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Colin Munro, Sheriff of Elgin, Dead

News was wired from buffalo, last Friday evening to the effect that Colin Munro Esq., Sheriff of the County of Elgin, had died at 10 p.m. he had been at Dr. Pierce's Sanitarium for considerable time, in hopes that he would regain his former good health and vigor, but slow disease, aided b mental depression and trouble proved his superior and thus he succumbed to their influence. He left a daughter of his own family to mourn his loss, who expected his demise for some time. Deceased was born in Dundon, Argyleshire, Scotland, and on the 5th day of February, 1819 and was buried on the day on which he would have been sixty five years of age. He came to Canada in 1827, and assisted in clearing his father's farm in Southwold. He became well educated and he acquired his education in those "early days" by overcoming difficulties being possessed of a determination and an amount of ambition that seemed to lead to success. He had one advantage – his father was well-to-do and gave his son Colin a good supply of money and land, and with the money he speculated. Always cautious, his investments were remunerative, and at his death he was able to leave about \$300,000 worth of property. At the age of 18 he was appointed assessor of Southwold, and performed his duties satisfactorily. Becoming 21 he was elected deputy-reeve, and subsequently reeve, retaining the position for several years. He held a seat in the provisional county council when Elgin was separated from Middlesex, and after the organization of the government of the county he was appointed sheriff by the Hinks Lanfontaine Administration, which was in power, and which office he continued to hold till the time of his death. In 1856 he married Miss Alma Moore, daughter of Mr. Lindley Moore, of Port Bruce, by whom he had two children, a son and daughter, Miss Aggie, who is now 19 years of age. His wife died in 1865, and his son in infancy. He, with Messrs. Colon Macdougall and Archibald McLachlin, took a great interest in the establishment of Alma College, and gave liberally to its funds, and in recognition of his services the institution was named after his wife. Mr. Munro made many enemies while in public service, and likewise, made many staunch friends.

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