

Since leaving the Bench, Judge Lawder has been engaged in general business, and is living an easy and independent life.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

August 24, 1848, he married Mary Catharine, daughter of John L. Alma, a very early settler at Niagara, and one of its leading merchants, being still in business. Mrs. Lawder is the mother of six children, five of them still living. Emily, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Charles Hunter, of St. Catharines, Inspector for the Standard Insurance Company; the other four are single.

THE BURNHAM FAMILY.

AMONG the early and prominent families that settled in the vicinity of Cobourg was that of the Burnhams, four brothers, some of whom came to the Province of Upper Canada when it was little more than a "waste, howling wilderness," with dense forests, red men and wild beasts. The pioneer of the family was Asa Burnham, senior, who came in the last decade of last century, and aided in surveying some of the townships in Northumberland county. He settled on a farm in the township of Hamilton, near what is now the town of Cobourg, and died there in 1813, while the second war with the United States was in progress. His son, Asa Burnham, junior, who died at Cobourg in May, 1874, was county treasurer several years; at one time a Member of the House of Commons of the Province of Canada, and a Senator of the Dominion of Canada from its formation, in 1867, till his demise—a man of spotless reputation, and generally, and warmly, esteemed.

John Burnham, a brother of Asa, senior, came to Canada a year or two later, settled on a farm between Cobourg and Port Hope, and died in 1840. His son, Zaccheus Burnham, is a judge, residing at Whitby, and another son is a lawyer, and another a doctor, both residing at Peterborough.

Zaccheus Burnham, a third brother, and an early settler in the township of Hamilton, born in 1777, lived near Cobourg, on the Port Hope Road, was a member of Parliament and of the Provincial Council, and died in 1857. He had one son, Mark, who was educated at Oxford, England, and was an Episcopal Clergyman, dying a few years ago at Peterborough. John Burnham, son of Rev. Mark Burnham, is now a member of the Dominion Parliament.

Mark Burnham, the fourth brother of the pioneers, born in 1791, came to Canada in 1812, just before the war with the United States broke out, and settled near Cobourg, where the old court room and jail stood forty years ago, and engaged in the mercantile business, moving into the village of Cobourg when it was started.