

Front have since been laid to their rest, beneath the land of their adoption and within sound of their Bay.

Prosperity attended the efforts of the Lazier family pioneer with such good effect as to enable him before he died to bequeath a farm to each of his sons. Most of them settled on the road leading from Picton to Demorestville, but Nicholas located on one hundred and fifty-five acres between Northport and Demorestville and opposite Big Island. John was left the old homestead, which afterward passed into the possession of his son Finlay. With reference to the possessions of the Pioneer it is worthy of note that, like others of the better-off pioneers, he brought slaves with him into Canada. Dr. Canniff, the historian of the settlement of Upper Canada, relates how one slave, named Sal, who belonged to Nicholas Lazier, was noted for her attachment to Methodism, and would go long distances to attend meetings. As Black Betty, also a slave, was a member of the first congregation in New York before which the first Methodist minister in America preached, so Sal was one of the first Methodists in Upper Canada. For a long time John Cronk and she were the only Methodists in the township of Sophiasburgh. The Laziers were Presbyterians.

The old homestead of Nicholas Lazier, the fifth child of the Pioneer, passed into the possession of his youngest son, John N., whose widow and family still own it. Nicholas Lazier had eight other children. Richard Lazier, the eldest of the family, after marrying and farming for a time in Prince Edward county, moved to Tyendinaga. Continuing to farm in that township, and perceiving the prosperity to be derived from the lumbering business, he started saw and grist mills at Milltown, near Shannonville, of which latter place he afterward became the collector of customs. Himself a grandson of the old pioneer, he had a distinguished family. His eldest son, Thomas Appleby Lazier, a great-grandson of the Canadian pioneer, is the present Senior Judge for the county of Hastings.

A younger brother of Judge Lazier is another member of this family who holds a distinguished position in legal circles. Samuel Shaw Lazier, the present Master-in-Chancery for Belleville and Napanee, after completing his education at the Victoria University College, studied law under his brother and was called to the Bar in 1864. Continuing in practice in Belleville for ten years he received, in 1874, the appointments of Master-in-Chancery and