

which he received from the Crown; the Lieutenant Governor at that time being Sir Francis Gore. In 1842 Andrew married Miss Mary Penhale, and had a family of five sons and three daughters,--John, Albert, Dr. Andrew, William, Edward, Elizabeth, Eliza and Martha, still living. Mr. and Mrs. Miller celebrated their golden wedding in 1892. The grand children living today are Mrs. May Morrison, Miss. Edna Heydon, Mrs. Walter Cole and Mr. Norman Miller.

Mr. Andrew Miller was appointed a Corporal in the Yarmouth militia by Lord Elgin, who was then Governor General of Canada. It was not necessary for him to go to the front. He was also Magistrate for many years, the only one in this district--as well as councillor and reeve of Yarmouth.

Jacob, born in 1818, also a son of John B. Miller bought a--one hundred acre farm on the Edgeware Road, next to his brother Andrew. He married Catharine Misener of Talbot St., they had a family of four boys and three girls,--Benjamin, John, Richard, Abraham, Sarah, Margaret and Mary Jane. The mother of this family went to help a neighbor, contracted diphtheria and died. The grandchildren of Jacob, living today are George Miller, Florence Logan, Violet Vail, William, Robert, Harold and Clarence Jackson, Roy Baker, Margaret L. Campbell, Mable Cross and Minnie Williams.

There are some relatives of the original Miller family still living at Fort Erie, Bridgeburg and in the Niagara district, several of these have visited here in St. Thomas.

January 21, 1956

Louie Campbell

(Mrs.) M. L. Campbell

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The farms on the Edgeware Road settled on by Andrew and Jacob Miller are now owned by Gordon Dennis, Peter Vanderwyst, and T. J. Smit.

BIG BARN RAISING ON EDGEWARE ROAD

Large Barn Erected On Miller Farm
July 3, 1907

The Miller homestead, on the Edgeware Road, Yarmouth, presented a scene of animation yesterday afternoon, when upwards of one hundred of the stalwart yeomen of Yarmouth were assembled to assist in the erection of a large modern barn. The farm owned by Messrs. Albert and William Miller has been in the hands of the Millers for two generations, the first proprietor, a United Empire Loyalist, having obtained the land when the Loyalists settled in this locality. The years have seen many changes and improvements, and the handsome brick residence and well tilled farm constitute one of the finest homes in Yarmouth to which the finishing touch was added yesterday when a big barn was raised. The building is a fine one, resting on a cement foundation and will, when completed be a commodious and thoroughly, modern structure. The basement, will be utilized for stabling and the upper portion for the storage of grain and fodder. An interesting fact in connection with it, is that the timbers were mostly taken from the barn built on the same site, over sixty five years ago, and are still in a splendid state of preservation, excelling in quality and strength any on the market to-day. The cement work was under the supervision of Mr. Murray MacTaggart of Yarmouth Centre; and the contractor for the frame and woodwork was Mr. Albert Campbell of Yarmouth. Both the frame work and masonry are remarkably well constructed.

Shortly after noon friends and neighbors began to assemble

and the work of raising the heavy frame began. No sides were chosen, though this is customary on such occasions; but the work progressed rapidly and surely, although it lacked the usual excitement and turmoil of the race between sides.

Everything went together without a hitch and by half past five the purline plates were raised and rafters being rattled into position. Among the shouting throng of workmen were noticed stalwart sons or grandsons of most of the pioneers of North Yarmouth:--C. A. Brower, M. P.; Dr. Andrew Miller, Messrs. Hughes, Heydon, Doane, Rockey, Gunn, Locke, Mann, Hatch, Hobson, Tisdale, Tibbets, Archibald, Paddon, Caughell, Westlake, Campbell, Lewis, Cole, Couse, Penhale, B. F. Miller, Frank Miller, Ferguson, John Patterson, Jim Patterson, S. Curtis, N. Curtis, Smith, Sinclair, McLarty, Hill, Brady, Eveley, McIntyre, Archibald, McGregor and very many others.

Among the visitors who looked on from the shade of the old apple tree and contributed a large share of the yelling and criticising were Mr. E. A. Miller, Aylmer; D. Marshall, M.P., Aylmer; James Cole, city; and J. Jeffries. These gentlemen also exerted themselves to entertain the ladies. Three of the oldest ladies in Yarmouth, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Jeffries, and Mrs. Miller, were treated to a long ride in an automobile owned by one of the visitors, and enjoyed every minute of the ride, which was the first of the kind any of them had ever taken.

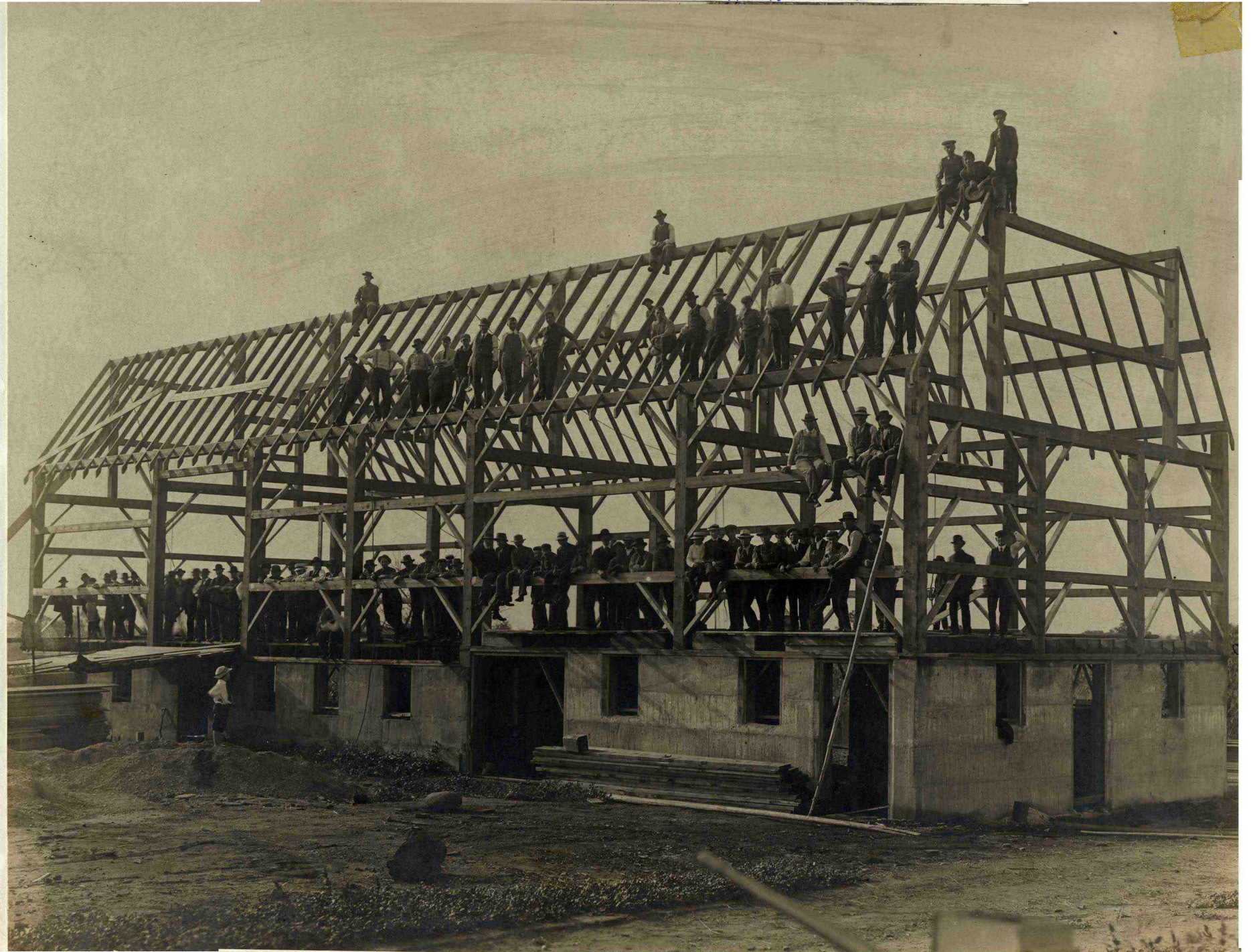
The work over, the hungry workers hustled to the lawn, where pumpkin pie and home-made bread and all the other good things provided by country housewives, were spread in abundance on long tables, the directors of ceremonies were

Mesdames Archibald, Milton, Hatch, L. Tisdale, B. F. Miller, (Dr.) A. Miller, Hobson, F. Miller, A. Campbell, M. McTaggart, M. Penhale, H. Heydon, H. Hughes; and they were ably seconded in their efforts by the assistance of Misses Heydon, Hughes, Baker, Gunn, Leta Penhale and Roxabell Miller.

The waitresses capably served the abundance of choice fare, to which everybody did ample justice; even The Journal scribe, who had only looked on from the shady side of the fence, was liberally helped to the good country eatables, and departed from "the function" with a generous supply of inside information as to the ability of these ladies in the cooking line.

Congratulations were in order all the way around--on the enterprise of the Miller brothers, the skill of the contractors, the efforts of the guests, and the ability of the ladies. With the completion of this modern building, another pioneer farm of Yarmouth takes a place in the front rank of the up-to-date homes of the township.

The Miller Barn Raising July 3, 1907.



Farm owned by Mr Gordon Dennis 1959.

The Newcomb Family

Abram and Olive Coarsen Newcombe lived in Queensburg on the St. John's River near Fredericton, New Brunswick on a farm. They left there to come to a settlement now known as Yarmouth Centre near St. Thomas in the year 1838, settling on a one hundred acre farm on which the Yarmouth Township Hall now stands. The farm is presently owned by Chester Gloin and Claire Robertson each occupying fifty acres.

Abram was accompanied by his Father, Daniel Webster Newcombe and a brother, Webster, who lived on the farm of one hundred acres later owned by John Gloin, -also a sister Nancy, who married John Higgins a ship builder. The Newcombe Family owned another hundred acres, known to many as the Cook Newcombe farm.

Four daughters were born to Abram and Olive Newcombe prior to leaving their New Brunswick home. The eldest was Katharine, a girl of six years, and four other daughters and two sons were added to the family in the years that followed.

There was a frame house on the farm when they arrived at Yarmouth Centre, which was later replaced by the present two story brick, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gloin.

They left a two story frame house in New Brunswick which was in the original and good state of repair when visited by Katharine's daughter, Ida Heydon and her Husband Harry Huntley in 1931.

Abram Newcombe was a prosperous farmer as well as a splendid carpenter and cabinet maker, making many fine specimens, some of which are still in use by a great grand-son, Ralph Heydon of St. Thomas.

May H. Morrison
Grand-daughter of
Katharine Newcombe Heydon

April 29, 1954.

1966 ---- The Yarmouth Township Hall built in 1904 stands on this farm, is being replaced by a modern municipal building to be opened in 1966, built on the eastern section of St Thomas. The farm settled on by Abram Newcombe in 1838, Chester Gloin and Clair Robertson live on fifty-acres each.

Paterson History

It was in 1831 that Alexander Paterson of Argylshire, Scotland and Catharine Fraser of Inverness were married and started on the long trip to New York which took seven weeks. They settled in Oneida Township, Utica, New York State. After three years they decided to come to Canada influenced by reports from the Nobles and Clunases. They travelled by Erie Canal to Buffalo and took a boat from there to Port Stanley and then, a toilsome journey from Port Stanley to North Yarmouth by two wheeled cart to the south half of Lot 9, Concession 11, where there was a small log house by the creek and where about 5 acres of land was cleared. The man who had built the house decided to go to Illinois where land was given free; the Patersons gave him a small sum for the house and eventually they acquired their land from the crown.

The eldest of the family, John Paterson, was born in Utica, New York; other members of the family including five sisters and one brother were born in Yarmouth.

They cleared the land, burnt the wood and brush; as the land was cleared, crops were planted, mainly spring wheat. The crops as a rule were good and were taken to Port Stanley by covered wagon or sleighs. At times the roads were impassable and a bag of wheat had to be taken by horseback to get it ground into whole wheat flour. This flour made excellent bread, dark, moist, and sweet. The grain was all cut by hand with a cradle and the hay with a scythe.

The Paterson children went to school on the corner of the 10th Concession or Bakers Corner (Radio Road). Here, 50 to 70 children learned the 3 R's. The school was built of logs with a large stove in the centre of the room. The older pupils sat around the outside of the room, while the younger ones sat on benches placed around the stove in the middle. They all used slates as there were no scribblers; the only paper was a heavy wrapping paper and it was very scarce. A few of the names recalled by John Paterson as pupils, were the Blacks, Jones, Nobles, Coles, Bakers, Leitches and others.