

Youngs. And these pioneer settler families, owing to the geographical and strategic position of their homesteads, which demanded that officials, soldiers and traders going from the Lower to the Upper Provinces should pass their way, enjoyed unique opportunities for intercourse with men of note in their day, to whom they always extended a lavish hospitality.

Asa Weller, who came from Manchester, Vermont, and married a daughter of Colonel William Marsh, one of the oldest settlers in Sidney, was the first white man to take up land and settle on the Carrying Place, which, even at that time, was historic as a battlefield of the Indians, and was known to have been first possessed by the Iroquois. He settled on lot 1 on the northwest side of the old Indian portage, but was very shortly afterward followed by Robert Young, who in 1796 located on lot 1 on the south-east side.

Some accounts say that Robert Young was born in Glasgow, while others, which are the more probable, state that his birth occurred in Boston, Mass., to which place his parents, who were Scottish, had emigrated. Adopting the sea as his profession, he rose to the rank of captain, and during the American Revolution was placed in command of a British man-of-war, having previously rendered good service as the commander of a ship engaged in the taking of Louisburg. In connection with the wars with the French in Canada, he was present at the capture of Quebec; but it has not been ascertained that he was actively engaged. Besides his ability to command, and his skill in seamanship, he was a competent shipwright, and frequently superintended the construction of vessels.

Robert Young married before the war broke out, but his wife's name cannot be traced, for she died in Boston before peace was declared. He had two children by her: Joseph, who, like his father, went to sea, but was lost; and Mary, who married Isaac Hutchinson and eventually came to Canada, where she settled in Hillier, and has descendants at present living in Trenton.

The prominent part that Robert Young, as a naval commander, played in the war, and his natural antipathy to anything savoring of revolution, impelled him to leave the United States; and, having a brother, Job, already settled in Nova Scotia, he set out for and settled near Annapolis. How long he lived there is not certain, but it was at least long enough to permit of seven sons being