became very expert with this and with these two spinning-wheels the yarn for the whole family budget was spun. The family owe a great debt of gratitude to Jean. She was a second mother to them. She spun the yarn and became expert in sewing and made their dresses, suits and underwear from the wool of the sheep that were raised on the farm.

James Smith was a very fervent, devoted Christian. Just previous to his leaving Scotland, in 1847, was the disruption in the Presbyterian Church. He had taken an active part in this and brought all his fervor and religious devotion with him to Canada. This zeal was rewarded by his being appointed an Elder in Knox Church, Embro, about the year 1856. He held this office until his death in 1917. The duties of an Elder in those days entailed a great deal of work. There was the family visitation and review of the shorter Catechism, which was conducted regularly by the Elder in his district. This work along with the conducting of a local weekly prayer meeting, the visits at death beds, and wakes when religious services were conducted, all took much time and thoughtful preparation. In addition James Smith was a moving spirit in the organization of the Golspie Sunday School and for a period of about thirty years was the Superintendent of this School.

For many, many years the Season of Sacrament was celebrated quarterly and this meant service on the preparatory days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the following Monday was a day of thanksgiving. The Thursday was "Fast" day when no work was done, this was very faithfully observed, no matter how busy the season, all work ceased on this day.

Family worship was an institution in the home. The day was begun and ended with the reading of Scripture and Prayer. A blessing was asked before each meal and thanks

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returned after each meal. Such was the institution that James Smith and his wife Helen McWilliam founded in this new country. The log house where the whole family was born, and the subsequent home, "Glenness", were hallowed by much fervent prayer and the home was endeared to all the family as well as to many who knew so well its deeply religious character.

Leaving the eldest son James, on the homestead, in 1874 they purchased the Manse property, owned by Rev. Donald McKenzie, being Lot 10, Con. 6, West Zorra, known as "Glenness." The family lived here till 1904 when they moved to Embro. The farm "Glenness," was taken by Peter, the second to the youngest son, and he is still at this writing (1939) living on this farm.

This union was blessed by a large family—twelve in all—Jean, James, William, Jessie, George, Alex, Helen, John, Annie, Peter, David and Margaret. These all grew to manhood and womanhood. John died when twenty years of age. James lived to forty-three. William lived to sixty-five. George died at seventy-three and Jessie aged seventy-six. Margaret died in 1938 at the age of sixty-two. James and Helen Smith celebrated their golden wedding on June 13th, 1900, when they were each presented with a gold watch by the members of the family.

Mrs. Smith lived a full life, devoted to her home, and her family. She was a dominant figure, widely known for her hospitality. She gave freely of her time, to help those in need of it. She died one year after retiring from "Glenness" to live in Embro, on July 5th, 1905. One who knew her well, said of her; "She was a great woman, and she never knew it."

James Smith lived to the ripe old age of ninety-six. His mind remained alert, and his interest in the affairs of the world was as keen as ever. His religious fervor and his power in prayer deepened as life came nearer to a close. His trust was implicit and beautifully simple. He died on May 21, 1917.

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Helen McWilliam - James Smith

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2. II Helen McWilliam (1) b. Nov. 8, 1831, d. July 5, 1905. On June 13, 1850, she married James Smith b. Jan. 6, 1821, d. May 21, 1917. Their twelve children were III Jean, III James, III William, III Jessie, III George, III Alexander, III Helen, III John, III Annie, III Peter, III David, III Margaret.
3. III Jean Smith (2) b. Dec. 20, 1851, has been a second mother to the rest of the family and lived at home till her brother George's first wife died. She then went to his home and cared for his children for several years. After her brother James died she and Helen carried on the farm business on the original homestead until 1914, when they moved to Embro to live with their Father and sisters Annie and Margaret.
4. III James Smith (2) b. Aug. 14 1854, farmed the homestead Lots 12 and 13, Con. 2, West Zorra. He died Jan. 1, 1897, following a long illness.
5. III William Smith (2) b. Jan. 16, 1856, d. March 5, 1922, married Sept. 14, 1880 to Annie Macdonald who died Feb. 4, 1934, aged 72 years. They lived for several years on the farm of the late Dr. Adams, Dover township, near Chatham. Later they farmed Lot 3, Con. 4, West Nissouri. They had eight children IV James Byron McWilliam, IV John Webster, IV Marion Campbell, IV William Fram, IV Helen Jean, IV Macdonald, IV Ralph McGregor, IV Evelyn Blanche.

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6. IV James Byron McWilliam Smith (5) b. Mar. 29, 1883, married Daisy Ware Wills June 30, 1917. Byron has served many years as engineer on the C.N.R. Their home is in London and their four children are V Lillian Bernice, V June Eleanor, V Ross Macdonald, V Bruce Byron.
7. V Lillian Bernice Smith (6) b. May 17, 1921, is attending Sir Adam Beck Collegiate, London.
8. V June Eleanor Smith (6) b. June 3, 1923, is attending London Technical School.
9. V Ross Macdonald Smith (6) b. Jan. 12, 1926.
10. V Bruce Byron Smith (6) b. July 18, 1929.
11. IV John Webster Smith (5) b. June 20, 1891, is purchasing agent for the London Life Insurance Company in London where he resides.
12. IV Marion Campbell Smith (5) b. April 29, 1893, married May 14, 1927, Dr. Frank Saunders Radway, Dentist. They live in London.
13. IV William Fram Smith (5) b. Nov. 2, 1895, served overseas with Canadian Army, wounded at Passchendale, now living in London where he operates a Golf School.
14. IV Helen Jean Smith (5) b. Oct. 13, 1897. Since her graduation from Victoria Hospital School of Nursing in 1923, she has been engaged in private duty nursing in London.
15. IV Macdonald Smith (5) b. April 28, 1901, was graduated from S.P.S. University of Toronto in 1928. Mac is living in Nova Scotia.
16. IV Ralph MacGregor Smith (5) b. May 20, 1904, works on a farm in Nissouri.
17. IV Evelyn Blanche Smith (5) b. April 27, 1907, lives at home in London.

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18. III Jessie Smith (2) b. Mar. 1, 1858, d. July 1, 1934. Following the removal of the family to "Glenness" she lived in the old home with her brother James until her marriage, April 3, 1878 to Wm. McCorquodale b. Feb. 16, 1853, d. July 2, 1923. He died after two days' illness following a stroke. She passed away following two days' illness from a heart attack. Their nine children were IV Isabella, IV Helen, IV Alexander, IV Annie Jane, IV James Smith, IV William John, IV Donald George, IV Sarah Euphemia, IV Jessie Margaret (twins).
19. IV Isabella (Belle) McCorquodale (18) b. June 5, 1879, married George Adams Glendinning June 20, 1905. They farmed Lot 16, Con. 2, West Zorra. Following one days' illness, she died Aug. 4, 1910, leaving two young sons V Alexander Thomas and V George William McCorquodale.
20. V Alexander Thomas Glendinning (19) b. May 11, 1909, married Dorothy Forbes of Braemar Sept. 26, 1936. Alex is an undertaker in Plattsville. They have one son VI William George Alexander.
21. VI William George Alexander Glendinning (20) b. July 30, 1937, is the first born in the sixth generation of the Smith Branch.
22. V George William McCorquodale Glendinning (19) b. July 22, 1910. George was only two weeks old when his mother died so he was reared by his McCorquodale grandparents. He lived at "Scotch Thistle Lodge" until June 1, 1937, when he married Margaret Ross of Youngsville. They farmed Lot 25, Con. 4, for one year and then moved to the Glendinning homestead to farm with his father and uncles.
23. IV Helen (Ellie) McCorquodale (18) b. Jan. 2, 1881, taught school at Braemar for four years with an initial salary of \$260. in 1900. She married Willis John Burton of Hickson Sept. 25, 1907. They farmed Lot

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- 19, Con. 15, East Zorra until 1919, they moved to their present farm Lot 6, Highway 19, near Woodstock.
24. IV Alexander McCorquodale (18) b. Oct. 30, 1883, d. Feb. 2, 1894 after an illness of two days from diphtheria.
 25. IV Annie Jane McCorquodale (18) b. Feb. 19, 1888, d. Feb. 11, 1894 from diphtheria.
 26. IV James Smith McCorquodale (18) b. Mar. 4, 1891, married Mabel G. Phillips, teacher of Hickson, Oct. 23, 1918. They are farming Lot 18, Con. 2, West Zorra and had three daughters V Ethel Jean, V Isabel Helen, V Jessie Marilyn.
 27. V Ethel Jean McCorquodale (26) b. Feb. 6, 1921, is a 1938 graduate of Embro Continuation School.
 28. V Isabel Helen McCorquodale (26) b. Mar. 5, 1924, d. Feb. 1, 1928, after a short illness from diphtheria.
 29. V Jessie Marilyn McCorquodale (26) b. Aug. 19, 1931.
 30. IV William John McCorquodale (18) b. Sept. 18, 1893. He and Donald and Jessie are farming the old home "Scotch Thistle Lodge", Lots 17 and 18, Con. 1, West Zorra.
 31. IV Donald George McCorquodale (18) b. April 21, 1897. Don is farming at "Scotch Thistle Lodge."
 32. IV Sarah Euphemia McCorquodale (18) b. April 2, 1899, married Arthur Randolph Webber of Hickson, June 22, 1921. They are farming the old Webber homestead Lot 27, Highway 19, and specialize in apples.
 33. IV Jessie Margaret McCorquodale (18) b. April 2, 1899, is living with Will and Don at "Scotch Thistle Lodge". These three young people are carrying on

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- the well known hospitable home built by worthy parents.
34. III George Smith (2) b. June 11, 1860, married Dec. 25, 1889 to Margaret Innes of Brooksdale, who died June 22, 1899 aged thirty-two years. Their five children were IV Wilbert John, IV Helen McWilliam, IV James Innes, IV Mary Leid. IV Maggie. On June 13, 1907, George Smith married Mrs. Margaret McDonald Innes of Brooksdale. They had one daughter IV Annie Jean. Their farm home was Lot 24, Con. 3, West Zorra. In 1926 they retired to Embro. He died June 13, 1933, from blood poison, caused by a thorn prick while pruning a rose bush.
 35. IV Wilbert John Smith (34) b. Oct. 22, 1890,, married Annie Irene McCorquodale June 26, 1918. They are farming Lot 30, Con. 4, West Zorra and have three children V George Alexander, V Helen Elizabeth, V Una Annetta.
 36. V George Alexander Smith (35) b. April 23, 1919. Alex is farming.
 37. V Helen Elizabeth Smith (35) b. March 1, 1927.
 38. V Una Annetta Smith (35) b. Dec. 2, 1930.
 39. IV Helen McWilliam (Ellie) Smith (34) b. Aug. 5, 1892, married Lorne McLeod of Harrington, June 24, 1914. They are farming Lot 33, Con. 4, West Zorra and their six children are V Raymond Hugh, V Lorna Helen, V Georgina Janet, V Jean Evelyn, V Edward Bruce, V McKenzie Arthur.
 40. V Raymond Hugh McLeod (39) b. April 15, 1915, is a 1937 graduate from Stratford Normal School. He is teaching near Espanola.
 41. V Lorna Helen McLeod (39) b. Sept. 24, 1916.
 42. V Georgina Janet McLeod (39) b. Nov. 2, 1918.

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43. V Jean Evelyn McLeod (39) b. Aug. 26, 1920.
44. V Edward Bruce McLeod (39) b. June 18, 1922.
45. V McKenzie Arthur McLeod (39) b. Feb. 9, 1925.
46. IV James Innes Smith (34) b. June 21, 1894, married Marie Anna Herman of Downie, April 21, 1926. They are farming the home place Lot 24, Con. 3, West Zorra and have one daughter, V Reta Minerva.
47. V Reta Minerva Smith (46) b. Aug. 26, 1928.
48. IV Mary Leid (May) Smith (34) b. April 6, 1896, married Nolan Morris of Harrington June 18, 1919. They are farming Lot 28, Con. 3, West Zorra and have two children, V Gordon Innes, V Madeleine Margaret.
49. V Gordon Innes Morris (48) b. Aug. 20, 1920, is farming at home. He is a talented piper, having won the silver trophy at the Caledonia games in Embro July 1, 1937.
50. V Madeleine Margaret Morris (48) b. July 25, 1926. Madeleine is a Scotch dancer.
51. IV Maggie Smith (34) b. April 6, 1899. Following her Mother's early death, she became one of the family at "Glenness". She taught school for several years and is now living in Embro with her Aunties. Her hobby is music.
52. IV Annie Jean Smith (34) b. April 20, 1908, is living with her Mother and is Principal of Embro Public School.
53. III Alexander Smith (2) b. Sept. 13, 1862, married Margaret Lambe of Arkona Sept. 21, 1892. They farmed "Gordon Bush" farm Lot 11, Con. 6, West Zorra till they moved to Embro in 1926. Their five children are IV William Burns, IV Alexander Gordon, IV James Gilbert, IV Francis Lambe, IV Helen Margaret.

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54. IV William Burns Smith (53) b. Sept. 20, 1893, married Susie A. Richardson, teacher from St. Marys, Jan 1, 1918. They farmed for several years Lot 9, Con. 14, East Zorra. They are now living in Woodstock and have one son William Reid.
55. V William Reid Smith (54) b. Mar. 5, 1920, is a 1938 graduate of Woodstock Collegiate Institute. Reid is attending London Normal School.
56. IV Alexander Gordon Smith (53) b. Aug. 27, 1895, married Rhoda May Ross of Innerkip June 2, 1917. Gordon is a prominent Mason. They are farming Lot 9, Con. 16, East Zorra and have four daughters V Norma Jean, V Dorothy Helen, V Rhoda Elaine, V Margaret Annabelle.
57. V Norma Jean Smith (56) b. May 21, 1920, is a 1938 graduate of Woodstock Collegiate Institute. Norma is attending Stratford Normal School and studying music.
58. V Dorothy Helen Smith (56) b. May 21, 1924, attends Innerkip Continuation School.
59. V Rhoda Elaine Smith (56) b. Dec. 17, 1929.
60. V Margaret Annabelle Smith (56) b. Nov. 17, 1934.
61. IV James Gilbert Smith (53) b. June 9, 1898, married Marion Munroe of Embro, June 16, 1920. After farming for several years they moved to Embro. James is a mail-carrier. They had four children V Elizabeth Margaret, V Alvin Munroe, V Ruth Helen, V Alexander Charles.
62. V Elizabeth Margaret Smith (61) b. Feb. 14, 1922, d. Feb. 14, 1922.
63. V Alvin Munroe Smith (61) b. Nov. 23, 1925, d. Nov. 29, 1925.
64. V Ruth Helen Smith (61) b. July 7, 1927.

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65. V Alexander Charles Smith(61) b. Oct. 8, 1932, d. Oct. 12, 1932.
66. IV Francis Lambe Smith (53) b. Sept. 9, 1902, married Jean Cormack of Maplewood Nov. 18, 1926. They are farming Lot 11, Con. 6, West Zorra and have three children V Margaret Elizabeth, V William Alexander, V Donna Jean.
67. V Margaret Elizabeth Smith (66) b. Sept. 7, 1928.
68. V William Alexander Smith (66) b. Jan. 6, 1930.
69. V Donna Jean Smith (66) b. Sept. 10, 1933.
70. IV Helen Margaret Smith B.A. (53) b. May 16, 1909, is a 1932 graduate of Western University and Faculty of Education. She began her teaching career at Bond's Corners. After teaching two years in Mohawk Institute, Brantford, she joined the staff of Coldwater Continuation School in 1938.
71. III Helen (Nellie) Smith (2) b. Sept. 18, 1864, lived on the original homestead, 2nd line, until 1914 when she came to live with her Father and sisters in Embro.
72. III John Smith (2) b. Nov. 25, 1866, d. Aug. 14, 1887 following a long illness.
73. III Annie Smith (2) b. April 4, 1869, moved from "Glenness" to Embro in 1904 where she still lives.
74. III Peter Smith (2) b. Nov. 20, 1871, married Agnes Geddes, teacher of Embro, Feb. 2, 1905. Several of the Smith family are musical, Annie, Peter and Margaret were members of the choir in Knox Church, Embro for over forty years. Peter was choirmaster for many years. These three and their youngest brother David sang a great deal locally and were known as "The Smith Quartet." Peter and his wife are farming at "Glenness" and have four children IV McWilliam

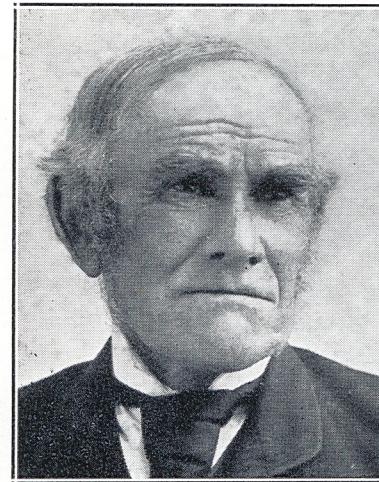
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- Geddes, IV Anna Margaret, IV Effie Sutherland, IV William David.
75. IV McWilliam Geddes Smith (74) b. Feb. 11, 1906, married Hazel Mae Hewitson, Lindsay, April 9, 1932. After working some years in a creamery, Mac, entered the Insurance business. He now has charge of the Tillsonburg district for the Mutual Life. Their two children are V Joan Winnifred, V Shirley Anne.
76. V Joan Winnifred Smith (75) b. Oct. 29, 1933.
77. V Shirley Anne Smith (75) b. Feb. 4, 1935.
78. IV Anna Margaret Smith (74) b. May 2, 1909. After graduating from Woodstock Collegiate Institute and Westervelt Business College, Anna entered the Civil Service in the office of Westminster Hospital. Later she was in the Post-office Department in London until she transferred to the Department of Public Works in Ottawa where she still lives.
79. IV Effie Sutherland Smith (74) A.T.C.M., b. July 24, 1910. After attending Woodstock Collegiate Institute and securing her Degree in Music, Effie took a business course and went to Detroit. She is now employed in the office of the Michigan Alkali Co., Wyandotte, Mich.
80. IV William David Smith (74) b. July 2, 1919, is farming with his father at "Glenness", David is a talented musician, having won a silver medal as a Baritone soloist at Woodstock Muscial Festival in 1935 and again at Stratford Musical Festival in 1938.
81. III David Smith M.B. (2) b. Feb. 18, 1873, attended Woodstock Collegiate Institute and taught school at Bennington for four years. He was a 1902 graduate in Medicine from the University of Toronto. He spent 1904-05 studying in the British Isles and received the degree L.R.C.P. & S. Edinburgh and L.F.S. Glasgow. Returning to Canada he practised medicine in Strat-

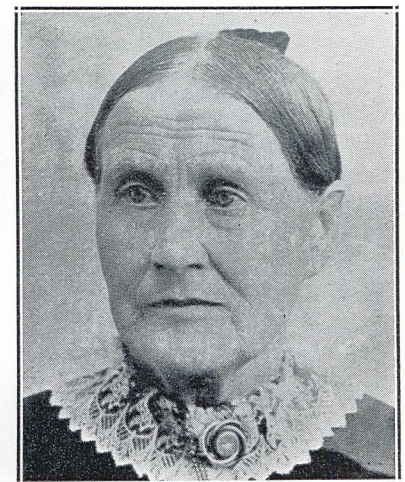
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ford. In 1915 he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps and for three years was commanding officer of the Hospital and A.M.C. training Depot in London. He went overseas in 1918 as M.O. in the 1st Canadian Tank Battalion. He returned to Canada in 1920 and resumed his practice in Stratford. In 1923 he was made a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and for the past thirteen years has been on the examining Board of the Dominion Medical Council. On May 17, 1927, he married Sarah Isabel (Aillie) Mickle, a former Superintendent of Stratford General Hospital.

82. III Margaret Smith (2) b. Aug. 18, 1875, d. Feb. 25, 1938, lived at "Glenness" until she moved with her parents to Embro in 1904. She passed away in Stratford Hospital following an operation.



John McWilliam



Janet (Jessie) Smith

John McWilliam, the eldest son of George McWilliam and Jane Loban, was born on April 14th, 1825. He married Janet (Jessie) Smith whom he met at the wedding of her brother, James Smith, to his sister, Helen McWilliam, in 1850. They, themselves, were married three years later, on April 14th., 1853 and immediately sailed from Portsoy, Scotland, for Canada with a small supply of household effects and eighty pounds in money. They were six weeks on the water and she was ill during all of the voyage. They settled first in London, Ontario, living on Horton St., near the corner of Richmond St. He was employed for a time in a grocery store, then with the Great Western Division of the Grand Trunk Railway. In London, he suffered from the dread disease, Asiatic Cholera, but amazingly recovered. This may have been in 1854 as the last severe epidemic of Cholera is recorded in the history of London in that year. This disease made its first appearance in Canada in 1832 being brought into this country by immigrant ships from

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England and Ireland. There were several epidemics in the summer months of the next few years, when hundreds of people died.

During their residence in London, Mrs. McWilliam, too, had a severe illness some time after the birth of their oldest son. It was a sort of fever not unlike Cholera and she evidently was not expected to recover for she afterwards told of her brother, James Smith, of Embro, and her brother-in-law, James McWilliam, of Westminster, coming on the same day to offer assistance, each telling her, "I'll take the boy." Though only partly conscious at the time she remembered being both relieved and amused. Happily, she too recovered.

Mr. McWilliam's health was impaired by his severe illness and upon the advice of a physician they left the city and moved to Beachville, where for a short time, he was employed in Hook's Mill. Then they moved to a farm, Lot 12, Con. 2, West Zorra, near the James Smith home, afterwards going to Lot 8 and then to Lot 7 on the town-line between East Nissouri and West Zorra. This farm was four miles from the Smith home and the two families spent Christmas and New Year's together. An interesting incident is the story of one Christmas when neither family had had news of the other and no arrangement for Christmas had been made. Each family started out to visit the other and met on the way. The Smiths turned back and Christmas was kept at their home. After this, Christmas was kept at McWilliam's and New Year's at Smith's, the gatherings continuing for over forty years.

The McWilliams were members of the Congregational Church in Embro, from the time of its inception.

John McWilliam died on the homestead on December 2nd., 1898. His wife and youngest daughter, Helen, then moved to Thamesford where Janet Smith McWilliam passed away on November 8th., 1912. She and her husband are buried in North Embro Cemetery.

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John McWilliam - Janet "Jessie" Smith

1. I George McWilliam, b. May 6, 1784, d. Aug. 10, 1863. Married Jane Loban (d. 1847), had six children II Margaret, II Janet, II John, II James, II Helen, II Ann. Of these, all but Janet came to Canada.
2. II John McWilliam (1) b. Apr. 14, 1825, d. Dec. 2, 1898, married Janet (Jessie) Smith, April 14, 1853. Their seven children were III John, III Jean, III James, III Alex, III Jessie, III Helen, III George.
3. III John McWilliam, M.D. (2) b. July 9, 1854, d. Feb. 10, 1926. Married Jessie Bruce Petrie of Ingersoll, July 16, 1887. He was born in London but by the time he was old enough to attend school, they had moved to the farm in Oxford County and he and his younger brothers and sisters received their primary education at the Holiday school. He later attended the Toronto Normal School, taught for a few years in Thamesford, then attended and graduated as Gold Medalist from Trinity Medical College Toronto, in 1880, later securing the degree of L.R.C.P. and S. in Edinburgh. He practiced medicine in Thamesford for twenty-five years. In 1906, he moved to the city of London where he was in active practice for twenty years. He and his wife are buried in the Anglican Cemetery in Thamesford. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. The surviving children are IV Jessie Smith, IV George Bruce Petrie, IV John Malcolm.
4. IV Jessie Smith McWilliam (3) b. Sept. 30, 1889, is a graduate of the London Normal School and is now on the staff of the Lady Beck Public School in London.
5. IV George Bruce Petrie McWilliam (3) b. Dec. 30, 1895, married Margaret Sarah McKay of Dorches-

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- ter July 1, 1920. Upon graduating from the London Collegiate Institute, he enlisted with the C.A.M.C. during the Great War and spent some time with the forces in Siberia. He is a salesman in Strathroy.
6. IV John Malcolm McWilliam, M.D. (3) b. Aug. 25, 1900, married Mary Elizabeth McFarlane of Lambeth, July 16, 1927. He graduated from the Medical College of Western University, London and is practicing medicine in Toledo, Ohio. Their children are V John Alexander and V Janet Ellen.
 7. V John Alexander McWilliam (6) b. Feb. 28, 1930.
 8. V Janet Ellen McWilliam (6) b. Apr. 4, 1934.
 9. III Jean McWilliam (2) b. Aug. 14, 1857, d. Apr. 6, 1933, married Hugh McDonald, Dec. 14, 1881. They lived on Lot 13, Con. 13, East Nissouri. She passed away following an illness extending over several years. Mr. McDonald died in 1920. They had a family of four sons IV James Alexander, IV John McWilliam, IV George Oliver, IV Robert Hugh.
 10. IV James Alexander McDonald (9) b. Nov. 4, 1882, is farming on the homestead, Lot. 13, Con. 13, East Nissouri.
 11. IV John McWilliam McDonald, M.D. (9), b. Aug. 20, 1889, married Hazel Hoffman Reg. N. of Niagara Falls, Nov. 4, 1933. After graduating from the London Normal School, he taught school for a few years and then attended Toronto Medical College. During the Great War, he attained the title of Captain in the C.A.M.C. and was sent to China to convoy Chinese Labour Troops to France. He practiced medicine in Niagara Falls for several years and is now with the Department of Public Health in Baltimore, Md.
 12. IV George Oliver McDonald, M.D. (9) b. Dec. 6, 1892, married Winnifred Gooding, Reg. N. of Kenora. He graduated from the Ingersoll Collegiate with hon-

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- ours, and from the London Normal School, taught school for a time and then attended Toronto Medical College. He is now practicing Medicine in Detroit.
13. IV Robert Hugh McDonald, M.D. (9) b. Oct. 19, 1895, married Kathleen C. Smith of Dundas, Oct. 24, 1925. He also taught school for a few years and later graduated from Toronto Medical College where he won the George Brown Memorial Scholarship. He is a diagnostician with the Crile Clinic in Cleveland.
 14. III James McWilliam (2) b. in the year 1859, d. Sept. 28, 1934. He farmed a few miles from his parent's home at Lot 18, Con. 12, East Nissouri. He was in the Township Council for three years, one year as Reeve. He passed away after one day's illness.
 15. III Alex McWilliam (2) b. in the year 1861, married Sena Solberg of Minnesota in 1910. He is a farmer living near McIntosh, Minn. There are three children. IV John Wilfred, IV Beatrice M., IV Allen.
 16. IV John Wilfred McWilliam (15) b. in the year 1911, is farming in Minnesota. In June, 1938, he was married to Margaret Hanson of Fosston, Minn.
 17. IV Beatrice M. McWilliam (15) b. in the year 1914 is a graduate of the McIntosh schools and teaches school near her home.
 18. IV Allen McWilliam (15) b. in the year 1918, is farming with his father near McIntosh, Minn.
 19. III Jessie McWilliam (2) b. Apr. 18, 1863, married A. G. Sutherland of Lakeside March 11, 1908. She was a graduate of Toronto Normal School and taught at the home school at Holiday for a number of years before her marriage. She and her husband farmed Lot 21, Con. 12, East Nissouri until 1916 when they moved to Thamesford. Mr. Sutherland died in 1925.
 20. III Helen McWilliam (2) b. Aug. 3, 1865, remain-

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ed with her parents on the farm. After her father's death, she moved with her mother to Thamesford where she now lives.

21. III George McWilliam (2) b. Sept. 18, 1868, married Annie Mooney, Sept. 12, 1900. They are farming on the homestead, Lots 7 and 8 on the Townline between East Nissouri and West Zorra. They had nine children, one of whom, George Mooney McWilliam died in infancy. The remaining children are IV John Alexander, IV Allen Ross, IV Jessie Mary, IV Frank McIntosh, IV James Wilfred, IV Bruce Philip, IV Ross Edward, IV Kenneth Angus.
22. IV John Alexander McWilliam (21) b. Oct. 12, 1901, married Doris E. Wilson of Windsor Aug. 14, 1935. After graduating from the London Normal School, he taught for a time at Cody's School, West Zorra, and is now Supervising Principal of four schools in School Section No. 5, Sandwich East. They have one daughter V Janet Helen.
23. V Janet Helen McWilliam (22) b. Feb. 18, 1937.
24. IV Allen Ross McWilliam (21) b. Jan. 21, 1905, married Bernice I. Nancekivell of Ingersoll, Feb. 22, 1930. They lived in Ingersoll until 1938 when they moved to their present home in Brantford, Allen is with the Imperial Oil Co. They have three children. V Wilson Allen, V Margaret Anne, V George Glenn.
25. V Wilson Allen McWilliam (24) b. Jan. 7, 1931.
26. V Margaret Anne McWilliam (24) b. July 27, 1936.
27. V George Glenn McWilliam (24) b. June 18, 1938.
28. IV Jessie Mary McWilliam (21) b. Apr. 21, 1906, married Andrew W. Little, Apr. 4, 1936. They are farming, Lot 5, Con. 2, West Zorra, near Walker's School and have one daughter V Barbara Anne.

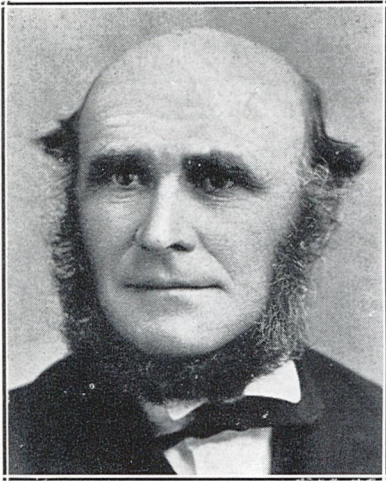
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29. V Barbara Anne Little (28) b. July 17, 1938.
30. IV Frank McIntosh McWilliam (21) b. July 3, 1907, is with his parents on the homestead, Lots 7 and 8 on the townline.
31. IV James Wilfred McWilliam (21) b. Nov. 4, 1908, is with the Royal Bank in Toronto, March 25, 1939 he married Lena May Judd of Toronto.
32. IV Bruce Philip McWilliam (21) b. Nov. 25, 1910, is farming with his parents.
33. IV Ross Edward McWilliam (21) b. July 19, 1914, is attending the School of Pharmacy in Toronto.
34. IV Kenneth Angus McWilliam (21) b. Aug. 8, 1920, is attending Business College in Windsor.

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where his advice was frequently sought. He became a local oracle in matters of advice to his neighbours. He was of a retiring nature and would not accept any public office, though often urged to do so. He said, "It saves you a lot of bother not to be in public office."

He died at the age of 91 and is buried in Woodland Cemetery, London.



James McWilliam



Elizabeth Shearer

James McWilliam and his young wife Elizabeth Shearer came to Canada in 1853. He brought with him his father, George McWilliam, and his youngest sister, Ann, who afterwards married John Hamilton.

James had lived on the farm in Scotland and spent several years with his Uncle James at Maisley. He would refer in later years to his experience with his Uncle and prized it highly for the early training that he acquired in a business way. He used to accompany his Uncle on his business ventures, and so acquired a knowledge of values that helped him in later life.

After coming to Canada he bought a farm in Westminster Township, three miles south of London. He lived on this farm for many years and when he was no longer able to look after it, retired to a home in London. His early training was further developed and his native shrewdness brought him in touch with some of the financial institutions

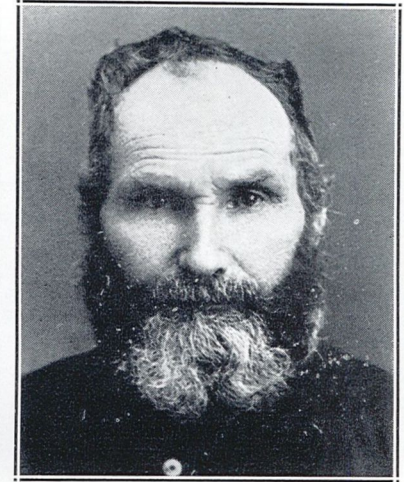
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James McWilliam - Elizabeth Shearer

1. I George McWilliam of Scotland, b. May 6th, 1784, d. Aug. 10th, 1863. He married Jane Loban who died in 1847. They had six children II Margaret, II Janet, II John, II James, II Helen, II Ann. Of these all but Janet came to Canada.
2. II James McWilliam (1) b. 1826, d. Feb. 28th, 1917. He married Elizabeth (Betty) Shearer of Scotland, who died Mar. 29th, 1882 aged 58 years. He died thirty-five years later, aged 91 years.



Ann McWilliam



John Hamilton

Ann McWilliam was the youngest child of George and Jane (Loban) McWilliam. She was born at Airdemanoch Farm, Parish of Cairnie, Banffshire, Scotland, September 3rd, 1833. Her mother died in 1847 and in 1853 she came with her father, brother James and his wife to Canada, visiting the homes of sisters and brother who had preceded them to Zorra. They were fifteen weeks on the voyage in a sailing ship and she often said she would have walked all the way back if it were not for the salt sea. She secured employment in domestic service and while in Beachville met John Hamilton.

John Hamilton was born near the city of Glasgow, Scotland, September 19th, 1829, the fifth child of a courier John Hamilton, and his wife Catherine Taylor. This family emigrated in 1831 to Canada and settled on a bush farm in McNab township, County of Renfrew near the town of Renfrew. The land was stoney and hard to clear so they had great difficulty in securing a livelihood. In 1840, while

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operating a stumping machine, the father was seriously injured and soon after died, leaving his widow and eleven children to face the trials of pioneer life. The whole family having to work, there was little opportunity to acquire an education. John attended school about eighteen months only, and in his early teens formed an intimate acquaintance with a neighbour family named Forrest. As they had a library John was able to read widely of good literature. Before his 21st year, he had spent several winters in the lumber camps or assisting at saw mills. The life of the bush and river did not appeal to him and hearing from his friend Wm. Forrest, who was now teaching school in Embro, he set out for Western Ontario in the early summer of 1851. He secured work with a farmer near Embro at \$12.00 per month and out of this had to pay \$9.00 per month for his board. In September he hired with a miller named Hook at Beachville; while working there he met his future wife, Ann McWilliam.

They were married in June 1855, by the Rev. John Scott of First Church, London. They had about \$200.00 saved, with which they bought a house and lot in Beachville. Here the three eldest children John, Catherine and Andrew were born. In 1861 they moved to Ingersoll where he worked for Mr. Carroll. Annie was born there in 1862. Later they moved to Tillsonburg where he had charge of a mill for Messrs J. & M. Smith. Here the three younger children were born Jessie, George and William. In the fall of 1871 Smith's mill was burned and John Hamilton again obtained employment with Mr. Carroll in Ingersoll. Shortly after this he bought a mill in Burford but his wife's health was not good so he sold out and bought the Glasgow Mills on Clear Creek on the west side of the town of Tillsonburg.

In 1882 this mill underwent a thorough overhauling both in regard to building and plant and for 16 months he and his son John conducted a profitable and growing flour shipping business, in addition to the local custom trade.

In July 1884 three days of torrential rains turned the stream into a mad swirling flood which swept away the

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milldam and with it the new mill, totally wrecked. The debris was scattered far and wide over the valley. Fortunately no lives were lost but their escape was miraculous. Nothing in the memory of his family more clearly revealed the father's character and Christian faith than the events of that morning. As the family were gathered about the breakfast table he remarked "We will not be very busy today. Let us sing a hymn." He chose Cowper's lines, beginning,—

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm".

He raised the tune of Dunfermline. The rest tried to follow but one after the other broke down in tears. He sang it through to those last lines.

"God is His own interpreter
And He will make it plain."

With the destruction of the mill all the savings of a life time were gone. Taking advantage of the Bankruptcy Act they settled with their creditors paying fifty cents on the dollar but during the years that followed they had the satisfaction of paying the 'balance, with interest, to every creditor. It was twenty-two years before the last man was paid. The citizens of Tillsonburg presented the mother with a purse of over \$500.00. while the millers of Ontario raised a subscription of over \$300.00. With these gifts as a beginning they entered a partnership with John Harrison of Parkhill, Ontario, operating the steam-driven flour and chopping mill there. In 1887 the Harrison mill was transferred to the Roller Process and their son John assumed charge; the father and mother returned to the scenes of their early life and bought the Scotia Mills south of Embro. Here they spent the remaining years of their lives; John passing June 9th, 1904 and Ann February 20th, 1909. In their declining years they were very tenderly cared for by their eldest daughter Kate.

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Ann McWilliam - John Hamilton

1. I George McWilliam b. May 6th, 1784, d. August 10th, 1863. He married Jane Loban who died in 1847. They had six children II Margaret, II Janet, II John, II James, II Helen, II Ann. All but Janet came to Canada.
2. II Ann McWilliam (1) b. Sept. 3rd, 1833 at Banffshire, Scotland, d. at Embro Feb. 20th, 1909. Married John Hamilton b. Sept. 19, 1829, d. June 6th, 1904. They were married in June 1855 and had seven children III John, III Catherine Jane, III Andrew, III Annie, III Jessie Loban, III George, III William Taylor.
3. III John Hamilton (2) b. Dec. 20, 1856 and on Sept. 27, 1882, he married Mary Moran b. Dec. 1, 1856. He operated a flour and rolling mill in Parkhill. The mill burned so he moved to Woodstock and took over the East End Flour & Feed Mill. His wife had poor health so they moved to a higher elevation at Shelburne where he had a flax and flour mill, later retiring from the milling business to become town treasurer. They had two children IV Jeanetta, IV Mary Moran.
4. IV Jeanetta (Jean) Hamilton (3) b. at Woodstock Sept. 24, 1883 and died unmarried at Shelbourne Feb. 10, 1906.
5. IV Mary Moran (Mayme) Hamilton (3) b. at Parkhill April 20, 1885, on Sept. 3, 1908 at Shelbourne she married John Mills b. Aug. 24, 1875, d. Mar. 11, 1934. John managed a store at Creemore later moving to Toronto where he died following a stroke. Mayme is now staff superintendent and purchasing agent at the Kitchener Y.W.C.A. There are two children V

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Jean Hamilton, V Mary Helen.

6. V Jean Hamilton Mills (5) b. Aug. 12, 1912. Studied at University of Toronto and taught school in that city. On July 2, 1938, she married Alliston M. Anderson, M.D., now practicing at Thorold, Ont.
7. V Mary Helen Mills (5) b. Jan. 28, 1918 at Creemore, now in Toronto doing secretarial work.
8. III Catherine Jane (Kate) Hamilton (2) b. at Beachville April 7, 1858, d. March 7, 1931. She was a dressmaker and designer and superintended dress departments in Parkhill, Woodstock and Chicago, Ill., returning to Canada to care for her father and mother at Scotia Mills, Embro. Following the passing of her parents she nursed her brother Andrew in his last long illness. She later lived with her sister Mrs. George Hart and died in Woodstock Hospital, following a long illness, resulting from a stroke.
9. III Andrew Hamilton (2) b. Jan. 24, 1859. He was a carriage blacksmith in Tillsonburg and Thamesford. He operated his father-in-law's farm near Dorchester and later milled at Scotia Mills, Embro, until his death on Nov. 19, 1914. He married Louise English (1869-1902) and had four children IV John English, IV Andrew Levingston, IV Fred, IV Vera. In December 1905 he married Annie Jane Lancaster and had three children IV Edwin, IV Walter, IV Arthur.
10. IV John English Hamilton (9) b. April 24, 1889. On Jan. 1, 1914, he married Susan Dixon Avis b. June 20, 1889. After working in a bank seven years he joined the staff of the International Harvester Co., of Winnipeg. He is now in charge of Marshall Wells Hardware Dept., Port Arthur. They have two children V Susan Louise, V Charlotte Avis.
11. V Susan Louise Hamilton (10) b. in Toronto April 5, 1915 and on Feb. 22, 1933, she married Regin-

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- ald Frederick Shapcotte b. Feb. 26, 1914. They have two children VI John William Richard, VI Gerald.
12. VI John William Richard Shapcotte (11) b. Jan. 17, 1934 at Port Arthur.
 13. VI Gerald Shapcotte (11) b. March 16, 1937.
 14. V Charlotte Avis Hamilton (10) b. Mar. 17, 1923 in Winnipeg, now living in Port Arthur.
 15. IV Andrew Levingston (Lev) Hamilton (9) b. April 2, 1891. He operated his father's mill at Embro for some years before entering the automobile industry in Detroit.
 16. IV Fred Hamilton (9) b. April 24, 1893, d. Aug. 26, 1904, from spinal meningitis.
 17. IV Vera Hamilton (9) b. Oct. 8, 1895, d. March 22, 1899, of Infantile paralysis.
 18. IV Edwin Gordon Hamilton (9) b. Dec. 10, 1905, working in the Automobile Industry in Detroit.
 19. IV Walter Scott Hamilton (9) b. March 21, 1907. Drowned at Scotia Mills, Jan. 29, 1912.
 20. IV Arthur Franklin Hamilton (9) b. July 13, 1910, is operating a trucking and contracting business in Woodstock.
 21. III Annie Hamilton (2) b. Jan. 20, 1862, in Ingersoll. After the death of her Aunt Elizabeth, James McWilliam's wife, in Westminster Township, she took charge of her Uncle's home until her marriage on Feb. 19, 1896 to Robert Marr b. March 6, 1857, d. May 16, 1934. He rented the farm of James McWilliam and later purchased it from the estate. Their son, Charles still resides on this farm. They had two children IV Charles Hamilton, IV Annie McWilliam.
 22. IV Charles Hamilton Marr (21) b. Jan. 23, 1897, farms near London on the former Jas. McWilliam

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- farm. On Sept. 17, 1924 he married Wilhelmina Lind who died May 25, 1932, leaving one child V Marguerite Leota. On June 11th, 1938 he married Jean Gartley of Wilton Grove.
23. V Marguerite Leota Marr (22) b. June 21, 1928.
 24. IV Annie McWilliam Marr (21) b. April 7th, 1899, is living with her mother near London.
 25. III Jessie Loban Hamilton (2) b. Mar. 4, 1866, at Tillsonburg and died at her home near Woodstock on Oct. 25, 1933 from a stroke. She taught school for several years and on Nov. 22, 1894 married George Hart b. Oct. 6, 1850. They farmed Lot 5, Con. 9, East Zorra, and had four children. IV Douglas Hamilton, IV Jean Isabel, IV Grizel Robson, IV George McWilliam.
 26. IV Douglas Hamilton Hart, B.S.A., (25) b. Jan. 26, 1896. Graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1922. Douglas farms Lots 9 and 10, Con. 12, East Zorra. He has won distinction showing grain at the larger exhibitions and has developed several world record Holstein cows. He married May 24, 1923, Alexandra Victoria Hoard, of Stirling, who was a graduate of MacDonald Institute. Their children are V Marian Hamilton, V Catherine Isabel, V Donald Wallace.
 27. V Marian Hamilton Hart (26) b. March 2, 1925, is attending Woodstock Collegiate Institute.
 29. V Donald Wallace Hart (26) b. Nov. 13, 1929.
 28. V Catherine Isabel Hart (26) b. Nov. 12, 1927.
 30. IV Jean Isabelle Hart, B.H.Sc. (25) b. July 17, 1898. Taught school then graduated from MacDonald Institute, Guelph, in 1927. After teaching six years at Halifax Ladies' College she received her degree from the University of Toronto in 1934. Jean is now on the staff of MacDonald Institute.

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31. IV Grizel Robson Hart (25) b. April 18, 1900. Taught Public school, graduated from MacDonald Institute, Guelph, in 1926, and taught household science in Toronto. On June 30, 1937 she married Andrew Hamilton Miller. They are living in Toronto where Hamilton is engaged in the advertising business.
32. IV George McWilliam Hart, B.S.A. (25) b. Dec. 13, 1904. Graduated from Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, in 1927. He is now farming at the old home Lot 5, Con. 9, East Zorra. On Jan. 1, 1939, at Bridgetown, N.S., he married Mary Allison Fitz-Randolph, B.A., graduate of Dalhousie University.
- 33.. III George McWilliam Hamilton (2) b. March 24, 1868, at Tillsonburg. He was a miller in Woodstock and Thamesford until his health failed. He then became Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission of Thamesford. On July 27, 1892, he married Alberta A. McLellan. They had three children IV Wilmer McWilliam, IV Helen Marjory, IV George Leighton.
34. IV Wilmer McWilliam Hamilton (33) b. April 17, 1894, worked in dry goods stores at Woodstock and St. Thomas. On Aug. 15, 1928, he married Mae Alberta Plummer of Woodstock. They are now living in Thamesford.
35. IV Helen Marjory Hamilton (33) b. Oct. 7, 1897. On Aug. 16, 1922, she married Garnet C. Francis who after teaching school entered the Insurance business at London, later moving to Owen Sound. They have one son V Donald.
36. V Donald Hamilton Francis (35) b. July 31, 1923.
37. IV George Leighton Hamilton (33) b. Nov. 17, 1900. He was an electrician and was killed in a motor accident on Jan. 23, 1931.
38. III Rev. William Taylor Hamilton (2) b. at Till-

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sonburg July 31, 1871. Taught Public School in Ontario and Saskatchewan. Studied in Manitoba University, graduating in Theology in 1906. Pastorates in British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba. Retired June 1937, now living in Woodstock, Ont. On June 18, 1907, he married Mary Aurilla Wright of Toronto.

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In spite of their strenuous lives, our pioneer ancestors were, with only one exception, spared their three-score years and ten. Five lived beyond four score years and two, beyond four score years and ten before their course was finished.

The first break in "The Maisley McWilliam" families in Canada came with the death of George McWilliam—the father of them all. He died in the John McWilliam home, Lot 8 on the town line, in 1863, ten years after his arrival in Canada.

Of generation II Elizabeth Shearer, wife of James McWilliam answered the final call in 1882 at the age of fifty-eight years, after only twenty-nine years in Canada. Two years later, in 1884 we record the death of David Innes, aged eighty-three years after thirty-eight years here. The next to be called was John McWilliam, in 1893 at the age of seventy-three years after forty-five years here. In 1904 John Hamilton passed away aged seventy-five years, having spent seventy-three of them in Canada. Helen McWilliam Smith was released after a severe illness in 1905 aged seventy-four years, fifty-five of them lived in Canada. Margaret McWilliam Innes, the first of the family to emigrate, passed away in 1907, aged eighty-nine years, sixty-one years after her arrival here. The youngest sister, Ann McWilliam Hamilton died in 1909 aged seventy-six years, fifty-six of them spent in Canada. In 1912 Janet (Jessie) Smith McWilliam passed peacefully away aged eighty-four years, fifty-nine years after her arrival here. The year of 1917 claimed the last two of generation II. In Feb. 1917 James McWilliam of Westminster died at the age of ninety-one

years, having been in Canada sixty-four years. In May 1917, James Smith, the last of the pioneers, was called to his long home at the wonderful age of ninety-six years, sixty-seven of them having been spent in the land of his adoption.

These eleven pioneers all rest in North Embro Cemetery, with the exception of James McWilliam and his wife Elizabeth Shearer who are buried in Woodland Cemetery, London.

Death is no respecter of persons and finally must envelope all. But to a life well-lived, Death should be but a Gateway to that fuller life beyond. In that spirit we say a Last Farewell to those whom we have loved and whom we hope to meet again where partings are no more forever.

To the memory of these our pioneer ancestors we dedicate this book.