

RANDOM NOTES

Mary McCall Mitchell was the youngest daughter of Elsie Simpson McCall and Donald McCall.

Elsie Simpson McCall, consort of Donald McCall, was a sister to Colonel David Simpson, maternal grandfather of General Ulysses Simpson Grant, who was 18th President of the United States.

Thomas Walsh Mitchell served his country during the William Lyon Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837-1838.

Ephraim Davis Mitchell, after a successful career of some years, with the Swift Canadian Co. of Winnipeg, enlisted in the Headquarters Staff of the 5th Artillery Brigade, in June, 1915 and went overseas in August of the same year. He trained, in England, in gunnery and signalling, and lost his life while on telephonist duty, in the Battle of the Somme, World War I.

Arol Bowes, a lad of fifteen, joined the Airforce in 1916, but did not get overseas.

Cyril Bowes, while working in a war plant at Dundas 1942-1945 gave twenty blood donations of 500 CC each receiving the blood donor's badge for his contributions.

Dr. William George Mitchell and his brother Dr. Cameron Mitchell graduated from a college of dentistry, in Chicago and afterwards practised there, but during the 'flu epidemic in 1918, Dr. Cameron contracted the disease and died. After his brother's death Dr. Bill returned to Canada and engaged in farming. He later became absorbed in the business of Flue Cured Tobacco growing, was a prominent member of the Flue Cured Tobacco Marketing Association and at the time of his death in 1940, from a heart ailment, held a large acreage of tobacco lands.

Grant McCall Mitchell also grows tobacco on a large

scale. Besides farming Grant has run the gamut of municipal honors, from school trustee to warden of the county. Thus far he has refused higher political honors, but many of his friends believe these will come eventually.

William Edward Locke, County Auditor for Elgin County, climbed the municipal ladder, step by step, until he was sitting in the Warden's chair.

Percy Roberts Locke deals in Real Estate and Insurance is also prominent in Public Utilities, in St. Thomas.

Morgan Mitchell is a veteran of World War I.

Stanley Beresford Mitchell is a landscape gardener in Detroit.

William Grey Mitchell, is Secretary of the Municipality of Bayham and is also a tobacco farmer.

Flight Lieut. W. Grant Webster and his wife, Flight Officer Mary Wimpery, were both graduates, in medicine, of the Western University. They interned at the same time at Victoria Hospital, London, and were both members of the R.C.A.F. medical services. They have recently opened an office in St. Thomas and are both practicing in their profession.

Alberta Mitchell, a gracious hostess in her own home is interested in social work. The Women's Association in the church, the Women's Missionary Society, Women's Institute and Red Cross claim her attention and support.

Vimy Ridge Vincent was given this unusual name in honor of an uncle who lost his life at Vimy Ridge in World War I. Ridge joined the RCAF early in World War II and was lost over the English Channel, when his plane was shot down by the enemy.

Rognard Vincent was also in the RCAF as tail gunner

and returned unharmed.

Harold Vincent of the fifth generation and Jack Walker of the sixth were also overseas in the RCAF. Four out of one small family line.

Ida Mitchell Mitchell has a flair for poetry and has contributed a considerable number of her poems to various periodicals.

John Lawrence Stansell, familiarly known as "John I", is an Ex-M.P. and a prominent breeder of Ayrshire cattle.

Norman Romaine Stansell has made teaching his life work and has been successful in his chosen profession.

Aquilla Maguire is prominent in municipal affairs.

Louise Mitchell Dean, author of this short historical sketch, was for a number of years a member of the editorial staff of the St. Thomas Times-Journal, is a writer of short stories, sketches and has recently published a book of poems entitled, "Drifted Leaves".

THE END.

BURTON GREEN FARM

This farm was owned by Thomas Herdman under a Crown Deed. The present house was built in 1826.

While it was rented to several people, it was owned by Herdmans until 1900 when it was sold to Burton Laverne Green and is still owned by the family.

Burton Green married Leoma Cook daughter of Calvin Cook, one of the pioneer families of the vicinity. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Green -- three are still living.

Frank -- the eldest now deceased, married Stella Howse of Jaffa.

Ray -- now residing in St. Thomas, married a western girl.

Burton -- at present residing on the home farm, married Edythe Strachan daughter of the Reverend C.C. Strachan retired United Church clergyman. Three sons, Frank and Murray and David who died when a small boy were born to Burton and Edythe.

Percy -- whose home is in the village of Richmond married Geraldine Johnson daughter of the now deceased Medford Johnson, a butcher. Their children are two girls - Joan and Shelley.

ORTON FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Orton and son Harland came to Canada from New York State and settled in Richmond about the year 1825. Several years later a nephew and neice, William and Maria Orton came from Jasper New York.

Maria married Walter Laing a storekeeper in Richmond. Some years later they moved to St. Thomas where they kept a grocery store for a good many years.

Wm Married Roxanna Baker and settled in Richmond where he had a small farm and did carpenter and cabinet work.

Five children were born to Wm and Roxanna Orton. Levonia and Annie who married brothers Wm and Edwin Ford cheese makers. James a blacksmith settled in Aylmer and did his best to keep the name of Orton on the map by having a family of eight boys.

While Richmond was well acquainted with their youthful pranks, none of them settled there.

Wm N. taught school for a time, then became a Baptist minister but most of his ministry was spent in Colorado and Michigan. Herbert died in his early thirties leaving one son Deloss, now in the hardware business in Winnipeg. George settled on the farm his father owned in Richmond.

Sone years later he sold out and bought north of the village on Springer Hill and in 1945 sold and bought the house in Richmond which his father and mother rented when they were first married while building their house.

George's widow and youngest daughter Bertha still live there.

His eldest daughter Carrie married Von C. Brown a veteran of World War One and after farming for about thirty years. sold out, bought the garden her grandfather and father once owned and built a home in Richmond.

EARLY HISTORY of POUNDS and WARDS

The Pounds and Wards were U. E. Loyalists of English stock; the Pounds descendants of Daniel and Prudence Pound who came from New Jersey, U.S.A. and settled in Welland county in 1790. Of their ten children, Elijah, David and John settled on concession 7 of Malahide about 1818 along with the Carters and Wards coming about the same time.

A history of Vermont state sets out that the Wards, Everests and Strons were among the first English settlers on the west side of the Green mountains on or about 1769 - 1770.

Elijah and John Pound, married Idalia and Athelia Ward - two brothers to two sisters, whose descendants are still in the vicinity of Aylmer but only one pioneer farm, "Poundholme" is still owned by a direct descendant of Elijah and Idalia Pound. Idalias Mother, and Everests, was the first white child born in Vermont.

These early settlers trekked from Michigan to the wilds of Malahide to make their homes in the primeval forests alongside of the Carters and others who settled at about the same time. The Carters still hold the old pioneer farms near Poundholme and the Benner home across from Poundholme, built by the Hutchinsons, is still in good repair and occupied by Arthur Benner, son of Thomas W. Benner.

Elijah Pound, born 1789 died in 1829 just ten years after his marriage leaving four children -- Melvina, Prudence, William F. and Elijah. Word of the death of the father in Ridgeway, whither he had gone for medical aid was not received for six months because of poor communication and transportation. Thus Idalia was left with her two daughters and two sons to carry on, William being only two years old and Elijah younger. Many were the stories of the days of struggle through the years to hold the farm until the boys were grown up and loving tributes were paid especially to the Carters for the many kindly deeds of helpfulness through these years.

The younger son, Elijah, died in early manhood; "Grandma" in the home of her son William in 1896 in her 98th. year. The son William married Susan Phelps and eight of their ten children were born in the second of the old houses, standing where the present tenant house now stands. The present, still substantial brick building built in 1867 from the bricks made from home clay and the lumber from the forests on the farm was the birthplace of the last two remaining children, Wm F. and Minnie still in the old house but retired from active service. The father after some years of poor health passed away in 1901 leaving the old homestead for his son Wm F. to carry on.

The schoolhouse and Baptist church still standing on opposite corners one quarter of a mile west of Poundholme have been the educational and spiritual uplifting influences of the community from early years.

VEITCH FAMILY HISTORY

William Veitch came from Simonbourne, County of Northumberland, England and lived for a few years at River-due-Loup, Quebec. He moved to Bayham Township in 1831 and settled on the farm now owned by Leslie Pressey. The next year he purchased Lots 8-9-10 - North Gore of Bayham. This farm passed to his son John Veitch, to his son Henry Frances Veitch and remained in the Veitch family from 1833 - 1950.

William Veitch Sr., was for many years an examiner of prospective school teachers for the Township. His son, John Veitch, was also active in Bayham Township affairs. A. Oscar Veitch, his eldest son was Postmaster at Bayham Post Office for nearly fourteen years.