

The farm now owned by Burton Crosby was owned by the Millers, sold to J. Hatch, then cohoons, clintons and Crosby. The Dalziel farm was taken from the Crown by Mr. Miller and the adjoining farm is owned by Norman Miller. The R.A. Penhale farm was originally a clergy reserve, the Tisdale farm being the original Penhale home. There was no road in front of R.A. Penhale's but the road or trail went between the Tisdale farm to the ninth concession. The Williams farm was formerly settled by Donald Leach who emigrated from Scotland in 1831, and taking up the last available one hundred acres on the Edgeware Road. Next there is the 400 acres taken from the Crown by Archibald and Daniel Black. The north fifty acres was sold by the Blacks to Thomas Penhale to pay a fine for giving shelter to an army deserter. Archie Black, in 1903, sold 150 acres to Albert Archibald, - John Van Patter has the lot on the south side.

The four corners were taken by the Gilbert family and are still owned by descendants of the family with the exception of the south-west corner owned by John Van Patter. The Westlakes had the farms now owned by N.R. Martin, Angus Miller and William Paddon. Mervyn Paddon's farm was owned by a family named Gloin. The land on the four corners was owned by the Lutons; now William Orris is on one corner and Andrew Paddon opposite.

A little frame church stood at one time on Andrew Paddon's farm. It is now a drive barn. Mr. Arthur Luton still has land on one corner. They tell me a family by the name of Dee lived there at one time but I was unable to find any information concerning this and could not finish to the boundary line.

May 25, 1933.

Charles E. Locke.

The McGregor Family

John McGregor of Argyleshere Scotland, was a school teacher, educated at Edinburgh University,-- also a farmer. He with his wife Catharine McLaughlin and family lived on a large estate owned by Colin Bell,--rented the land as all the people in Scotland did at that time and paid the rent to Colin Bell, "the heir of the land." Hearing of Canada and the opportunities in the New Land,--and where they could get one hundred acres of land for each son who was 21 years of age they decided to emigrate, in the year 1831.

The parents with their family of four sons and two daughters set sail for America. After a voyage of seven weeks and four days they landed at Port Stanley on Lake Erie. Great-grandfather McGregor had some money, having taught school in Scotland,--bought and improved McKillop's farm in Southwold, but on looking around sold it, and took up five one hundred acre farms,--on the tenth concession of North Yarmouth. Duncan and Colin were of age to take up their own farms, but James and John not being of age he took up farms for them, as well as himself. To own their own land was their reason in coming to Canada.

The first brick house in the district was built by Duncan McGregor. He was about twenty-three years old when they came to Yarmouth, and he had learned the carpenter trade in Glasgow, Scotland, and the house was built after a house he admired in Scotland. It was quite a show place in its day, and many came from far and near to see it.

The McGregors were a very pious religious and educated

people,--you either had to have an education or a trade.

In 1887 this farm was sold to John D. Ferguson,--and his son Archie and wife reside on it.

Mrs Margaret McGregor Lavrack

Great grand-daughter of John McGregor

April, 1949


The farm is now owned by Keith Davis, who modernized the house, which is now well over 100 years old.---1959

1966.--

The farm which John McGregor settled on in 1831, still remains in the McGregor family, Great grandson Donald residing there. Keith Davis has the Duncan McGregor farm.

M. Gille

100 acres.

Duncan Campbell.
second brick house
built
in this district 

100 acres.

Angus Mc Intyre.

 Glen School.

100 acres.

Hugh Douglas. -

Kilmartin Church
and cemetery.

H. Douglas X

Side Road.

Wm. Gillest.

100 acres.

Archie Mc Intyre.

100 acres.

Colin Mc Intyre.

100 acres. -

Mc Intyre. -
from Melford. -

H Douglas

Wm. Westlake

100 acres.

James Mc Gregor.

100 acres. -

Dougald Mc Intyre.

100 acres.

Colin Smith.

Gillest Taylor.

Gloria

100 acres.

John Mc Gregor.

100 acres.

 first-brick
house in district Duncan Mc Gregor.
Duncan Mc Gregor.

100 acres.

Eleventh concession.

Dan Louton

60 acres.

John Mc Gregor.

100 acres.

Colin Mc Gregor.

100 acres.

Archie Mc Callum.

D. Mc Callum

Side Road. -

100 acres.

Wm. Louton

100 acres.

James Louton

100 acres.

George Mc Callum.

Glen settled in 1831. -

4 Mc Gregor families
4 Mc Intyre "

Mc Callum

THE McINTYRE FAMILY

Early in the spring of 1831, Archibald McIntyre, his wife and family of ~~five~~ six sons and two daughters, of Argyleshire, Scotland decided to sail for Canada, where it was thought there would be better prospects. The trip across the ocean was a great undertaking; the only means of travelling was by sailing vessel, which was dependent on the wind and weather; the voyage taking from six weeks to three months, in this case it was six weeks. Each passenger had to supply his own food, and often because of weather conditions, both crew and passengers would be on short rations before land was reached; usually some one had the fore-thought and provided an extra barrel of flour which enabled him to share with fellow passengers.

After disembarking at Montreal, they had to make another tiresome trip through the lakes to Port Stanley, the nearest landing place to their destination,--the Talbot Settlement.

Landing at Port Stanley they found all farm land to the East, West and North for a distance of fifteen miles nearly all taken. However, these men wandered on a trail, through the forest, which led to the Edgeware Road and brought them to the home of an earlier settler, Mr. Gilbert. Now, he having gold in the house was a bit suspicious of these men, dressed in their Highland costumes and speaking the Scotch language the Gaelic. Fortunately one could speak a few words in English, and they were given food and shelter for the night in a new sheep-pen filled with pea straw. They were

Through the years the McIntyre's gradually left the farms to settle elsewhere, leaving Neil C.'s son Duncan J. the only descendant--and he finally sold the homestead in 1957 to Albert and Jean Gredig.

Sometimes we complain about the conditions to-day, nevertheless our own lives are very much easier than those of our Canadian forefathers. Our pioneer ancestors had a high standard of education but no money,--they had the vision, courage and perseverance necessary to lay the foundation of this great country--Canada. Their tasks were performed in the midst of other wars, depressions, and periods of expansion but they did not fail.

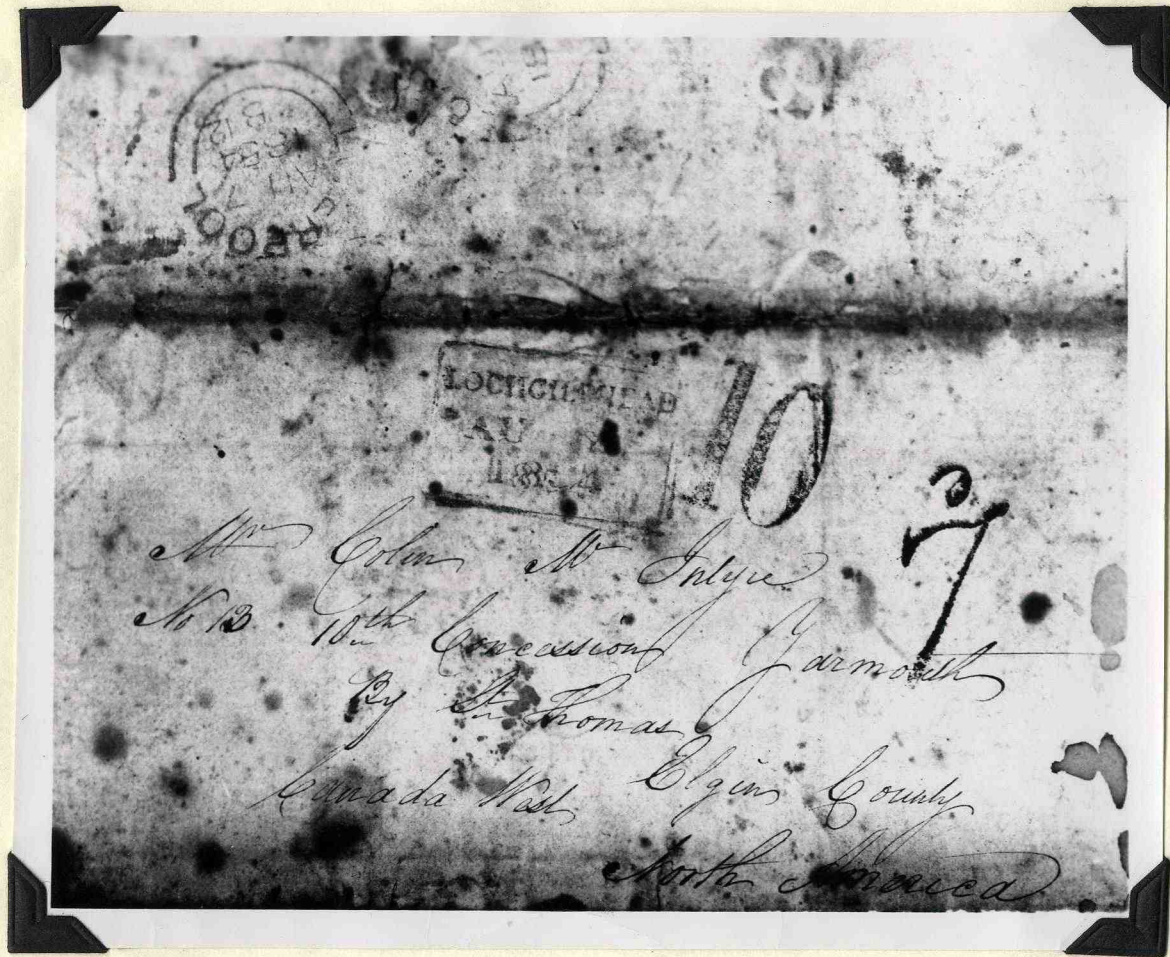
They persisted and won, so we must try to the best of our ability to follow their example and go forward. In spite of difficulties and wars, we should and can face the future with hope and courage,--also with confidence that freedom, justice, and right will prevail in this great Canada of ours.

January 18, 1958

Catharine G. McIntyre

1966 -----

Albert and Jean Gredig are on the farm, settled on by Archibald McIntyre in 1831



A letter, from a brother, Duncan, in Scotland, dated August 2nd, 1854, to a brother, Colin McIntyre, here -- still in possession of the McIntyre family.



Part of the Mud house, built about 1837, on the Archibald McIntyre farm, occupied until 1905.

THE MILLER FAMILY

Andrew Miller was born in Pennsylvania, United States in October 1766. When he was a small boy his people were all killed by the Indians, and he alone was taken alive by them.

In 1779 the Indians brought him to Niagara, a prisoner boy. Here he was redeemed from them by John Birch Esq: with whom he lived until grown up.

He married the daughter of a United Empire Loyalist, and with a feeling of deep gratitude toward his benefactor, he named his oldest son after him,-John Birch Miller, who was born in 1792--died 1872.

He, Andrew in 1793 took up land in Lincoln, Welland County on the Niagara river, five miles below Fort Erie; at the end of an Indian trail leading back through the woods toward Port Colborne. He did not receive the deed until 1801. Later he took up more land from the Crown in different parts of Ontario. Mr. John B. Miller (second) was born in Welland County--in 1817 and when seven months old the family moved to St. Thomas and settled on the north half of Ward 6 known as Millersburg, which is now the easterly part of St. Thomas. The son John B. had a family of four boys and three girls; Andrew, Jacob, Edward, John, Mrs. George Mann, Mrs. William Jackson and Miss Margaret. In 1809 Andrew was appointed to be an Ensign in the Regiment of Militia in the Niagara District, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John Warren.

Andrew, at the age of twenty-six bought one hundred acres on the Edgeware road; where Gordon Dennis and family now live,