

girl, Viola, was left and died at the age of five.

Mary Bowlby, married Omar Hunt and went to live north of Talbotville where George Clinton now lives. ⁽¹⁹⁵²⁾ They had four children, Sherette, Letta, two daughters, and Lloyd and Arloff, two sons. Letta died in infancy. Sherette, married Leo Misener and they had two sons, one of which ⁽¹⁹⁵²⁾ died in infancy. The other, Bill, lives in London. Lloyd was a bachelor. Arloff, the only remaining one, married, and now lives in Hamilton. ⁽¹⁹⁵²⁾

Horton Bowlby married Ethel Lossing. They had no children.

Thus, a family which, at one time, occupied a considerable amount of land, and two names which were very common in Southwold township, have now almost disappeared.



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Mrs. James Cunning
(grand-daughter).
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Photo of Samwel Bowlby, and his wife,
(Sara Boughner) ^{d. 1868.} married Aug. 10th. 1841.
One son, Edward Henry ^{b. 1847} remained at Talbotville, and is father of Pearl Bowlby (Mrs. Jas. Gunning ^{Talbotville, Ont.}) who contributed above article.

Among the early settlers of the district around St. Thomas and Talbotville was Mr. James Voaden, who was born in Devonshire, England in the year 1833.

James Voaden was one of a family of ten children and the only one who came to Canada.

As a young man, he was a policeman in the city of Plymouth, England and there he met his life partner. After a time, they were married and sailed shortly after for Canada, in what was then a sailing vessel.

The voyage across the Atlantic took between six and seven weeks. It was a very stormy crossing in the spring of 1847. *14 days? named?*

They arrived in St. Thomas, which was then composed of a very few habitations. After living there for a short time, he and his wife moved to a small place called Belmont, Ont., north-east of St. Thomas.

From there, he moved to the Littlewood district, where he worked as a farm-hand and after earning a little money, he rented a farm on the North Street, as it was then known.

Next, after a few years, he bought a few acres of land on the Gore Road, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north and west of Talbotville, which was then called "Five Stakes", because five roads met there. This was nearly all bush land. This home is now owned and occupied by Mr. Lester Longhurst. (May 5th, 1952).

Mr. Voaden built a brick house, a drive-shed and a bank barn and made a comfortable home. As time went on, he was able to buy more land, until he had quite a nice sized farm.

But, as he had worked very hard for many years, he was forced to retire at the age of seventy years, in the year 1903.

So, he sold his farm and moved into the village of Talbotville where he built a home and lived a quiet life until his passing at the age of ninety-three years, in the year 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Voaden raised a splendid family of several sons and one daughter. Several of his sons sought higher education and became widely known in educational, religious and business fields.

1. Dr. Arthur Voaden, M.A., M.D. - was principal of St. Thomas Collegiate Institute for many years and later also principal of Arthur Voaden Vocational School which was named after him.
2. John Voaden was a teacher in Hamilton, Ont., Normal School (Teachers' College).
3. Rev. Thomas Voaden was a Methodist Minister in London and Hamilton conferences for many years. He retired to St. Catharines, Ont., and died at the age of 88 years.
4. Frederick Voaden was Principal of Port Stanley Public School.
5. William Voaden - born 1860, married in 1896 to Miss Nancy Hill of Talbotville, was the farmer of the family and resided on the first part of the original Voaden homestead. He retired to St. Thomas in 1936, leaving his son, Chester, on the homestead, where he now resides with wife and family.
6. Miss Emma Voaden, the only daughter, cared for her aged parents until their passing and now resides (May 5, 1952) with her nephew, Mr. Carl Voaden, in St. Thomas, at an advanced age. Her brothers have all passed on.



By a second marriage to Mrs. Down (Miss Matilda Baxter),
James Voaden had two more sons,-

1. James, who died in childhood.

Jimmy

2. Albert, who lived in Detroit, Mich., and died in February, 1946.

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Miss Emma Voaden (daughter)

80 years of age,

St. Thomas, Ont.,

Dated May 5th, 1952.

Richison Travers.

Richison Travers was the first person bearing the name of Travers to live in the Talbotville community. He came from the Listowel and Palmerston district with his wife and children in 1869 and bought Lot A- ENBTR , which is the farm where Mr. Walter Auckland now lives. The Travers family originally came from England. Several brothers had come from England to York County, Ontario, but Richison Travers was the only brother to come on to Talbotville and all the people bearing the name in this district are his direct descendants.

His wife was Miss Isabelle Cron, related to the Cron People at Fingert, Ontario, who came, also, from the Palmerston district at about the same time. There is said to be a small hamlet, called Travers, near Durham, Ontario.

The Travers family lived in the same house that now stands on the Auckland farm. He owned 200 acres of land which was later divided into two farms. This Auckland house and the house in which James Travers lives in the village are probably two of the oldest houses in Talbotville. Both have sturdy "barn" frames, but have been remodelled and modernized and are fine comfortable homes today.

Mr. Richison Travers built the barn which now stands on the farm but Mr. William Wallis, a later owner, built the fine frame stable to the south of the barn.

Mr. Travers lived and farmed there for many years. He sold the farm to Mr. Thomas Wallis in 1900, and retired to live in the brick house just south of the Talbotville church where Mr. Clarence Berdan now resides. He lived there for a number of years. He and his wife died within a short time of each other

at an advanced age. He had brought five children with him who grew up in Talbotville, but all have now passed on. He has many descendants to the third and fourth generation living in many parts of the country.

His family consisted of -

1. William Travers, the oldest son, born in 1855, was thirteen years of age when he came. He married Julia Bowlby and farmed for many years in the Talbotville district. His descendants still live there.
2. Walter Travers married Agnes Stafford of England and farmed the south half of Lot A, but sold and moved away.
3. Mary Travers married John McDiarmid of Fingal, Ont.
4. Agnes Travers married Angus McIntyre of Fingal, Ont.
5. Fergus Travers became a lawyer and lived in Ottawa, Ont.

At the present time, (April, 1952) the only descendant in Talbotville to bear the Travers name is Mr. James Travers, son of William Travers and the grandson of Mr. Richison Travers, James' daughter, Florence (Mrs. Wilson Young) and two children (James and Carol) also live in Talbotville.

One son, Melvin Travers, and family, live in St. Thomas. He is employed on the railroad.

The younger son, Franklin, a Flying Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force, paid the supreme sacrifice in the North Sea in World War II.

Contributed by ~~Mr. and Mrs. James Travers~~

Dated at Talbotville, Ontario,

April 4th, 1952.

Auckland.

George Auckland, a native of Lincolnshire, England, came to this district in 1844, at the age of 22 years. He followed his older brother, Robert Auckland, who had come out in 1842.

The two brothers were the first settlers on two farms of forest covered land and proceeded to hew out homes for themselves in the new land.

At a later date, Robert Auckland moved with his family to Aldborough township, Elgin County, but George Auckland and his family remained on his pioneer homestead until his death in 18

All people bearing the name of Auckland in this district are his direct descendants. Although the older brother, Robert, made one visit home to his native England, George Auckland never again saw his homeland.

His farm was situated on the town line road between Elgin County and Middlesex County, two miles north and one mile east of Talbotville. He married Phoebe Meadows in 184 , and built two homes on his property. The first primitive home was built on the north end of the farm on the 8th concession of Westminster Township, but a few years later, he chose a better location on the south end of the farm and built a new set of buildings and moved his family there.

His family consisted of one daughter and two sons -
Fanny Auckland (1852 - 187⁵) who married George Dawson and died at the early age of 23 years.
George Auckland (1854- 18²⁶) who farmed on the Bostick Line Road.

John Auckland (1856-18²⁷) who took over the homestead on his

father's death and continued to farm there until 1907, when he sold the property and moved with his wife and family to Lot A-Enbtr South half, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Talbotville, Ontario.

At his death in 1927, his youngest son, Ralph Auckland, took possession of the farm where he now resides. (December, 1953).

William Woolcock was an early resident of Talbotville. His parents came from Cornwall, England in the year 1836 in a sailing vessel which took six weeks for the trip. They brought three children with them and settled in Metcalfe Township, Middlesex County where William Woolcock was born and grew to manhood. He married at the age of nineteen and built a log house where two sons and one daughter were born. His wife died and he remarried and at once brought his second wife and three children to Talbotville in 1879, being over forty years of age at this time.

Mr. Woolcock bought the former Reilly estate and lived in the log house built by the Reilly family. Later, he built the frame house and barn which now stands there and was later owned by Mr. F. Willoughby. After farming there for many years, he sold this property to Mr. James Travers, his son-in-law, and retired to a small property across the road (later owned by Mr. James Taylor). Here Mr. Woolcock lived retired for a number of years, dying in 1924. He was buried in Lawton cemetery in Metcalfe Township across the road from the log house which he had built for his young bride so many years before and which is still standing in disuse (Dec., 1953)

His older children left Talbotville, but the three daughters of the second family born at Talbotville, still reside in this district. (Dec., 1953)

1. Florence Ellen, (Mrs. Ernest Boughner) lives at Wilton Grove and has descendants.

2. Mary Olive (Mrs. James Travers) lives in Talbotville and has descendants to the third generation.