

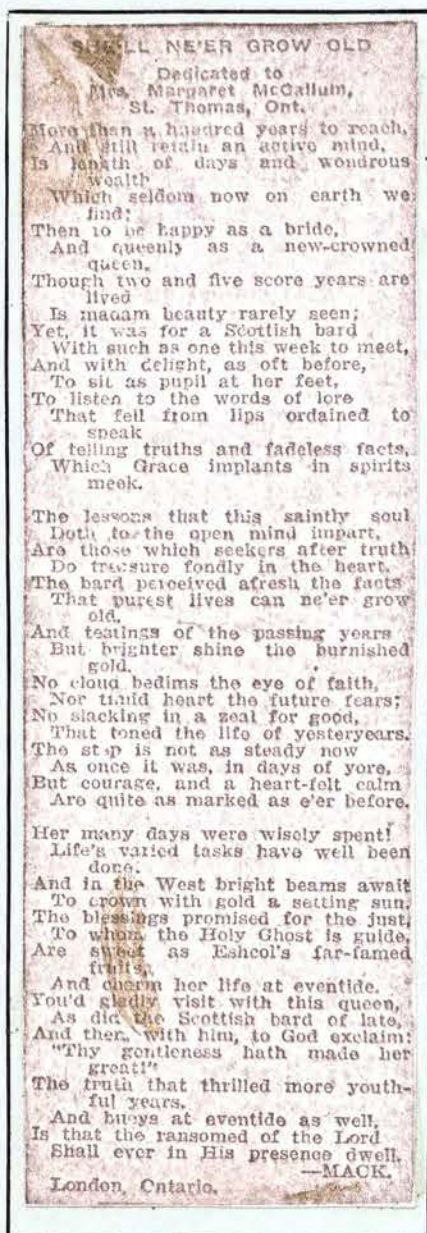
Three years later, my mother fell and broke her hip, but she never complained, and retained her clarity of mind to the last.

Perhaps her greatest influence was over her children and grandchildren. Having a mother or grandmother for so many years helps to keep a family young in heart. Certainly, by her influence, the members of her family became a tightly-knit clan. When her long life came to a close, her family felt that:

"Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail
Or knock the breast, no weakness, no contempt,
Dispraise or blame, nothing but well and fair,
And what may quiet us."

Donald MacCallum.

DONALD MacCALLUM



Donald MacCallum, a well-known St. Thomas merchant and an employee of Anderson's Ltd., for the past 65 years, died Sunday afternoon at the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital after an illness of one week. He was 90.

Born at Iona July 1, 1877, Mr. MacCallum was the son of the late Dugald and Margaret MacCallum of Iona. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas.

Mr. MacCallum joined the Northway-Anderson firm in April 1902, after gaining some retail experience in Dutton. He was hired by R.M. Anderson, founder of the company.

Mr. MacCallum began his career in the piece goods department, at a time when the ready-to-wear market was practically non-existent. He eventually became buyer and manager in the womens' coats, suits, furs and dresses department. In 1920 he was appointed a director of the company, a position he held up until the time of his death.

D.H. Anderson, president of the firm, said this morning he believed Mr. MacCallum's term of employment to be a record in Ontario, and added that he was well-known throughout the area as a courteous and well-informed merchant who always kept abreast of the fashion changes.

"His opinion," said Mr. Anderson, "was respected by women throughout the entire area."

While serving overseas with the 91st Battalion during World War I, Mr. MacCallum became interested in early antique furniture, and following his return to St. Thomas after the war, he established an antique shop in his home at 295 Talbot Street. He made many return trips to England and the Continent in recent years to purchase antiques.

His last trip overseas was made by plane five years ago when he was 85 years of age.

His home on west Talbot Street is the last private residence in the city's main business section.

Mr. Anderson said today that Mr. MacCallum had never truly retired from the firm, and that during the busy season continued to work full time.

"He often spoke of retiring" said the president, but he

was happy in selling because it was his life."

Mr. Anderson described him as being a "master salesman" in whatever he was selling.

As recently as last season, Mr. MacCallum had accompanied Anderson's buyers to Toronto to assist in purchasing.

Described as an avid reader, Mr. MacCallum was interested in music, art, and literature, and could discuss the classics "with the most informed people."

Mr. Anderson further described Mr. MacCallum as a "loyal employee over the years - to my father, myself, and my son, with whom he had worked during the past year."

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. George (Margaret) Seebin, of Brampton; one granddaughter, Judy Seebin, also of Brampton; and his son-in-law, George Seebin of Brampton. A number of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews also survive.

At rest at the Williams Funeral Home, 45 Elgin Street, St. Thomas, from where funeral service will be Wednesday, July 12, 1967, at 2 p.m. Dr. H.S. Rodney of Knox Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Cowal Cemetery.

St. Thomas Times Journal.



Mr. William McLandress and Mary McAlpine were married in 1870. Their honeymoon was short. By horse and buggy they drove to Shedden by way of the Gore Road just north of Iona Station, returned to Iona to the home ready for them, by noon. This home was bought with two hundred dollars down - two hundred dollars to pay later. Mr. McLandress, reaching his new home with his bride, was able to put in a full afternoon at his work as a cabinet maker at one dollar a day. We can understand his later financial success. The fact that his father was James Mitchell McLandress and his mother Mary Gow of Perthshire, Scotland, may have had some bearing also.



Mr. and Mrs. William McLandress

There were five children in the James Mitchell McLandress family: Elizabeth (Mrs. William Fletcher) born 1845, William (Grandfather of Mary) was born in 1849. Mary Ann (Mrs. Henry Mason) born 1851, John (father of Thorold and Mary Jane (Mrs. Leslie Hamilton) born 1859.

The first home of William and Mary McAlpine McLandress was the last house on the Dunwich side of the village to the south. From there to a house later occupied by Robert Morris on the lot situated on the north-west corner of the Iona Road and Highway number 3. Later, as the family grew, residence was established on Lots 9 and 10 between the Temperance Hall and the Methodist Church. As Mr. McLandress' business as a buyer of stock and grain progressed, they moved to Dutton where a large warehouse was available.

The six children of Mr. and Mrs. William McLandress were; James Alexander, William Sherwood, Christina Henrietta (Mrs. John Galbraith - mother of Mrs. Neil Campbell, (Mary Galbraith), John Hershall and Mary Priscilla (Mrs. Colin Campbell).

William Alexander, who was born in 1876 in the "Morris" home, died at the age of eight years during the outbreak of diphtheria, which took a heavy toll in death of many local residents.

Mrs. William McLandress, in a terminal illness, looked out of her window in Dutton and remarked on the fair view she was seeing. This was the origin of the Dutton Cemetery named "Fairview".

Mrs. John Galbraith (Christina Henrietta) resided in Reddress, Saskatchewan, but her daughter Mary was permitted to stay with her grandfather in Dutton, insuring a comfortable old age for him.

Mr. Hershall McLandress and his wife Effie Kerr remained in Dutton, living in the McLandress residence and carrying on the family business. Their son Doctor John McLandress predeceased his father. In later years they moved to the Four Seasons Apartment House in London.

(Photos from the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Brown of Iona).

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Mr. McSherry carried the name of Canada through his famous plough to many parts of the world. Not very much is recorded about this.

Miss Mary Hamilton wrote in 1896: "The Plough Works of Iona were first started in 1867 by James McSherry, who removed here from Ingersoll. He carried on an extensive business when Iona was in its bloom, but it has since fallen off.

"Iona can feel proud of such a man as Mr. McSherry, for in him they have not only the best ploughman in Western Ontario, but at one time in the world, for in 1862 he completed a plough for the London, England Exposition, where he received the Gold Medal, competing against ploughs from all parts of the world. He still has the Medal as well as parts of the plough."



Mrs. William McSherry



Mrs. George Newton

Dr. Lumley knew
William McSherry

William McSherry, the man who made the famous McSherry plows, was still a resident of Iona when Dr. Lumley was a boy. He knew Mr. McSherry quite well and remembers the two wooden buildings on the south-east corner of Iona where the plows were hand-forged. Real plows they were. Some of them are still in service. In fact, three old McSherry plows were used during the Elgin Junior Farmers' plowing match held on Premier Hepburn's farm in October.

"There never was a better plow made for striking out lands," Dr. Lumley declared.

Where Mr. McSherry came from, Dr. Lumley is not certain. It was considerably before Dr. Lumley's time that he located in old Iona and built his foundry and finishing plant. He lived directly across the road from his plant, in a house at the end of a laneway.

MRS. GEORGE NEWTON

Mr. and Mrs. George Newton owned the farm immediately west of the school yard at S.S. No. 5, Dunwich, and lived there for many years. The ground surrounding the school building had been part of their farm before it was moved from the hill top overlooking Jonah Clark's farm and the Talbot Creek on the Mill Road.

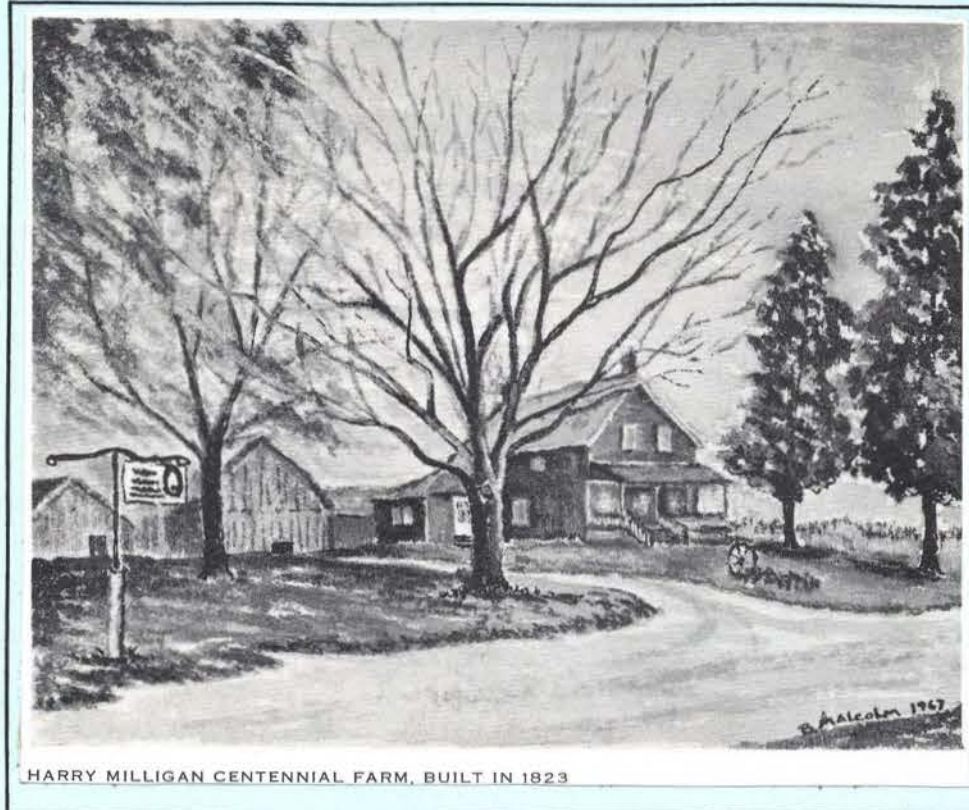
Mrs. Newton was a McSherry before her marriage, a sister of Mr. William McSherry. Both she and her husband were faithful members of the Iona Methodist Church.

There were two children in this family, the younger, a boy whom they named "Clarence," the elder a daughter "Fannie" became a school teacher with a reputation for efficiency. She married Mr. Wesley Ross, a widower with one daughter. They made their home on the north side of the Iona Road on the original Jake McIntyre farm of the Iona Road, half way between Iona and Iona Station. They had two children - Alice and George. All became valued members of the Shedden United Church when they moved to that village.

The writer well remembers as a beginner at S.S. No. 5, standing on tip-toe at a west window, watching the flashes of lightning during a severe storm. One was seen to strike the Newton barn, which caught fire and burned. This would be about 1905 or 1906.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON MILLIGAN - SARAH MARSHMAN MILLIGAN
1867-1961 1889-1952



HARRY MILLIGAN CENTENNIAL FARM, BUILT IN 1823

Mr. George Milligan was one of the eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Milligan, having eight sisters and two brothers. His parent's first home was of logs, its location just north and west of the later home pictured herein. The first was on the Cowal sideroad, around the corner from the later on Shackleton Street.

Some neighbours believe the date below the Shackleton Home reproduction of a drawing by Mrs. Malcolm is a bit early. There is no doubt that they were among the earliest settlers of their neighbourhood.



Herbert Alfred George Washington
Milligan Milligan

John Norman
Milligan

Charlotte 1855-1933 M John C. Ore	Rosetta 1860-1936 M Mr. Dobson	William McIntosh 1864-1879	Eliza 1870-1959	Frances 1875-1910 M Charles Lalond	
Sarah Jane 1853-1919 M William Gow	Delilah 1857- M Alfred McCann	Christina 1862-1926 M Dan Cameron of Fingal	George Washington 1867-1961 Iona	Hannah 1872-1940 M Dan McBride Iona Station	Arthur J. 1879-1951 M Lalia Hatton 1879-1966
Herbert Alfred 1900-1967 M Nellie Douglas /	Mae Irene 1902- M Ray Lumley Elisha Lazenby	James Clarence 1905-1973 M Jean Small /	John Norman 1908- M Edna Marr /		
Arnold M Mary Horel /	Muriel M Norman McLeod /	Kenneth M Anne Williamson /	Walter M Jinnie Auckland /	Wayne	William
Judith Marie	Michael Jack	Kimberly MaryLou	Dara Dana Dwayne	Donald M Catherine Larson /	Beverley Robert

Lalia Hatton, who married Arthur J. Milligan, was the daughter of John Hatton, ninth concession of Dunwich at the point where Talbot Creek turns to flow south. Junius Clark lived opposite, slightly east. Her mother, Grandmother Louisa, was the eighth child of Thomas Lumley and Christiana Willey Lumley, who first settled on the homestead of the father John Lumley. This he sold to Samuel Williams and moved to the 10th concession about thirty rods east of Tracy's Schoolhouse.

Louisa married Daniel Campbell and her first child Christiana married John Hatton. Their seven children were: Amelia, Lalia, Eliza, Wesley, Jervis, Ethel and Pearl.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MILLIGAN and his wife, Sarah Marshman Milligan made their home on the north side of what is now Provincial Highway No. 3, at Paynes Mills. The Department of Highways occupied land opposite to them. The tree plantings of the highway men interested Mr. Milligan. Their large red brick home must have been very well constructed as shown by its present excellent condition.

In 1940 they sold this home to the Kenneth Small's and moved to Lot 2, south part of Iona, on the east side of the Iona Road. Here they were close to their two older children, Herbert and Mae. Improvements were made to the house and here their remaining years were spent.

Mrs. Milligan died at 82 years of age. Mr. Milligan remained active to age 94 years, enjoying a good life to the end. He will be remembered for his many interests. His violin was his joy and as a contestant he won many prizes as an "old time fiddler." The perfect beat of his music gave pleasure to the dancers where he furnished his music. When free to do so, he enjoyed square or step dancing belying his years.

HERBERT ALFRED MILLIGAN The death of Herbert Milligan on March 17, 1967 was deeply mourned by family and friends. He was a big man, physically and mentally, always cheerful and ready to extend a helping hand where needed.

Having inherited his father's musical talent, he was in demand at the local and regional events with his orchestra. He, too, won many contests in old time music.

His work as a superintendent of county roads covered many years. Many who needed employment found it through his efforts on their behalf.

Mr. and Mrs. Milligan were faithful workers at the Iona Hall. When no other help could be found, they assumed care and many business responsibilities of the building efficiently. Mrs. Milligan was an excellent cook and meticulous housekeeper. For years she supervised the serving of food at the community hall at the Women's Institute dinners or parties and the banquets, at which this organization catered. Both were a great comfort to Mr. and Mrs. Milligan, Sr., who were their next door neighbors.

Arnold, Kenneth and Muriel Maxine were the names they chose for their three children.

Arnold married Mary Horel, a graduate nurse. As was his father, Arnold is a valued employee of the County Road Commission. Their attractive home at Rural route 5, St. Thomas, is convenient to their work. While in Iona they lived at the home owned by the Reverent Norman Morris, on the north-west corner of the Iona Road, later moving to an apartment at the home of Mrs. Ray Johnson, until their new home was completed.

Mary Milligan was missed, when the move was made away from the village. Her professional help and advice was cheerfully given to the extent she was able to give, as she was employed in St. Thomas. She is still remembered with appreciation. Their one child, Judith, is married to Mr. James Kay of Kingston, Ontario.

Muriel Maxine was the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Milligan. The death of her husband, Norman William McLeod, at Sarnia in 1970, left her with two sons - Michael and Jack. Her widowhood at age forty-two, entitled her to much sympathy from relatives and friends in this district.

Herbert Kenneth, youngest child, married Anne Williamson of Sarnia in 1962. They named their two girls Mary Lou and Kimberly. First renting from Donald Carswell, they later moved to the apartment in the home of Mrs. Ray Johnson until their attractive new residence was ready on Lot 1, south-east section of the village, on the site of the old John Mills Hotel. They are able to use the good well excavated by Mr. Mills for use of hotel guests and the horses who pulled the carriages and stage coaches of those days. It remains crystal clear and uncontaminated today.

MAE IRENE MILLIGAN, second child of George and Sarah Milligan, has been a resident of Iona since 1931, when she came with her first husband, Ray Lumley, to the village. Ray, the son of William Henry Lumley and Elizabeth Fletcher, was born in Iona in 1895. Mae had gone to Detroit, Michigan, at the age of twenty-two years, gaining employment with the well-known McCauley Book Store, there.

Ray, at this time operated a street car for the Detroit Street Railways. Having known Mae before either left Ontario, their mutual interest in their birthplace led to marriage on April 3, 1926. The event took place on the West Grand Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Manse, and they boarded a New York Central train to come to Mae's former home for their honeymoon. The bride remembers with amusement how crowded that train was - she wasn't able to share a seat with her husband.

The depression of 1930 had already cast its shadow on employment in Detroit. Although not yet affecting either of them and Ray, seemingly able to stand the stress of his work, they decided to return to Ontario in 1931.

It was five years after their marriage that they were welcomed at Paynes Mills to make a home with Mae's parents. Learning that the house built by Mr. Moses Lumley, immediately south of the Iona Hall was for rent, this independent couple moved to Iona. In 1936, they having acquired lot number three, south of the main corner on the west side of the Iona Road, Ray began to build a home for them. He had apparently inherited the necessary ability from his father, a carpenter. They were able to move in that same year.

While painting his new house one hot summer day, Ray, whose quickness of temperment had furthered his industrious habits, saw a certain lady approaching. Being well aware of her interest in village activities and in no mood for interruption, he painted on. This lady did not hesitate to interrupt. She began: "I don't like the colour you are using." The good lady got no further. Without missing a stroke, Ray replied: "Damn it, don't look at it!"

The Post Office was quickly moved from the general store to the new home. Ray had already become Iona Postmaster, rural mail carrier and township tax collector. With the capable assistance of his wife, they continued in his hands for the remaining years of his life - twenty-five years in all. He was a competent caller at square dances and leader at bingo games. He died in 1962. Mae continued in the Post Office for a time, but though urged to continue, she resigned, and it was closed. The Iona Post Office in existence for about one hundred years was closed, and the village was served by Rural Mail delivery, beginning in January of 1963.

Ray's younger brother died on May 20, 1956. Lloyd had kept a general store in Iona Station for sometime. He had always been well liked in this village.

In the second year of Mae's widowhood, a friendship developed with Mr. Elisha Lazenby of Fingal, whose wife's death had occurred at nearly the same time as her husband's. Marriage followed and happiness for each. Elisha was well liked in the village. On August 11, 1973, on the Saturday before the eleventh anniversary of their marriage, he died. He had been a jolly man, always helping willingly with village projects. He had been generous with his talents. The fine new tables and cart at the Community Hall will be remembered as a sample of his ability and willing assistance. He left many friends in the village where he lived so short a time.

Mrs. Lazenby continues to live in the house she has now occupied since 1936. Her aged parents received her willing and efficient care until their death. Even when home duties were heavy, she served as President of the Iona Women's Institute. After her first husband's death, she accepted that office for a second term and continued for five years. She had always been interested in church work, especially so now with more leisure. She is at the present time treasurer of the Iona Christian Fellowship Church Willing Workers. With activities requiring baking and hard work, she is indeed an asset. In a community where few women drive, she and her car are of much help.

Two more children, boys, completed the family of George and Sarah Milligan, neither of whom made their home in Iona.

JAMES CLARENCE, born in 1905, married Jean Small of Wallacetown, Ontario. They named their three sons Walter, Wayne and William. Walter married Virginia Auckland of Talbotville. Their children - 2 girls - Dara and Dana, and one son Dwaine, who died when three years of age. Their home was east of Shedden.

JOHN NORMAN, born 1908, married Edna Marr of Mosely, Ontario, lives on the Reforestration Lot at Paynes Mills. Their only son Donald was killed when his plane crashed while fighting forest fires in Northern Ontario. Donald's widow, the former Catherine Larson of this vicinity, moved with her two young children to the small home, next to what was then the Iona United Church. Needing funds, she did not hesitate to assume care of the church. Later she moved to part of the home of Mrs. Purcell Willson on the Iona Road, one mile south of the village. Her life changed when she married Duncan McAlpine, whose home was directly across from Mrs. Willson's home. This community joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine, with the two children, Beverly and Robert, a very prosperous and happy future.

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There were members of the Mills' connection in this community early in the eighteenth century, as the name appears in marriages with some early pioneers. Our lack of more definite knowledge is regretted.

Peter and Phoebe Mills of Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, moved to Iona, according to early records. Their two sons John and Harding, and daughter Rebecca Jane came with them after visiting Mrs. Mills sister in Yarmouth Township.

Rebecca Jane (at age thirty three) married Henry Silcox in 1858, Rev. Daniel F. Roland, officiating. She had been widowed twice prior to this marriage.

John became proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Lot 1, south-east section of Iona.

Harding moved to Michigan, United States in 1868, and settled in Hope.

Stephen went to Illinois.

Charles too, moved to the United States, settling in Denver, Colorado, with his son Earl.

Phoebe Mills went to Hope, Michigan, and was still residing there in 1940.

John Mills married Diadama Waters in 1852. Her grandfather, Truman Waters, settled in 1807 on what was later the "House" farm, about one mile west of Watson's Corners on the south branch of the Talbot Road, and kept a small hotel there. She, Diadama, was one of thirteen children and a twin sister of Sylvester, who became Lawrence Sutherland's grandfather.

John and Diadama Mills children were Douglas, Lavina, Corilla, Cecilia, Jennie, Charles and Frank.

Miss Linda Mills, who went to Hope, Michigan, with her father Harding and mother Lavina, became the first Superintendent of Schools in Michigan. Unfortunately she developed the same hearing difficulty as her Aunt Rebecca Jane. Realizing that she could not continue in this position, she made arrangements to go to the mountains of New Mexico. Many with similar impairment had obtained relief in the clear air of this location. She was hopeful she too could benefit.

Letters which reached this village contain no complaints, although it was clear her sense of hearing did not improve. Living on a vast ranch, the only transportation by horseback, she learned to ride. The only entertainment was the dances which took a day to reach, another to return. Tutoring the daughters on this ranch gave her an interest and she found much to enjoy in a situation so foreign to her.

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1. Stephen Mills.
2. Mrs. John Mills.
(Diadama Waters).
3. Harding Mills.

Pictures courtesy
Mrs. L.H. Brown.



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1. Mrs. Linda Mills with her husband Henry Mills whom she married when she left the mountains. His two little girls needed a mother. Mr. and Mrs. Mills visited with the Luke Brown's in Iona after the marriage. Mr. Mills passed away shortly after.
2. A view of Mrs. Henry (Linda) Mill's home where she has lived with her two step-daughters since the death of her husband.
3. and 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills.
5. Mrs. Earl Mills of Denver, Colorado, with her son.

Pictures courtesy Mrs. L.H. Brown.



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During the years 1816 to 1870, about fifty people left the vicinity of Iona to take up land in Manistee County, Michigan, U.S.A. They travelled in boats from Port Stanley, up through Lakes St. Clair, Huron and Michigan and finally the last few miles on foot through the virgin forest.

Among this pioneer group were the families of; Mr. and Mrs. Harding Mills, one of whom, Miss Linda Mills, later became the first woman inspector of Michigan schools; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Lumley; Mr. and Mrs. David Lumley; Mr. and Mrs. John Malcolm; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Keillor; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Keillor; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Keillor, their sisters Mary and Kate Keillor; John Mason and others.

John Lumley, age 86, died February 12, 1947, at Bear Lake, Michigan. He was the last of this group.

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Harding Mills

Mrs. Harding (Lavina) Mills



Samuel Keillor

Miss (Kate) Keillor

Mortimer - Dama - Garfield - Victoria

In a small white frame house, the last to the south on the west side of the Iona Road, in the Village of Iona, in what in 1921 was a shallow valley, a remarkable woman, Mrs. Mary Munro, lived with her daughter Victoria.

To my knowledge, Mrs. Munro seldom left her home. Surrounded from spring to late fall by lovely flowers and shrubs, it was a haven of comfort and inspiration to all children and nearly everyone else in the village and an example of serenity and goodness.

Daughter of a pioneer, Mr. Thomas Lumley, she lived next door to her brother Mr. Moses Lumley and his wife;—relatives whose nearness was a mutual pleasure.

She had every reason to be proud of her four children who were devoted to her.

Mortimer, the eldest, was one of the early masters in the village school, S.S. Number 5, Dunwich, in the days when the number of scholars would seem an impossible task to instruct and control today.

Dama, (Diadama) named for her aunt, Mrs. Moses Lumley, became an honoured teacher in Toronto, to whom student teachers came for practise and instruction. She made many trips to England, finding the ocean air beneficial to her health after her taxing work in the school year, but never failed to visit her mother and sister in holidays. She was often asked to address the Iona Women's Institute and had much of interest to give to her audience in perfect English and exquisite diction. Retiring, she occupied an apartment in the home of her cousin, Dr.C.C. Lumley in St.Thomas. Her influence for good on those she taught must be far reaching.

Garfield became a graduate engineer, supervising the building of many new buildings in the Kresge empire.

Victoria, the youngest, was a lover of good reading and consequently gained a wide knowledge of outstanding writers, modern and otherwise. She learned her skill in dressmaking in the shop of the village dressmaker, Mrs. John (Annie) Liddell and together with her mother's skill in weaving, they made their way, never to anyone's knowledge refusing to help a worthy cause and were able to sustain a home where generous hospitality was available to all. Miss Munro was Convenor of Historical Research in the Institute, was the chief of those who layed a foundation for the later "Tweedsmuir Histories" of that organization. She was a "Life Member" of the Institute, an honour much deserved. For many years she acted as secretary of the Iona Station Baptist Church of which she was a loyal member.

No unasuming women in a small village could be remembered with greater appreciation than Mrs. Munro and her daughters.

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Mrs. Joseph Canfield (Hannah Williams), Mrs. Mary Munro and Mrs. Moses Lumley (Diadama Williams). Mrs. Canfield did not look so cross in person.



Dama Munro and her friend Jerusha Hamilton.