

Anecdotes of Earlier Days

## Hanna Clegg from Leeds

By E. CRICKMORE Mrs. Eli Atkinson, nee Hannah Clegg of Leeds, England, who at 94 told me many interesting an-ecdotes of earlier life in Streetsville, was a bosom friend of Mrs. Chris Cro-

The latter's daughter, Mrs. Gernet Miller, de-clares hey would have chortlet with their usual glee over the limerick which set the mood for my interview with Han-

"A gentleman living at

Swallowed six packets of seeds

In a month, silly ass, Lyas covered with

And couldn't sit down for the weeds."

A hundred years ago when Hannah's father, William Clegg, arrived in Canada with his wife, four girls and one son, the only person he knew of was a friend of a fel-low Leeds weaver who lived in Port Credit. Clegg was to deliver some cloth to him. The Cleggs came from Quebec by boat.

William delivered the goods in a stage coach for the thriving village of Streetsville with 1,700 people and the good possibility of work.

He did get work at the Flax Mill. Two weeks later it burned down. They were housed in the barracks on the east side of the Credit River. Until after the Rebellion it had been used to train troops. It was then used as the first quarters of immigrants. Here, two weeks after the fire, their only boy died of measles.

Hannah's first school was in part of the court house, since moved and now the home of Mr. and Mrs. John, Lindsay, Church st. Hannah found she was learning nothing, so applied master of the other school to take her in and teach her. This was bought and house made ino a comfortable home by her son Wick with whom she then lived. The garden she sat in had been the school yard she had played in.

In that school Hannah excelled in spelling bees. But once the school-master disqualified her because she spelled September S-EP-T-E-M-B-E-R.

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He said there was no such letter as EP. But the class was for her, a vote was taken and Hannah was declared the winner. Her charm was working for her even as a young school girl. It lasted all her long life of 96 years.