

old Scottish folk used to call that county. This fine family traveled by portage and boat from Quebec to Pirt Stanley, on Lake Erie, and it would be interesting to know what first turned their thoughts to this part of Ontario. Doubtless some earlier settler had written home glowing accounts of the possibilities of Elgin County and the Hepburns showed good judgment in selecting the localities where to establish their new homes. Endowed with all the grit and industry of their race, they prospered from the beginning and their foresight and initiative became visible in the fact that they were among the earliest road builders in South Yarmouth. That indeed was only natural with fellow-countrymen of Macadam, the great Scottish road improver.

Brought up in the way Mr. Hepburn must have been, it is not surprising that when he reached manhood he should himself have become a successful farmer, with a large acreage cultivated along progressive lines Scotsmen, inured to making a living in a land less adapted naturally for agricultural purposes, must have revelled in the rich, virgin soil of South Yarmouth, and Mr. Hepburn prospered accordingly, being particularly proud of his fine buildings, well-tilled fields and fine live stock. These however, did not exhaust his activities. He had the racial bent to politics and in those days most Fife families were liberals to the backbone. Mr. Hepburn however, had no personal ambition leading him to Parliament or the Legislature, contenting himself with support of the party campaigns.

Possessed of marked public spirit, he aided all worthy causes and was among the earliest subscribers to the Elgin Patriotic fund. Now after a worthy life, extending far beyond the allotted span, he is gathered to his fathers, leaving an honored name that will always be associated with the county pioneers.

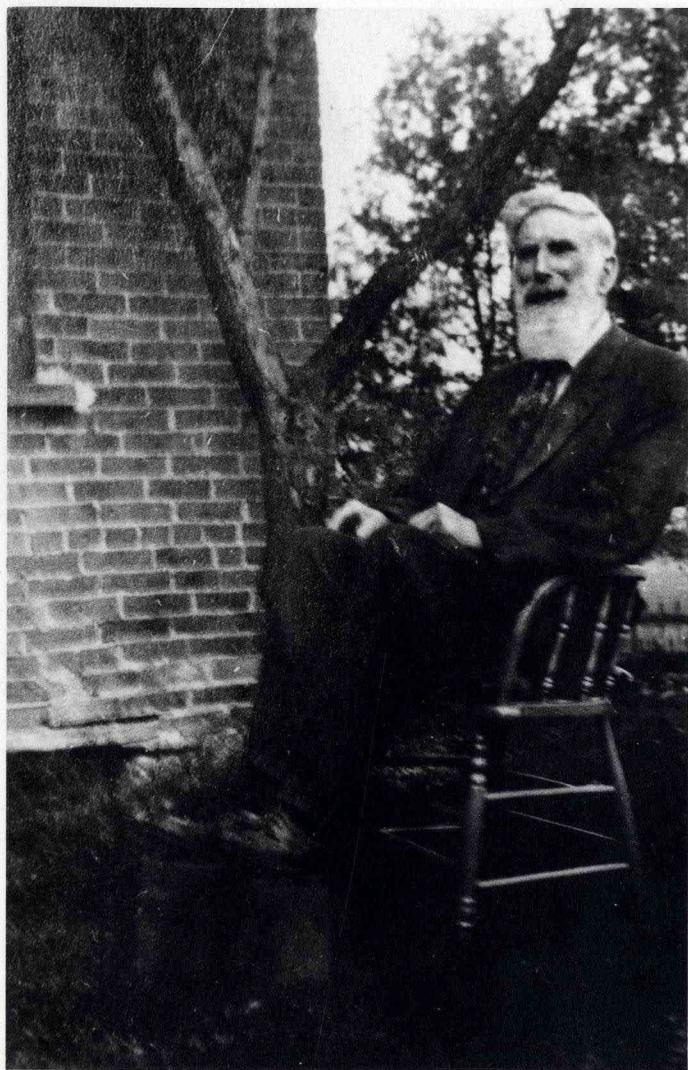
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Mr. Mitchell Hepburn. 1843 -1922 -1975.

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1896, - 1976.

Parker property moved old house to Art Millman farm in Dexter still there. In 1910 a red brick two story house was built by Sam Hathaway who lived there with his daughter Mrs. Doug. (Helen) Murray till 1956,

Sold to Mr. & Mrs. Ron Scobie who moved to Florida,
sold to Mr. & Mrs. Jim McGregor 1966, who moved to the U.S.A.
Sold to Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Shackelton 1976.



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1962, 1976.

Mr. Mrs. L. King R.R.# 1, Union Ont. purchased one acre off land from Mr. Mrs. S. J. Ollivier in 1962. Just South of Union on the east side of Colbourne St.

Who built a new home in 1967, built by Donald Hitch, as shown in picture.

Mrs. L. (Grace) King President of South Yarmouth Women's Institute 1974, to 1976.



Union General Store, 1912 - 1976.



Left to Right - George Frances, Miss Mary Hepburn, T. H. McComb
owner off the store. ^{505.} George Pearce, Murray McIntyre, the only
one alive to day.

Picture - Harry Jewell.

Enlargement - Manroe gift shop.

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Union Optimist 1912.

Back row - Bob Edwards, Sam Edwards, Tom Trick, Kenneth Davidson,
Joe DonCaster, Rev. Elmer Moore, Emerson Boyd, Lee Lloyd,
Roy Guest, Lorne Whaley.

Second row - Bob Gibbons, George Button, Sam Davey, Mrs. Katie Lloyd,
George Cross, W. H. Jewell, Herb Clark,

Third row - Harvey Pettit, Bill Gumbleton, Stan Chapman, Bill Clark,

Second row officers for the year.

Lorne Whaley started the young men off Union into a choir in
1910, in the old hall south of the Church. This was later formed into
the Optimist Club.

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