

a time of great rejoicing. But when the news reached them of General Brock's death, there was a corresponding feeling of depression, for it was felt that it was his wise and heroic conduct which had enabled the Militia to save the country from being overpowered by the Americans.

William, the eldest of the four sons was born at Bedford, New York, in Sept., 1782. He was married to Nancy Roblin, daughter of the widow Elizabeth Roblin, an historic name in connection with the first Methodist meeting house in Canada, in 1800, with whom he truly enjoyed companionship for over seventy-two years. They were blessed with fifteen children, who lived to become parents. Wm. Ketcheson, Jr., first held the commission of acting Ensign under Lieutenant John Sturgeon, then commanding the Hastings Militia, and was made Ensign in 1809. He received a Lieutenant's commission from General Brock, in 1812, and a Captain's in 1815. In 1832, he was commissioned a Major under Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Coleman, of Belleville. He was appointed a magistrate in 1834, and in 1836 he was made a commissioner of the Court of Requests. In the first year of the reign of Queen Victoria, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel. And finally in 1839 he was appointed Justice of the Court of Requests. A man thus honoured must have possessed more than ordinary ability. He was tall and commanding in appearance ; had a quick and intelligent mind, and was held in the deepest respect as a man and a Christian. He was a member of the Methodist Church for seventy years. He departed this life on the 30th June, 1874, being in his ninety-second year.

Thomas Ketcheson was born on the 8th March, 1791, in Fredericksburg, on the Bay of Quinte, soon after his parents came there. At first a sergeant in the war of 1812, he was in a short time made Ensign, in which capacity he served during the war. In subsequent years he was promoted to the position of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Hastings Militia. Thomas Ketcheson spent all the days of his life upon the farm he had himself cleared ; at the age of eighty-five years he passed away on the 15th of Feb., 1876. An obituary says of him :—" Whatever duty in his country's interest fell to his lot, he assumed and discharged it with hearty promptitude. His was no craven heart ; but with fixed purpose, ready willingness, and unflinching courage, he performed whatever his social position or nature had imposed, and deserved to receive the esteem and good will of his fellow men ; and merits the gratitude and obligations of his country."

Benjamin, who lived many years in Belleville, has been dead for a good many years.

Colonel Elijah, the youngest of the brothers, is still alive, being eighty-two years old. His first commission, which he carefully preserves, is dated 16th October, 1815 ; his last as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second