

DR. JAMES GRAHAM

Was born in Wyoming, in the valley of the Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, U.S., October 29, 1782. His parents, who were Scotch, emigrated to America and located in Wyoming shortly after the war of 1776 commenced. The terrible massacre of the settlers by the Iroquois Indians, which occurred at that place on July 3, 1778, obliged them to flee, and they escaped on horseback with their son, then four years of age, and came to Canada, and afterwards located on wild land in the County of Oxford, where they had born to them seven sons and two daughters.

James Graham, the eldest son, the subject of this notice, pursued the study of medicine under Dr. Sumner, then an eminent physician of Grimsby, whose practice extended throughout the whole Niagara District. It was under his tuition that young Graham completed his professional studies, when he was appointed a surgeon on the staff of General Sir Isaac Brock, and served in that capacity during the continuance of the war of 1812, having been present at the battles of Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane.

It was during this war that Dr. Graham was united in marriage, August 22, 1813, to Elizabeth Sutherland, daughter of Col. Sutherland of the Glengarry Highlanders, then stationed on active duty in Lower Canada. On the close of the war and the proclamation of peace, he, with his wife, settled on a farm in the Township of Woodhouse, in the County of Norfolk, Upper Canada, where he successfully cultivated the farm and acquired an extensive medical practice. The farm purchased had belonged to Dr. Rolph, father of the Hon. Dr. Rolph, and was near where Joseph Van Norman had, for a great number of years, the first large iron foundry in Ontario. His visiting circuits extended from Walsingham to Waterford, and from Port Dover to Walpole, travelling long distances over bad roads, through woods and sparsely settled districts, sometimes on horseback or in a sulky with his well-trained favourite pony. His patients hailed his arrival on his visits, not only as a skilful physician, but as a friend and adviser ever ready to assist and sympathize with them in their struggles, as fellow-settlers in a new country. Fees for his professional services