

by three daughters, Mrs. Keating of Fort Frances, Mrs. Molesworth of Sunnyside; the wife of Mr. W. H. Hewson, Police Magistrate and Clerk of the town of Penetanguishene. Another daughter, Harriet C., married a son of Adjutant James Keating, and is the mother of Mrs. (Dr.) Wallbridge of Midland. Andrew Mitchell enjoyed the unique relationship of both brother-in-law and son-in-law to Capt. James M. Hamilton inasmuch as his sister was the latter's first wife, while he, in turn, was wedded to the daughter of Mr. Hamilton by his second marriage. Andrew Mitchell died, as before stated, in 1838, rather suddenly, and his remains rest beside his father's in a nameless grave on the Mitchell farm (Robb's) just in front of the present site of the old barn. For a number of years a neat paling surrounded the two graves where father and son repose side by side in their last long sleep, but gradual decay and neglect have removed all traces and their resting place can now scarcely be identified. Andrew Mitchell's widow married James Stewart Darling (afterwards Capt.) his clerk and manager, who died in Toronto and is buried in Scarboro. Of this union were born two children: James S., who married a daughter of the late Geo. Copeland, and who has long been postmaster of Penetanguishene and connected with the office for many years; and Agnes E., who became the wife of Mr. Weatherly.

Mr. Wm. Simpson, the third in this group of fur traders who migrated from Drummond Island hither, built his establishment (also of logs) opposite Mitchell's on the northeast corner on the same streets, where he traded in general merchandise and furs for many years. His shop and warehouses were quite extensive and stood intact till 1897, when they were finally removed. The residence built about the same time of cedar logs, since clap-boarded, is yet in a fair condition, and occupied. He must have reached here sometime during the summer of 1829 as his last letter (Gordon collection) is dated Drummond Island, 15th Nov., 1828, in which he "regrets that he cannot see him this fall, but hopes to see him in the spring," etc. William Simpson was born at Beauharnois, Que., in 1793; was educated at Montreal College; went to Drummond Island and was employed in the Commissariat Department of the British Military station there. He afterwards engaged in business for himself and kept a shop, and was Notary Public and conveyancer for some time. When Drummond Island was evacuated and left to the Americans in 1828, Mr. Simpson and others who preferred to live under