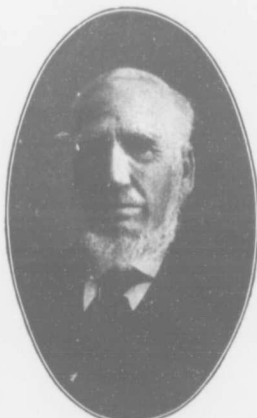


Rev. James Lambie, the First Missionary, 1839

About the year 1839 or 1840 the late Rev. James Lambie, Minister of Pickering, penetrated through this dense wilderness in search of these scattered and neglected sheep, conversing with them and preaching to them as often as opportunity presented; and from that time up till his death, he continued his missionary labors among them and cherished a deep interest in their welfare. Rev. Mr. Lambie held services in John McTaggart's house and barn, in Robert McCully's house, and in the old log school house at Wick. In October, 1845, he collected the people together in church and administered the Lord's Supper to eighty communicants, nearly all of whom had mission letters from several parish churches in Scotland.



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An Old Member

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which split the Church in Canada in Scotland, vision among adherents of Scotland, although strong efforts by various par-

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Presbyterianism, as well as caused no disturbance among the staunch members of the Church of Scotland, though many were put forth ties to that end.

The Church of their fathers for many generations, the Church in which they had been baptized in their infancy, the Church in which they had been trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and about which all their most sacred associations clustered—they could not, without grief, hear her defamed nor listen to the many slanders uttered against her, but manfully stood up for her defence, and through many long years of discouragement looked to her for a preached gospel and dispensation of ordinances.