

JOSEPH SPACKMAN was born in Wiltshire, England, February 15th, 1829. His father, Wm. Spackman, was born in 1790, and came to Canada in 1830, choosing for his future home the Township of Southwold. He first settled on a farm one and a half miles east of Talbotville, where his son Joseph cut the first tree. After living there nine years, Joseph removed in 1850 to the place which he now occupies. His farm comprises 185 acres of land in lot E, being the north branch of Talbot Street, on the gravel road leading to London. Mr. Joseph Spackman was married to Miss Jane Risdon, of Devonshire, England, March 20th, 1855, by whom he has twelve children. The Spackmans are descended from John Hoper Taunton, a well known clothing manufacturer of England. The subject of these remarks is a deacon of the Baptist Church, St. Thomas, and is much respected by all who know him. In the Rebellion of 1837 the Spackman farm was the headquarters of a division of soldiers six hundred strong.

DUNCAN SOMERVILLE, who was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, in January, 1821, owns a farm of 200 acres in lot 10, concession 6 of the Township of Aldborough. He was married in Scotland in 1839 to Catherine Morrison, and they have had a family of five sons and five daughters, viz., Robert, William, Duncan, Thomas, John, Amelia, Jane, Catherine, Isabella and Grace, of whom eight live in this country and two have gone to California. All Mr. Somerville's sons are farmers, and are doing well. The youngest is 22 years of age, and lives at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Somerville belong to the Presbyterian Church. They are pioneers in every sense, and have witnessed many improvements in the County of Elgin since they first came there in 1843.

ANTHONY SULEY, deceased, was born in Nova Scotia in 1795, and settled in Bayham Township in 1821, where he became possessed of 100 acres of land, lot 5, concessions 1 and 2. He married Eleanor Saxton, of Nova Scotia, and the union was blessed with ten children, five of whom are now living, viz., Catharine, George, Mahitable, Margaret and Arlo. Mr. Suley, like many other men who came to this settlement at that early date, had to hew for himself a home, and suffer the hardships incident to a pioneer life.

ALEXANDER SAXTON owns 240 acres in the 1st concession of the Township of Bayham, which he values at \$20,000. He was born in this township in 1817, and is a son of William and Margaret Saxton, who came to Bayham from Nova Scotia in 1811. Mr. Saxton, in 1840, was married to Hannah Haines, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1818. They have had six children, four of whom are now living, viz., George, Swaine E., Albert and Haines. Mr. Saxton is living on the homestead settled on by his father.

DAVID STEWART was born in Kintyre, Scotland, in 1824, and settled in the County of Elgin in 1849. He now owns 225 acres of good farming land in the 2nd concession of the Township of Dunwich, valued at \$15,000. He was married, in 1866, to Catherine Wilkinson, also a native of Kintyre. They have five children,